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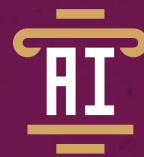
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MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

This edition of our newsletter covers our events and work around the India AI Impact Summit 2026 (AI Summit). It gives me great pride to reflect on the role of the Cyril Shroff Centre for AI, Law and Regulation (CSCAILR/Centre) at Jindal Global Law School (JGLS), O.P. Jindal Global University, in contributing to global conversations at the AI Summit. The AI Summit, held at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi, brought together an extraordinary gathering of global leaders, policymakers, industry experts, and academics to deliberate on the future of artificial intelligence (AI) and its governance.

Within this landmark global platform, the Centre made meaningful contributions by convening

high-level discussions and facilitating collaborations on responsible, trustworthy approaches to AI governance. At the official summit, the Centre organised and contributed to several high-level sessions addressing key regulatory and policy challenges in the AI ecosystem. CSCAILR co-organised the session “*From Guidelines to Ground: Institutional AI Safety for India and the Global South*” in collaboration with Zephara AI and The Dialogue, which examined how emerging AI safety frameworks could be translated into institutional practices within governments and organisations. The Centre also co-hosted a high-level event titled “*Safe and Trusted AI: Responsible Practices and Industry Standards*,” in collaboration with UNESCO, UN Human Rights B-Tech Project, LG, Microsoft, and NASSCOM, bringing together leading experts to deliberate on industry standards and governance frameworks for responsible AI deployment.

In addition, CSCAILR partnered with Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas to convene a panel discussion on “*Exploring a Regulatory Framework for Open Data*,” focusing on policy and legal approaches to enabling open data ecosystems for AI training while ensuring regulatory safeguards and accountability. Beyond the official summit sessions, the Centre collaborated with the Participatory AI Research and Practice Symposium (PAIRS), a global research collective that brings together scholars and practitioners working on participatory approaches to AI governance. Through this collaboration, CSCAILR hosted a series of policy and research dialogues at JGU International Academy, Taj Mansingh, New Delhi. This included a Roundtable on Transparency, Law and Participatory AI, along with the Opening plenary session for the Research Symposium. The Centre also convened a high-level panel discussion in partnership with UNESCO on Widening Civic Participation in AI governance, which saw leading civil organisations bring to the fore their perspectives on AI governance.

These engagements brought together more than 30 international researchers and experts from institutions such as Chatham House (UK), the University of California, Berkeley (USA), the Aapti Institute (India), and Sciences Po (France),

fostering interdisciplinary dialogue on participatory approaches to AI regulation and governance.

In the months leading up to the summit, members of the Centre also actively participated in and supported a series of pre-summit policy engagements that convened policymakers, regulators, industry leaders, and academic experts. These discussions addressed a wide range of themes at the intersection of AI governance, law, and public policy, including open data for AI training, AI and human capital development in emerging economies, privacy and innovation in healthcare AI, digital public infrastructure for AI governance, measuring trust in cyberspace, and India's readiness to adopt techno-legal regulatory frameworks for AI. The sessions brought together senior representatives from institutions such as the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI), the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), NASSCOM, the Data Security Council of India,

and leading firms, technology and policy organisations including Google, Microsoft, the Gates Foundation, Razorpay, and Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas.

These contributions reflect the Centre's growing role as a platform for interdisciplinary research and dialogue, and its continued commitment to advancing the safe, inclusive, and responsible development of AI, both in India and globally.

Looking ahead, the Centre aims to deepen its engagement at the intersection of AI, law, and public policy by expanding its research agenda, strengthening global partnerships, and fostering capacity-building initiatives across jurisdictions. As AI systems become increasingly embedded in social, economic, and governance structures, the Centre will continue to prioritise work that bridges technical innovation with robust legal and ethical frameworks. We remain committed to shaping conversations that are not only forward-looking, but also grounded in equity, accountability, and the realities of the Global South.

Prof. Sidharth Chauhan

Director, Cyril Shroff Centre for AI, Law & Regulation; Associate Professor & Associate Dean, JGLS

SPOTLIGHT



Dr. Shashi Tharoor, Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha) at a panel discussion organised by the Centre during the AI Summit: The question of data governance is a question of power, sovereignty, and value extraction. Policies promoting “structured openness” should be considered which preserve openness while deliberately building guardrails and domestic capacity to prevent inequalities and external dependency.



Mr. Cyril Shroff, Managing Partner, Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas during his Distinguished Lecture: When the world is faced with a lot of turmoil, it's also a great moment of transformation. We need to build a lot of resilience which comes from economic strength and financial independence. This is an essential part of keeping self-respect and position as a truly independent nation. Technology sovereignty and AI capability will play a key role here.



