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SEMINAR REPORT  
OF  
TWO DAYS INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR  
ON

“DATA PROTECTION IN THE AI ERA: BRIDGING GAPS BETWEEN LAW,  
POLICY, AND TECHNOLOGY”

DATE: 19th & 20th December, 2025

**ORGANIZED BY**

- LAW MANTRA TRUST
- CENTRE FOR INNOVATION AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS (CIIPR)
- RAJIV GANDHI NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF LAW, PUNJAB

**INTRODUCTION**

The Two Days International Seminar on “Data Protection in the AI Era: Bridging Gaps Between Law, Policy, and Technology” was organized by Law Mantra Trust in collaboration with the Centre for Innovation and Intellectual Property Rights (CIIPR), Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab. The seminar was conducted virtually on 19th and 20th December, 2025 through Google Meet.

The seminar brought together eminent academicians, jurists, policymakers, industry professionals, researchers, and students from India and abroad to deliberate upon emerging legal, ethical, and policy challenges arising from the intersection of Artificial Intelligence and data protection laws. In the backdrop of the Digital Personal Data Protection Act, 2023, the seminar provided a timely



forum for critical engagement with contemporary issues of privacy, consent, surveillance, algorithmic accountability, and data governance.

### **ABOUT THE ORGANISERS**

**Law Mantra Trust:** Law Mantra Trust, headquartered in New Delhi, is a not-for-profit organization registered under the Indian Trust Act, 1882. The Trust is committed to the enhancement of legal academics, research, and legal awareness. It brings together jurists, advocates, academicians, professionals, and students to promote innovative legal mechanisms, legal scholarship, and discourse on contemporary socio-legal issues.

### **Centre for Innovation and Intellectual Property Rights (CIIPR), RGNUL Punjab:**

The Centre for Innovation and Intellectual Property Rights (CIIPR) is a specialized research centre established at the Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab. RGNUL, established under the Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab Act, 2006, is a premier national law university committed to excellence in legal education and research. CIIPR focuses on innovation, intellectual property, technology law, and digital governance, fostering interdisciplinary research and policy engagement.

### **PROCEEDINGS OF THE INTRODUCTORY SESSION**

The Introductory Session of the Two Days International Seminar was held on 19th December, 2025, from 04:00 P.M. to 05:00 P.M. (IST). The session was graced by eminent dignitaries from academia, policy, governance, and industry.



The proceedings commenced with a Welcome Address by Mr. Kishor Kumar Mishra, President, Law Mantra Trust. In his address, he welcomed the dignitaries and participants and highlighted the relevance of data protection discourse in an era dominated by artificial intelligence and digital transformation.

### **ADDRESSES BY THE DISTINGUISHED DIGNITARIES**

- Ms. Deepalakshmi Vadivelan, General Counsel (India & APAC) and Senior Vice President (Legal), Quess Corp Ltd., shared industry perspectives on data protection compliance, AI governance, and corporate accountability in the digital economy.
- Prof. (Dr.) Naresh Kumar Vats, Dean Academics and Professor of Law, RGNUL Punjab, underlined the need for doctrinal clarity and comparative legal research in understanding emerging challenges posed by AI-driven data processing.
- Prof. (Dr.) Irene Calboli, Professor of Law, Texas A&M University School of Law, offered a comparative international perspective on data protection regimes and highlighted lessons from global regulatory frameworks.
- Chief Guest's Address: The session was graced by Shri Suresh Prabhakar Prabhu, Former Union Minister and Global Strategist, as the Chief Guest. In his keynote address, he emphasized the necessity of ethical AI governance, sustainable digital development, and balanced regulatory frameworks that protect individual rights while encouraging innovation.



**Virtual Book Release:** A key highlight of the session was the virtual release of two edited books:

- 75 Years of the Supreme Court of India: Upholding Democracy and Delivering Justice
- Women and Labour Laws in India: Challenges, Opportunities and the Road Ahead

**Vote of Thanks:** The session concluded with a Vote of Thanks delivered by Dr. Aditya Mishra, Managing Trustee, Law Mantra Trust and Advocate, Supreme Court of India, who expressed gratitude to the dignitaries, speakers, organizers, and participants.

### **KEY OUTCOMES OF THE INTRODUCTORY SESSION**

The session highlighted the growing complexities of data protection in AI-driven systems. It emphasized the need for harmonizing law, policy, and technology. It reaffirmed data protection as a constitutional, ethical, and governance imperative. The Introductory Session laid a strong foundation for the technical deliberations that followed.

### **TECHNICAL SESSIONS**

**Date: 20th December, 2025 | Time: 02:00 P.M. – 04:00 P.M.**

#### **TECHNICAL SESSION I**

Chair: Prof. (Dr.) Deevanshu Shrivastava (NUSRL, Ranchi)



Co-Chairs: Dr. Amita (VIPS, New Delhi); Dr. Mohammed Salim B. Khan (Presidency University, Bengaluru)

The session witnessed in-depth discussions on consent under the DPDP Act, cybersecurity in defense systems, DNA databases, copyright and AI, gig economy data governance, and comparative global data protection frameworks.

## **TECHNICAL SESSION II**

Chair: Dr. Gurudev Sahil (Dayananda Sagar University)

Co-Chairs: Dr. Monmi Gohain (NLUJA Assam); Dr. Ahmar Afaq (Symbiosis Law School, Nagpur)

Themes included ethical AI frameworks, data localisation, algorithmic policing, AI governance design, student rights, and cross-border data governance.

## **TECHNICAL SESSION III**

Chair: Dr. Sulakshana Banerjee Mukherjee (Sushant University)

Co-Chairs: Dr. Sheikh Inam ul Mansoor (Symbiosis Law School Hyderabad); Prof. Pranjali Bawane

Discussions focused on facial recognition technology, deepfakes, cryptographic alternatives to data localisation, AI bias, collective privacy, and corporate governance.

## **TECHNICAL SESSION IV**

Chair: Dr. Shailendra Kumar (NLUJA Assam)

Co-Chairs: Dr. Hamza Khan (DSU Bengaluru); Dr. Rajiv Kumar Bhartiya (ICFAI University Dehradun)



Presentations addressed victimology under the DPDP Act, AI in judiciary, algorithmic collusion, children's data protection, data sovereignty, and public-sector AI governance.

### **TECHNICAL SESSION V**

Chair: Dr. Anita Yadav (University of Delhi)

Co-Chairs: Ms. Sabnam Begum (Dibrugarh); Mr. Khushal Gurjar (Karnavati University)

The session explored algorithmic governance, autonomous vehicles, biometric data processing, workers' rights in platform economies, and bias in global AI deployment.

### **TECHNICAL SESSION VI**

Chair: Prof. (Dr.) Naresh Kumar Vats (RGNUL Punjab)

Co-Chairs: Dr. Suneel Kumar; Dr. Aditya Mishra; Mr. Kushal Srivastava

This extensive session covered AI consent, healthcare bias, criminal justice, intellectual property, competition law, cyber security, data colonialism, algorithmic accountability, and comparative data protection regimes.

The Two Days International Seminar on "Data Protection in the AI Era: Bridging Gaps Between Law, Policy, and Technology" was a significant academic initiative addressing one of the most pressing legal challenges of the digital age. The seminar successfully advanced scholarly and policy-oriented discourse, reaffirming the collective responsibility of institutions, policymakers, and stakeholders in safeguarding privacy, dignity, and democratic values in the era of artificial intelligence.