



## **Legal Aid Society**

**ICFAI Law School, IFHE, Hyderabad**

### **Report of the Legal Aid Camp for Construction workers held on 18<sup>th</sup> December 2024 in Shankarpally Mandal, Ranga Reddy District, Telangana**

The Legal Aid Society of ICFAI Law School, Hyderabad, in collaboration with the District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) of Ranga Reddy District and ANKITA NGO from Bandlaguda, Hyderabad, organized a Legal Aid Camp for construction workers on December 18, 2024. The event was held at the Community Hall in Ganesh Nagar Colony, Shankarpally Mandal, Ranga Reddy District. The camp aimed to support construction workers by distributing BOCW (Building and Other Construction Workers) cards, which are essential documents that provide access to various government welfare benefits under the Building and Other Construction Workers (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Service) Act, 1996.

Every registered construction worker under this act is entitled to numerous benefits provided by the Telangana Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Board. With the BOCW card, workers can access benefits such as marriage gifts, maternity benefits, relief for fatal accidents, disability relief (both total and partial), natural death relief, hospitalization relief, funeral expenses, skill development training, vocational training for dependents, relief for unregistered workers, and disability aids and appliances. This initiative is a result of the dedicated efforts of the Legal Aid Society of ICFAI Law School in partnership with ANKITA NGO, working tirelessly to ensure that workers receive their legal entitlements effectively.

The Welcome Address was delivered by Prof. Y. Pratap Reddy, Dean of Undergraduate, Postgraduate, and Research Studies at ICFAI Law School. He reaffirmed the school's commitment to social justice and outreach programs through its Legal Aid Society. The event was honored by **Smt. P. Sridevi, Senior Civil Judge and Secretary of the District Legal Services Authority, Ranga Reddy District**, as the Chief Guest. In her address, she highlighted the importance of labor cards for workers' welfare and emphasized the role of legal awareness in facilitating access to fundamental rights. **Mr. P. M. Arun Kumar, an alumnus of ICFAI Law School from the Batch of 2024, attended as a Special Invitee** and encouraged students and volunteers to continue participating in impactful community initiatives. Additionally, Prof. Narayana Battu and Dr. K.V. Ravi Kumar participated in the event and distributed the BOCW cards to the registered construction workers.

The distribution of BOCW cards marks a significant step in empowering construction workers, providing them access to essential welfare schemes, health benefits, and financial security. This initiative reflects the unwavering commitment of ICFAI Law School, DLSA Ranga Reddy, and ANKITA NGO to promoting social justice and uplifting marginalized communities. The

event was conducted in collaboration with the Mandal Legal Services Authority in Ranga Reddy District and ANKITA NGO.

After distributing BOCW cards, health screenings were conducted as part of the initiative. The event was anchored by Aishwarya, assisted by Havish Reddy, Sai Kumar Yadav, Sri Chandrika, Ishita, Sloka Elike, Pranavi, Adiba Sultana, and Mohammed Yaqzan. The legal aid members actively assisted construction workers throughout the process, ensuring smooth distribution and addressing any queries. Dr. S. Kannan and the Legal Aid members of ICFAI Law School, IFHE coordinated the event.

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Legal Aid Society of ICFAI Law School, in collaboration with the District Legal Services Authority, Ranga Reddy, and ANKITA NGO, holding a legal aid camp at Shankarpally in RR district on Tuesday

## ICFAI Law School holds legal aid camp for construction workers

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In a bid to empower construction workers, ICFAI Law School, Hyderabad, in collaboration with the District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) of Ranga Reddy District and ANKITA NGO from Bandlaguda, organised a Legal Aid Camp at the Community Hall in Ganesh Nagar Colony, Shankarpally Mandal, on Wednesday.

The camp aimed to facilitate the distribution of Building and Other Construction Workers (BOCW) cards, critical documents under the Building and Other Construction Workers (RE&CS) Act, 1996. These cards grant workers access to various government welfare schemes, ensuring better legal and financial support. This initiative stemmed from the joint efforts of the Legal Aid

Society of ICFAI Law School and ANKITA NGO, emphasizing their commitment to social justice.

The event commenced at 12:30 pm and was attended by P Sridevi, Senior Civil Judge and Secretary of the DLSA, Ranga Reddy District, who served as the Chief Guest. Addressing the gathering, she underscored the importance of labour cards in enhancing workers' welfare and emphasized the role of legal awareness in securing fundamental rights.

Prof Y Pratap Reddy, Dean of Undergraduate, Postgraduate, and Research Studies at ICFAI Law School, delivered the welcome address, reiterating the institution's dedication to community outreach and social justice.

PM Arun Kumar, an alumnus from the Batch of 2024, attended as a special invitee and

encouraged active participation in similar initiatives to create lasting community impact.

In addition to distributing BOCW cards, health screenings were conducted for the workers, further supporting their well-being.

Members of ICFAI Law School's Legal Aid Society actively assisted in the event, ensuring a smooth process and addressing workers' queries.

The event, anchored by Aishwarya, marked a significant milestone in empowering construction workers. By providing access to welfare schemes, health benefits, and financial security, the camp reflected the collaborative efforts of ICFAI Law School, ANKITA NGO, and DLSA Ranga Reddy in uplifting marginalized communities and promoting social equity.