Prof. (Dr.) C. Raj Kumar, Founding Vice-Chancellor, O.P. Jindal Global University, on the sidelines of the Distinguished Public Lecture: If we continue to follow the same ways by which we have tried to address the judicial delays, we will not be able to solve the problem. We need to think radically. We need to think creatively and we need to, of course, rely a lot more on technology including AI.



Ms. Paridhi Adani, Partner, Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas on the sidelines of the Distinguished Public Lecture: The best way to drive innovation is to (a) actually have conversations; and (b) encourage more usage, create sandboxes, experiment, fail, redesign and keep going at it.



Dr. Sasmit Patra, Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha) at a panel discussion organised by the Centre during the AI Summit: A trusted and reliable data infrastructure is essential for evidence-based policymaking.

FEATURED EVENTS

1. Distinguished Public Lecture

A. LAW, LEADERSHIP & LEGACY: REDEFINING THE INDIAN LEGAL PROFESSION FOR A CHANGING WORLD

Delivered by Mr. Cyril Shroff, Managing Partner, Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas and Chairperson, CSCAILR



Mr. Cyril Shroff, Chairperson of our Centre delivered a distinguished lecture on 25 January 2026 as part of Republic Day celebrations at O.P. Jindal Global University on the theme 'Law, Leadership & Legacy: Redefining the Indian Legal Profession for a Changing World.' The lecture offered deep insights into the evolving future of legal practice particularly in the age of AI, leadership responsibility, and institutional legacy. The session was further enriched by reflections from Ms. Paridhi Adani, Ms. Vandana Shroff, and Ms. Richa Roy, all Partners at Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas,

who brought their own perspectives on professional growth, leadership, and the changing contours of legal practice.

The event provided a platform for meaningful intellectual engagement with one of India's most distinguished legal leaders, alongside senior leadership of JGU including Prof. C. Raj Kumar, Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dabiru Sridhar Patnaik, Registrar, and Prof. Padmanabha Ramanujam. The lecture fostered substantive dialogue on how the Indian legal profession must adapt and lead in a rapidly changing world.

2. Events at the India AI Impact Summit, 2026

Our Centre hosted three events during the AI Summit held from 16-20 February at **Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi**.

A. SAFE AND TRUSTED AI, AI FOR ECONOMIC GROWTH & SOCIAL GOOD, INCLUSION FOR SOCIAL EMPOWERMENT

20 February 2026



The Centre, in collaboration with UNESCO, Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, the B-Tech Project, Microsoft, and NASSCOM, organised a high-level panel discussion at the AI Summit. The session opened with remarks by H.E. Mr. Rein Tammsaar, Permanent Representative of Estonia to the United Nations, and was moderated by Ms. Peggy Hicks of the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights.

Distinguished panelists included representatives from Google, Microsoft,

LG AI Research, NASSCOM, and the World Benchmarking Alliance, who engaged on responsible AI practices, scalable business models, and the role of global technical standards in supporting trustworthy AI development and deployment. The session concluded with closing remarks by Ms. Paridhi Adani, Partner at Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas, who underscored the imperative of moving from aspirational principles toward concrete action.

B. EXPLORING A REGULATORY FRAMEWORK FOR OPEN DATA

20 February 2026

The Centre, in partnership with Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas, hosted a panel discussion on 'Exploring a Regulatory Framework for Open Data' during the AI Summit. The session featured Dr. Shashi Tharoor, Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha), who delivered the keynote address. The panel featured distinguished speakers including Mr. Cyril Shroff, Managing Partner of Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas; Dr. Sasmit Patra, Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha); Ms. Irina Ghose, Managing Director,

Anthropic India; Ms. Rama Vedashree, former CEO of the Data Security Council of India; and Mr. Arun Sadhanand Prabhu, Partner and Co-Head, Digital and TMT Practice, Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas.

The session was moderated by Prof. C. Raj Kumar, Founding Vice-Chancellor of O.P. Jindal Global University. The panel deliberated on India's role as a leading voice from the Global South in shaping the future of open data governance and the regulatory design needed to enable responsible data-sharing ecosystems.



C. FROM GUIDELINES TO GROUND – INSTITUTIONAL AI SAFETY FOR INDIA AND THE GLOBAL SOUTH

19 February 2026



Prof. Sidharth Chauhan, Director of our Centre, participated in a session on 'From Guidelines to Ground: Institutional AI Safety for India and the Global South: Making AI Governance Operational' organised during the AI Summit. His co-panelists included representatives from Mastercard, the Embassy of Colombia, NVIDIA, Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas, The Quantum Hub, and The Dialogue. The session was organised by Project AWARE and The Dialogue, and was moderated by Abdullah X.

