

Report on Legal Awareness on Child Rights by Legal Aid and Pro Bono Club of The ICFAI University, Jaipur in Government Senior Secondary School Sumel, Bassi

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On 12th November 2024, the Legal Aid and Pro Bono Club of ICFAI Law School of The ICFAI University, Jaipur organized a significant Legal Awareness Session On Child Rights at Government Senior Secondary School, Sumel, Bassi, Jaipur. The event aimed to impart crucial knowledge on child rights and foster awareness among the students of the school regarding various social and legal issues impacting their lives.

Distinguished Guests and Authorities:

The session was graced by several eminent personalities, including:

- The Chief Guest, Mr. Rajendra Bansiwala the Additional District Judge (ADJ) of DLSA Jaipur Metro
- Dr. Harish Kumar Verma, Dean of ICFAI Law School,
- Dr. Pratima Soni, Associate Dean and Faculty Coordinator of the Legal Aid and Pro Bono Committee of ICFAI Law School,
- Mr. Ashish Acharya, Assistant Professor and Faculty Co-Coordinator of the Legal Aid and Pro Bono Committee of ICFAI Law School,
- Mr. Hitesh Manglani, Assistant Professor at ICFAI Law School.

In addition, Mrs. Divya Mathur the Principal of the Government Senior Secondary School, Sumel, also attended the event and played a key role in supporting the initiative.

The session was further honoured by the presence of the Chief Guest, Mr. Rajendra Bansiwala the Additional District Judge (ADJ) of DLSA Jaipur Metro I, whose wisdom and guidance added immense value to the proceedings. The event was made possible through the collaboration of ICFAI University Jaipur and the District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), Jaipur Metro-I, which also provided substantial support in organizing the event.

Objectives and Key Highlights of the Event:

The primary objective of the event was to educate students about their fundamental rights and to make them aware of legal mechanisms that can protect them from exploitation and harm. The session began with an introduction to basic child rights, such as the legal age of marriage, the prohibitions on child labour and child marriage, and the importance of education. These topics were selected to empower students with essential knowledge that could aid them in recognizing their rights and protecting themselves from potential abuse or violations.

Address by the Chief Guest:

The Chief Guest, Mr. Rajendra Bansiwal the Additional District Judge (ADJ) of DLSA Jaipur Metro I, delivered a compelling address to the students. His speech was a powerful reminder of the significance of child rights and the role of the law in safeguarding children from societal issues like exploitation, discrimination, and neglect. His words resonated deeply with the students, instilling in them a sense of responsibility and awareness about their own legal protections.

Nukkad Natak (Street Play):

One of the key highlights of the event was the nukkad natak (street play) performance. The play, which was both informative and engaging, depicted real-life challenges such as **cyberstalking, drug abuse, and child marriage**. Through powerful acting and impactful dialogue, the street play conveyed vital messages about the dangers of these social issues, urging the students to stay vigilant and informed. The performance was well-received, as it effectively combined education with entertainment, leaving a lasting impression on the audience.

Inspirational Words and Closing Remarks:

The session concluded with an inspiring speech by Dr. Harish Kumar Verma, the Dean of ICFAI Law School, who encouraged the students to uphold their rights and seek assistance whenever necessary. He emphasized that awareness is the first step toward empowerment, and by being informed, students could contribute to building a more just and equal society.

Dr. Pratima Soni, Associate Dean of ICFAI Law School, also addressed the students, encouraging them to approach school authorities or the ICFAI University Legal Aid Clinic for help in case they encounter any legal issues. She reassured the students that the Legal Aid Clinic provides free legal assistance and that they need not hesitate to seek help for any disputes or challenges they might face.

Collaboration and Support:

This initiative was the result of a successful collaboration between ICFAI University Jaipur, the District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), Jaipur Metro, and the local school authorities. The event demonstrated a collective effort to promote legal literacy and empower students with the knowledge they need to navigate the challenges of modern society.

Conclusion:

The Legal Awareness Session on Child Rights at Government Senior Secondary School, Sumel, was a resounding success in raising awareness about child rights and related social issues. Through the insightful speeches, the street play, and the interaction with the students, the event successfully educated and inspired the young audience to recognize their legal rights and take action when necessary. The collaboration between ICFAI University Jaipur, DLSA Jaipur Metro, and the school authorities exemplified the power of community engagement in fostering a more informed and responsible generation.

This event not only helped students understand the critical importance of child rights, but it also equipped them with the tools to protect themselves and advocate for change in their communities. It stands as a testament to the importance of legal literacy in shaping a more just and equitable society.

Following are few Glimpses:







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