

REPORT ON EVENT

Date:	09 th April, 2026
Venue:	Vydehi Institute of Nursing Sciences, Bengaluru
Time:	10:30AM to 12:00 Noon
Objective:	To empower nursing students with foundational legal knowledge relevant to their professional practice, mitigating legal risks and enhancing patient care standards.
Topic:	Legal Awareness Program
Attended by (Batch & Class):	Students of 2 nd year LL.B. (IV Semester)
No. of Participants:	18
Faculty-in-charge:	Mr. Darryl K. Quadros
Outcome:	Over 85% of participating nursing students demonstrated a clear understanding of key medico-legal concepts—such as informed consent, medical negligence, and patient confidentiality. Nursing students expressed newfound awareness of their legal protections under workplace safety laws, anti-harassment statutes.

The Legal Aid Committee of Vydehi Institute of Law organised a legal awareness program on 09th April, 2026. Recognizing that nursing professionals often encounter legal situations in hospitals—ranging from witnessing arrests of patients to handling cases of child abuse or workplace harassment—the Committee decided to conduct a focused legal awareness program at Vydehi Institute of Nursing Sciences, Bengaluru.



Understanding that nursing curriculum rarely include formal legal training, this gap may lead to hesitation, incorrect actions, or failure to report legally significant incidents. Hence, the

Legal Aid Committee identified the need to educate nursing students on four critical legal topics: Rights of the Arrested Person, POCSO Act, 2012, POSH Act, 2013, and key Natal Laws.

After obtaining a formal permission from the Principal of the nursing college, the event was scheduled on a non-clinical training day to ensure maximum attendance.

The program began with a welcome address by Dr. Raghunath K.S., faculty member of the Legal Aid Committee. The Principal of the Nursing College delivered the inaugural speech, emphasizing the importance of legal awareness for patient safety and staff protection. Mr. Darryl K. Quadros, Convenor of the Legal Aid Committee outlined the day's schedule and introduced the law student speakers.

The students of IV Semester LL.B. (3 years) addressed the nursing students thereafter. Ms. Bhumika addressed on topics such as Article 22(1) and 22(2) – right to be informed of grounds of arrest, right to consult a lawyer, right to be produced before a magistrate. Mr. Sadanand Prabhu address on key issues under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, 2012 and how a nurse or a medical practitioner can cater responsibly to the victims of such offence by conducting medical examination without delay, preferably by a woman doctor, in the presence of a parent or trusted person. The nurse's duty is to preserve evidence (e.g., clothing, bedsheets) and ensure a chaperone is present. Mr. Praveen addressed on the topic POSH Act, 2013 (Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace) and Pre-Conception and Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques (PCPNDT) Act, 1994.



After the sessions, a Q&A session was held briefly. Thereafter, Dr. Raghunath K.S. educated the students about the composition, functioning mechanism and importance of Legal Service Authority at district, state and national level, i.e. the District Legal Services Authority, the State Legal Services Authority at state level and the National District Legal Services Authority and taught them of their role in social justice litigation and providing free legal services to the needy.



The legal awareness program conducted by the Legal Aid Committee of Vydehi Institute of Law successfully educated nursing students on the rights of the arrested person, the POCSO Act, the POSH Act, and key natal laws. The interactive methodology, case studies, and practical handouts ensured high engagement and measurable knowledge gain. The event not only fulfilled the Committee's objective of community legal literacy but also established a lasting bridge between law and healthcare education.

Convenor, Legal Aid Committee

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Prof. (Dr.) C.G. Manjunath