The discussion addressed the concrete challenge of translating high-level AI safety principles into implementable institutional frameworks, with particular attention to the governance contexts of India and the broader Global South. Prof. Chauhan's participation reflected the Centre's sustained commitment to advancing practical and inclusive approaches to AI governance.

3. Pre-Summit Events

The Centre organised three more Pre-Summit events in preparation for the AI Summit. This follows a number of Pre-

Summit events held by the Centre in November and December covered in our previous newsletters.

A. PARTICIPATORY AI RESEARCH AND PRACTICE SYMPOSIUM AND UNESCO PANEL ON CIVIC PARTICIPATION

at JGU International Academy, O.P. Jindal Global University
on 17 February 2026

The Centre hosted a full day of high-impact sessions with PAIRS (the Participatory AI Research and Practice Symposium) and the UNESCO Global Civil Society Organisations and Academic Network. The programme comprised three distinct events hosted at the JGU International Academy: a PAIRS Roundtable on Transparency, Law and Participatory AI; the PAIRS Opening Plenary Session; and a UNESCO Panel on Widening Civic Participation in AI Governance.

The events brought together over 30

researchers and experts from institutions including Chatham House, the University of Cambridge, Sciences Po, the University of California, Berkeley, and several leading policy organisations and think tanks from more than five countries. The sessions created a focused space for rigorous exchange on participatory approaches to AI governance, with particular emphasis on transparency standards, community-accessible documentation, and civic participation models that go beyond one-time consultations.

The poster features logos for O.P. Jindal Global University, Cyril Shroff Centre for AI, Law & Regulation, and UNESCO. The main title is "Participatory AI Research and Practice Symposium (PAIRS) at Cyril Shroff Centre for AI, Law & Regulation". Below this, it states: "On 17th February 2026, the Cyril Shroff Centre for AI, Law & Regulation at Jindal Global Law School will host three sessions at the JGU International Academy as part of the Participatory AI Research and Practice Symposium (PAIRS) in New Delhi on the sidelines of India AI Impact Summit - 2026."

Roundtable on Transparency, Law & Participatory AI A discussion of select presentations from the symposium focused on the role of transparency, data protection and other legal frameworks in providing a foundation for participatory governance of AI. TUESDAY 17 FEBRUARY 11:00 AM to 01:00 PM IST JGU International Academy, Hotel Taj Mahal, New Delhi	PAIRS Opening Plenary Session Join PAIRS delegates to watch the opening plenary, and first few panels of the Research Symposium. TUESDAY 17 FEBRUARY 02:30 PM to 05:45 PM IST JGU International Academy, Hotel Taj Mahal, New Delhi
UNESCO Panel on Widening Civic Participation in AI Governance Perspectives from the Global Civil Society Organisations (CSO's) and Academic Network on AI Ethics and Policy TUESDAY 17 FEBRUARY 05:45 PM to 07:30 PM IST JGU International Academy, Hotel Taj Mahal, New Delhi	

B. ROUNDTABLE ON AI INNOVATION IN HEALTHCARE

at JGU International Academy, O.P. Jindal Global University
on 23 January 2026

Our Centre, in collaboration with iSPIRT and Koita Centre for Digital Health at Ashoka University (KCDH-A), organised a roundtable on AI innovation in healthcare. The roundtable was co-moderated by Prof. Nikhil Naren, and brought together senior technology and healthcare practitioners, data protection experts, and civil society leaders to discuss emerging governance frameworks and technical tools that can enable trusted, privacy-preserving AI

innovation in healthcare.

The roundtable was presided over by Shri Deepak Goel, Scientist 'G' and Group Coordinator, Cyber Laws Division, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology. The roundtable was convened as an official pre-summit event to provide inputs to the Safe and Trusted AI and AI for Economic Growth and Social Good Chakras of the AI Summit.



C. MULTI-STAKEHOLDER ROUNDTABLE ON INDIA'S READINESS FOR TECHNO-LEGAL REGULATION OF AI

hosted by the Office of the Principal Scientific Adviser to the Government of India In partnership with ProductNation/iSPIRT Foundation and the Centre for Responsible AI (CeRAI) on 22 December 2025

Prof. Nikhil Naren and Prof. Spriha Bhandari, Assistant Directors at the Centre, participated in a multi-stakeholder roundtable hosted by the Office of the Principal Scientific Adviser to the Government of India, in partnership with the ProductNation / iSPIRT Foundation and the Centre for Responsible AI (CeRAI). The roundtable examined India's institutional, technical, and legal preparedness for the techno-legal regulation of AI, bringing together policymakers, technologists, academics, and practitioners.

