



Participation in the Third Edition of the Prof. V. S. Mallar Memorial Legal Aid Competition 2024

During the Odd Semester, from August 2024 to November 2024, the Legal Aid Society of ICFAI Law School, IFHE, Hyderabad, organized several impactful legal awareness/aid programs. The program commenced with the unveiling of the Legal Aid Society logo by our esteemed Director Prof.(Dr.) P.Ravisekararaju. A dedicated Legal Aid team was established, and regular meetings were conducted to ensure effective collaboration among members. The entire team demonstrated exceptional dedication and commitment throughout the semester, effectively managing their availability to meet program needs.

Initially, many students who joined various teams to handle different themes encountered challenges. However, over time, they developed their skills significantly. They became proficient speakers, learned to create engaging posters, and engaged in innovative activities to disseminate legal knowledge. They also interacted with the public, identified key individuals, secured appointments, and honed their data collection and interviewing skills. As a result, we now have well-trained teams prepared for future legal aid initiatives.

The theme for the legal aid podcast was thoughtfully selected, focusing on contemporary issues and their implications. Extensive research was conducted, followed by identifying legal luminaries to feature on the podcast. Ms. Aishwarya led the team in developing the theme and formulating questions, while Ms. Srivalli Sriya researched the Frequently Asked Questions. Mr. Venkat and Mr. Sunil assisted with video recording, and Mr.Sai Kushal coordinated the overall recording process and appointments with guests. Each episode proved to be engaging, offering valuable insights and discussions.

The themes for the speed mentoring program were carefully curated in collaboration with the Headmaster and Principal of the school. Ms.Shymala took the lead in organizing the program and delegating responsibilities to team members. The presence, legal acumen, and guidance of Prof. Y. Pratap Reddy, Dean of UG, PG, and Research Programs, greatly enhanced the dissemination of legal awareness in a more effective and impactful manner. Dr. K.V. Ravi Kumar also graciously accompanied the team throughout the program and contributed to discussing selected themes. Initially, the team faced challenges but gradually gained confidence over time. Each speed mentoring session raised awareness about various child protection and rights aspects. With the support of our legal aid members Ms.Megha and Mr.Sai Kumar, every speed mentoring program was published in local media to further promote awareness within the community.

For street play and Jan Sunwai, we worked in the field almost in September. The Core team and the Faculty Coordinator visited many villages and held general discussions with them to understand their socio-legal problems. Finally, the theme of legal assistance to Unorganised workers was selected. We held an initial discussion with them and surveyed to understand their level of legal awareness among them. Initially, we created awareness about their legal provisions under various Central and State legislations for unorganized workers, particularly construction workers. We tried under the Building and Other Construction Workers (RE&CS) Act, 1996, under sec 18 in the state Telangana Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Board is functioning. It provides various social security benefits in the banner of Labour Card for Construction workers. Due to the server being temporarily shut down by the department, we received applications in Form 27 from the construction laborers. Whenever the server opens, we plan to facilitate registrations. We provided an e-Shram scheme in collaboration with the Ministry of Labour and Employment, which is free of cost and has a straightforward registration process. A street play was performed to highlight the need for and benefits of this scheme. A street play and a Jan Sunwai were organized in collaboration with ANKITA NGO. We registered 137 people and distributed laminated e-Shram cards, with the Mandal Legal Services Authority present for support. Follow-up programs were then conducted to register construction workers for Labour Cards in the Shankarpally Mandal. Additionally, a Jan Sunwai program was held in November in Athvelly village, located in Medchal Mandal, specifically to address the concerns of senior citizens. Their challenges were heard and addressed during the awareness program.

The second street play focused on filing an FIR under the BNSS 2023, collaborating with the Mokila Police Station in Mokila Village. The team, led by Venkat, Sri Vaishnavi, and Suryanjali, organized an impactful performance that raised awareness about filing a First Information Report (FIR). They highlighted the circumstances under which a complaint can be made and introduced the provision for electronic FIRs (e-FIRs). The event saw enthusiastic participation from local residents, the Mokila Police Station Sub-Inspector, the village sarpanch, faculty from ICFAI Law School, and members of the Legal Aid Society, all coming together to promote legal awareness and empower the community.

The reel-making team, headed by Priya, Adhil, and Sri Vaishnavi, chose various themes, including the e-Shram scheme, Lok Adalat in Telangana, challenges faced by construction workers in Shankarpally Mandal, issues affecting tribes in Adilabad, legal rights of LGBTQIA+ individuals, challenges related to Article 370, and the realities versus myths of legal processes. While we do not have an expert reel maker, our legal aid members did their best.

The online Legal aid conclave was conducted to update and enrich the legal aid members.

The Legal Assistance Lab, led by Kantu Pradeepa, Srivalli Sriya, Sai Pravilika, and Sai Kumar, coordinated training sessions with legal aid counsel and advocates. The legal aid members, who are in their fourth and fifth years of BALLB (Hons.) and BALLB (Hons.), attended the Lok Adalat held on September 28, 2024, across various city and district courts, including Ranga Reddy District Civil Court, Kukatpally Civil Court, Hyderabad City Civil Court, Secunderabad Civil Court, Medchal District Civil Court, and Sangareddy District Civil Court. They learned about the procedures involved in settling various cases, including bank loan recovery, accident claims, and cases of cheating and dishonesty. This experience allowed our legal aid members

to understand the practical aspects of case resolution and empowered them to contribute to society by promoting legal inclusion.

