

Legal Awareness program conducted for Agricultural College Students in Nagarkurnool



The Legal Aid Society of ICFAI Law School, IFHE, Hyderabad, organized a legal awareness program for agricultural college students in collaboration with the District Legal Services Authority of Nagarkurnool. The program focused on seed protection, intellectual property rights (IPR), and ethical issues for students on April 4, 2025, at the Government Agricultural College, Palem, Nagarkurnool District.

Prof. S.V. Damodar Reddy welcomed the guests and participants and explained the theme of the awareness program. The chief guest, Shri D. Rajesh Babu, Chairman of the District Legal Services Authority and Principal District and Sessions Judge of Nagarkurnool, emphasized the importance of agriculture and elaborated on the upcoming World Health Day celebration on April 7, 2025.



The Guest of Honor, Smt. G. Sabitha, Secretary of the District Legal Services Authority and Principal Senior Civil Judge, discussed the challenges farmers face, the legal remedies available, and the roles of the government, judiciary, and NGOs in protecting farmers' rights.



Dr. C. Sudhakar, Associate Director of Research at RARS, Agricultural College, highlighted the need for agricultural students to be knowledgeable about legal matters.

Legal Aid members performed a mime act that addressed the issue of ragging and its traumatic effects, such as anxiety, isolation, and emotional distress experienced by victims. The Mime Act was creatively enacted by a group of junior students who found themselves victims of a senior ragging group. This poignant performance vividly illustrated the profound effects of trauma, encompassing feelings of anxiety, isolation, and emotional distress that often plague individuals subjected to such harassment.

The use of silent expression in mime powerfully conveyed the silence that victims endure, a silence rooted in the fear of retaliation and the shame associated with their experiences. Through a series of poignant scenes, the performance depicted the escalating distress faced by these students, ultimately leading some to contemplate suicide as a desperate escape from their suffering.

In a critical moment of the mime, the narrative shifted to show how these individuals, feeling trapped and hopeless, reached out for support from authority figures. This pivotal action highlighted the importance of seeking help as a crucial step toward eradicating ragging from college life. The performance not only raised awareness about the issue but also called for collective action to foster a safer and more supportive environment for all students on campus.



The PowerPoint presentation delivered by Legal Aid members focused on agricultural laws and farmers' rights. This presentation delves into the key agricultural laws in India that govern various aspects of farming, including cultivation practices, access to markets, and land ownership rights. It emphasizes the critical need for farmers to be legally informed, as this knowledge empowers them to defend their rights and effectively access government schemes designed to support them.



The discussion includes an analysis of farmers' rights as outlined in the Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers' Rights Act, 2001. This legislation not only protects farmers' traditional knowledge and practices but also grants them the right to save, use, exchange, and sell seeds, thereby promoting biodiversity and sustainability in agriculture.

Furthermore, the presentation examines the National Policy for Farmers, 2007, which prioritizes the economic well-being of farmers, sustainable farming practices, and comprehensive welfare measures. This policy aims to enhance the income of farmers, ensuring their livelihoods are secure and sustainable over the long term.

In addition, the presentation addresses the various challenges that farmers face, such as inadequate infrastructure, market fluctuations, and climate change impacts. It also outlines the legal remedies available to farmers to address grievances and disputes regarding their rights.

Finally, the roles of the government, judiciary, and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) in safeguarding farmers' rights are thoroughly discussed. This includes the provision of legal aid, support in litigation, and advocacy for policy reforms that favor agricultural sustainability and justice for farmers. Overall, this presentation aims to provide a comprehensive understanding of the legal landscape that affects farmers in India and the necessary steps to advocate for their rights effectively.

Dr. Polishety Kesari addressed the critical role of educational institutions in shaping and delivering value-based education. He emphasized that these institutions are fundamental in nurturing not just academic knowledge but also ethical and moral values that can guide individuals in their personal and professional lives. He called upon the youth to take proactive steps in molding themselves to effectively tackle the current challenges facing the nation, including economic shifts, environmental concerns, and social inequalities. Dr. Kesari highlighted that the youth represent the largest demographic segment in India, and their energy, creativity, and innovative thinking are essential for driving the country toward a more prosperous and robust future.



By harnessing this potential, he believes India can reach unprecedented heights on the global stage.



Finally, Dr. K.V. Ravi Kumar delivered the vote of thanks, acknowledging the support provided by the university in conducting the event. The program was organized under the guidance of Prof. P. Ravisekhara Raju, Director of ICFAI Law School, and facilitated by the Legal Aid members. The event was financed by IFHE Management to promote legal literacy in Telangana.



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The Legal Aid Society of ICFAI Law School, IFHE, Hyderabad, in collaboration with the District Legal Services Authority, Nagarkurnool, conducted a Legal Awareness Program for agricultural college students on April 4, 2025, at Government Medical College, Nagarkurnool. The program focused on seed protection, intellectual property rights (IPR), and student ethical issues.

Prof. S.V. Damodar Reddy welcomed the guests and participants, outlining the theme of the event. The Chief Guest, Shri D. Rajesh Babu, Chairman, District Legal Services Authority and Principal District and Sessions Judge, Nagarkurnool, spoke about the significance of agriculture and



emphasized the purpose of World Health Day celebrations on April 7, 2025. The Guest of Honor, Smt. G. Sabitha, Secretary, District Legal Services Authority and Principal Senior Civil Judge, discussed the challenges faced by farmers, available legal remedies, and the role of the government, judiciary, and NGOs in protecting farmers' rights. Dr. C. Sudhakar, Associate Director of Research and RARS, Agricultural College, highlighted the need for agricultural students to have legal awareness.

The event featured a mime act performed by Legal Aid members, focusing on ragging and its traumatic effects such as anxiety, isolation, and emotional distress. The act depicted the struggles of victims, including instances where students were driven to extreme distress and later sought help from authorities to combat ragging within college premises. A PowerPoint presentation by Legal Aid members provided insights into key agricultural laws in India, covering topics such as farming



regulations, market access, and land rights. The presentation also addressed farmers' rights under the Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers' Rights Act, 2001, and the National Policy for Farmers, 2007, which focuses on income security, sustainability, and welfare.

Dr. Polishetty Kesari spoke on the role of educational institutions in shaping students' values, urging the youth to prepare for current challenges and contribute to building a stronger India. He emphasized

that India's youth, as its greatest strength, can drive the nation to greater heights.

The program concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. K.V. Ravi Kumar, acknowledging the university's support in organizing the event. The awareness program was conducted under the guidance of Prof. P. Ravisekhara Raju, Director, ICFAI Law School, and organized by the Legal Aid members. The event was financially supported by IFHE Management to promote legal literacy in Telangana.