

Report on Legal Awareness Session for Children by the Legal Aid and Pro-Bono Club at Government Sr. Sec. School, Sumel [Bassi]

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On 4th September 2024, the Legal Aid Committee of ICFAI University, Jaipur organized an awareness program at Government Higher Secondary School, Sumel. The event, saw the participation of total 75 students from classes 10 to 12, aimed to educate them on critical topics such as Police are allies not enemies, cybercrime awareness, protection against violence, and the legal resources available to them.

The session began promptly at 11:00 A.M. and was led by the Associate Dean of ICFAI Law School, supported by the Legal Aid Committee with introduction and interacting with students. Students were then informed about the crucial role of the police in ensuring public safety and were encouraged to see them as allies rather than adversaries. Short videos were shown, highlighting the stories of honest police officers and emphasizing that one should not lose faith in the police.

A special focus was placed on how minors can approach the police to file FIRs freely. The students were informed that the police handle complaints from minors with sensitivity, offering privileges and security measures to ensure their safety and concealment of identity. The importance of reporting any form of violence—whether mental, physical, or sexual—was also emphasized. Students were encouraged to file complaints either in written form or orally, without fear of repercussions.

The session stressed the importance of reaching out to trusted individuals, such as parents, teachers, or friends, in case of any mishap, regardless of gender as crime knows no gender. It was conveyed that seeking help from others is crucial, as they will provide the necessary support. Students were also encouraged to speak up for their rights and safety without hesitation, understanding that their voices matter.

Additionally, the growing threat of cybercrime was addressed. Students were taught how to recognize and report online fraud and scams, with assurances that legal aid and police support are available to victims of cybercrime or any type of legal issues faced by them. It is crucial for children to have knowledge about online safety, digital activities, and report suspicious behaviour immediately to avoid cybercrime.

Free legal aid services provided by both the government and ICFAI University's legal aid clinic were discussed, ensuring that individuals who cannot afford legal representation receive the support they need throughout the legal process, from filing complaints to securing justice. These free legal services of government help people navigate complex legal systems, ensuring that economic barriers do not prevent anyone from receiving fair legal treatment.

Overall, the program was a significant step towards empowering students with knowledge about their rights and the resources available to them. The session concluded on a positive note, with students feeling more confident and informed about how to protect themselves and seek help when necessary.





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