

The Legal Literacy Club of The ICFAI University, Sikkim, in collaboration with the NSS, organized a program in honor of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Jayanti

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The Legal Literacy Club of The ICFAI University, Sikkim, in collaboration with the NSS, organized an Event to commemorate *the birth anniversary of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, the principal architect of the Indian Constitution and a champion of social justice and equality and the upliftment of marginalized communities*. The celebrations aimed to highlight his multifaceted contributions to Indian society and emphasize his timeless legacy as a visionary reformer.

The event proved to be a successful and impactful initiative, reflecting ICFAI University's commitment to legal education, social justice, and community engagement. The combination of educational sessions, meaningful tributes, and practical legal outreach created a platform that both honoured Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's legacy and actively advanced the cause he championed. The program began with a tribute to Dr. B.R. Ambedkar by the Department of Law. The event was graced by the presence of Dr. Rohit Rathi, Registrar, Ms. Soni Subedi, HOD of Legal Studies and Club Head, and Ms. Puja Khatiwoda, Club Head, along with esteemed faculty members and students from the Department of Legal Studies.

The event began with the ceremonial lighting of the lamp, performed by Ms. Sandhya R. Pant, Deputy Registrar, and Dr. Khina Maya Rimal, Dean Academics. This was followed by a moment of silence to honor Dr. Ambedkar's immense contributions.

The welcome address was delivered by Ms. Gungun Sharma, a student of B.A.LL.B 6th Semester, who also hosted the event. She spoke about Dr. Ambedkar's enduring influence and his vision of a just and inclusive society. A documentary video highlighting Dr. Ambedkar's life, struggles, and transformative contributions was also screened, leaving a deep impression on the audience.

Ms. Reshma Rai (B.A.LL.B 10th Semester) presented a remarkable speech on the biography and life journey of Dr. Ambedkar, paying tribute to his relentless efforts in championing the cause of Dalits and marginalized communities. Following this, Ms. Vishakha Chettri (B.A.LL.B 2nd Semester) and Ms. Passang Lhamu (B.A.LL.B 10th Semester) emphasized the importance of the Indian Constitution, and Dr. Ambedkar's work in shaping modern India, with a special focus on social justice and equality.

Adding further depth to the event, Mr. Rinchen Tamang, Assistant Professor, School of Legal Studies, delivered an insightful session on the Fundamental Rights of Children under the Constitution of India, underlining the need for awareness and protection of child rights.

As a significant part of the celebration, the Legal Literacy Club, in collaboration with NSS ICFAI University Sikkim, also conducted a comprehensive workshop and a legal aid clinic, focusing on the provision of free legal services to the public. This initiative aimed to raise awareness about legal aid accessibility for individuals who are unable to afford professional representation. The day-long Legal Awareness Drive was held in the Sichey area and was attended by a diverse group of participants including students, faculty, and members of the local community.

Para-legal volunteers from the Legal Aid Clinic of ICFAI University played a pivotal role in this outreach. Under the guidance of experienced legal professionals, ten para-legal volunteers actively engaged with community members—offering guidance on a range of legal issues such as domestic violence, women's rights, consumer protection, and sexual harassment at the workplace. Their interaction helped bridge the gap between legal knowledge and communities that often face barriers in accessing justice.