List of Activities

Sl. No.	Name of the Activity
1	LEGAL PODCAST & FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS
	2.1 Importance of Pro Bono work in Legal educational institutions Speaker: Dr. Y Pratap Reddy, Professor and Dean, UG, PG and Research Programs, ICFAI Law School, IFHE, Hyderabad
	2.2 Pivotal Role of Lok Adalat in Promoting Alternative Dispute Resolution Speaker: Mr. Rajesh Babu, Principal District and Sessions Judge of Nagarkurnool, Telangana
	2.3 Legal Reforms for Rape Cases: Progress and Challenges Speaker: Justice B. Prakash Rao, Former Judge, High Court of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana and Chairman, Telangana State Pollution Control Appellate Authority
	2.4 The Role of the Ministry of Law and Justice in Expanding Legal Resource Accessibility Speaker: Dr. Narayanrao Battu, Former Additional Secretary (ILS) in the Ministry of Law and Justice, Government of India, New Delhi
	2.5 Understanding the Key Changes in India's Criminal Law Framework Speaker: Dr. Y Pratap Reddy, Professor and Dean, UG, PG and Research Programs, ICFAI Law School, IFHE, Hyderabad
2	SPEED MENTORING
	3.1 Awareness program on "Know Your Rights" at the Govt. Upper Primary School in Bulkapur Village, Shankarpally Mandal held on August 14th and 15th, 2024
	3.2 Awareness on Child Helpline (1098) at Zilla Parishad High School in Parveda Village, Shankarpally Mandal, RR District on 24th August 2024
	3.3 Consequences of Drug Abuse at Zilla Parishad High School, Mahalingapuram Village, Shankarpally Mandal, Rangareddy District on 28th August 2024
	3.4 Awareness program on the POCSO Act at ZPHS, Kothapally on 31st August 2024
	3.5 Girl Child Safety, Health, and Hygiene at Zilla Parishad High School (Girls) in Shankarpally Municipality, Ranga Reddy District on 11th September 2024
	3.6 Protecting the Rights of Parentless Children at SOS children's Village, Vattinagulapalle, Hyderabad. 14th September 2024

	3.7 Digital Safety for Children at PM SHRI Kendriya Vidyalaya, Ordinance Factory, Yeddumailaram, Sanga Reddy District, Telangana on 18/09/2024
	3.8 Protection of the Environment in Chaitanya Junior College, Shankarpally on 26th October,2024
3	STREET PLAY & JAN SUNWAI/ Legal Awareness Camp
	4.1 Survey to identify the needs of Unorganised workers in Shankarpally Mandal
	4.2 Awareness and registration for e-Shram scheme
	4.3 Street Play on Need and benefits of e-Shram cards on 5 th October 2024
	4.4 Jan Sunwai on awareness and distribution of e-Shram cards to Unorganised workers on 5 th October 2024
	4.4(a) Labour Card Registration and Follow-up program
	4.5 Street play on raising awareness about filing a First Information Report (FIR) under the “Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 in Mokila Village on 18 th October 2024
	4.6 Legal Awareness Programme on the Protection of the Rights of the Senior Citizen in Athvelly Village, Medchal Malkajgiri District on 16 th November 2024
4	REEL MAKING
	5.1 Problems of Construction Workers in Shankarpally
	5.2 Lok Adalat in Telangana
	5.3 E-Shram Scheme for Unorganised Workers by Ministry of Labour and Employment
	5.4 Problems and Challenges of Tribal Society in Adilabad
	5.5 Rights of the LGBTQ+ Community in India
	5.6 Article 370
	5.7 Legal Myth and Reality
5	Online Legal Conclave
	6.1 Juvenile Justice System: Interventions and Legal Protections for Children in Need of Care and Protection. by Smt. (Dr.) Rama Devi Gudemela on 28 th August 2024
	6.2 Access to Justice: Ensuring Equal Access to Legal Aid for Marginalized Communities by Sri M. Venkateswara Rao on 5 th September 2024

6	LEGAL ASSISTANCE LAB
	7.1 Team 1 by Kashifa, Fahaam, Leena
	7.2 Team 2 by S Vineeth Panda, Venkat Sunkara, P V Sai Kushal, Sunil Prasanth
	7.3 Team 3 by Aishwarya Reddy, Varshini A, Bhuvana, Tejaswini, Srivalli Sriya
	7.4 Team 4 by Kantu Pradeepa, Sri pravallika, D. Tapaswinag, Shyamala sri Chakrika
	7.5 Team 5 by Sai Charan, Havish Reddy, Lokesh Reddy
	7.6 Team 6 by B. Sai Kumar, Venu Yadav, Manikanth Reddy, Nithin Reddy