Prof. Bhandari contributed to the discussion by highlighting India's urgent need for a shared, operational taxonomy for AI systems and risks – a foundation without which coherent regulation becomes difficult to design and implement. The roundtable forms part of the ongoing preparatory work ahead of the AI Summit. The White Paper by the Office of the Principal Scientific Adviser is available at:

<https://lnkd.in/gjXWcDEa>

4. Featured Women's Day Event

HER STORIES, OUR WORLD: WOMEN BUILDING THE DIGITAL FUTURE

Organised as part of Second National Convention on Women in India and Inaugural Jindal Interdisciplinary Arts and Literature Festival at O.P. Jindal Global University on 10 March 2026

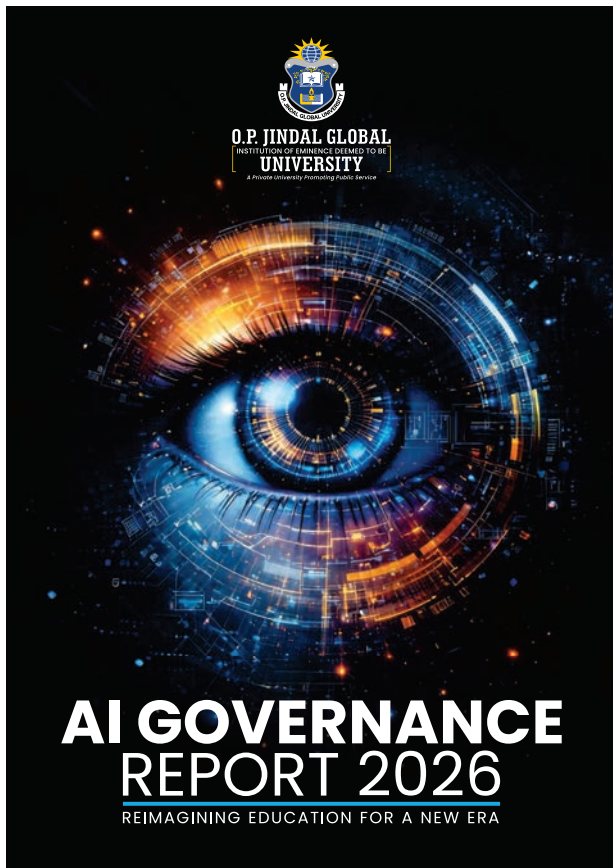


The Centre hosted a panel discussion titled 'Her Stories, Our World: Women Building the Digital Future' as part of the Second National Convention on Women in India and the inaugural Jindal Interdisciplinary Arts and Literature Festival. The session was anchored on the theme of 'Give to Gain' and convened leaders working at the intersection of technology, law, economics, and creativity. The session moved beyond abstract concepts of inclusion to explore the real-world architecture of decision-making, examining how women are not merely participating in digital transformation but actively shaping it.

Distinguished panelists included Ms. Komal Gupta (Chief Innovation Officer, Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas), Ms. Supriya Sobti Gupta (Founder and Filmmaker, MOW Productions), Ms. Aditi Chaturvedi (India Lead, Platforms and Devices Government Affairs and Public Policy, Google India), Ms. Nimrat Dhillon (Digital and Innovation, Khaitan and Co.; Chief Structure Officer, Indian LegalTech Network), and Ms. Jameela Sahiba (Associate Director, The Dialogue). The session was presented by Prof. Spriha Bhandari and moderated by Prof. Paavni Jain.

NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS

1. Report Publication: Reimagining Education for a New Era, 2026



O.P. Jindal Global University has released its inaugural AI Governance Report 2026, titled Reimagining Education for a New Era. The report co-produced by the Office of Rankings, Benchmarking and Institutional Transformation and the Cyril Shroff Centre for AI, Law and Regulation. This report developed by the Office of Rankings, Benchmarking and Institutional Transformation (ORBIT) led by Professor Padmanabha Ramanujam, Dean of Academic Governance, and supported by the Centre, offers a comprehensive account of JGU's evolving engagement with artificial intelligence. The report documents JGU's AI journey across teaching, research, administration, and governance, presenting it as a structured and reflective institutional effort.

The report documents JGU's evolving approach to responsible AI integration across teaching, research, and institutional governance, and positions CSCAILR as a foundational driver of the University's AI strategy. The report recognises CSCAILR's record in under six months of operation: over six policy submissions, organisation of thought-leading events, our initiatives for and at the AI Summit, and our proposed degree program.

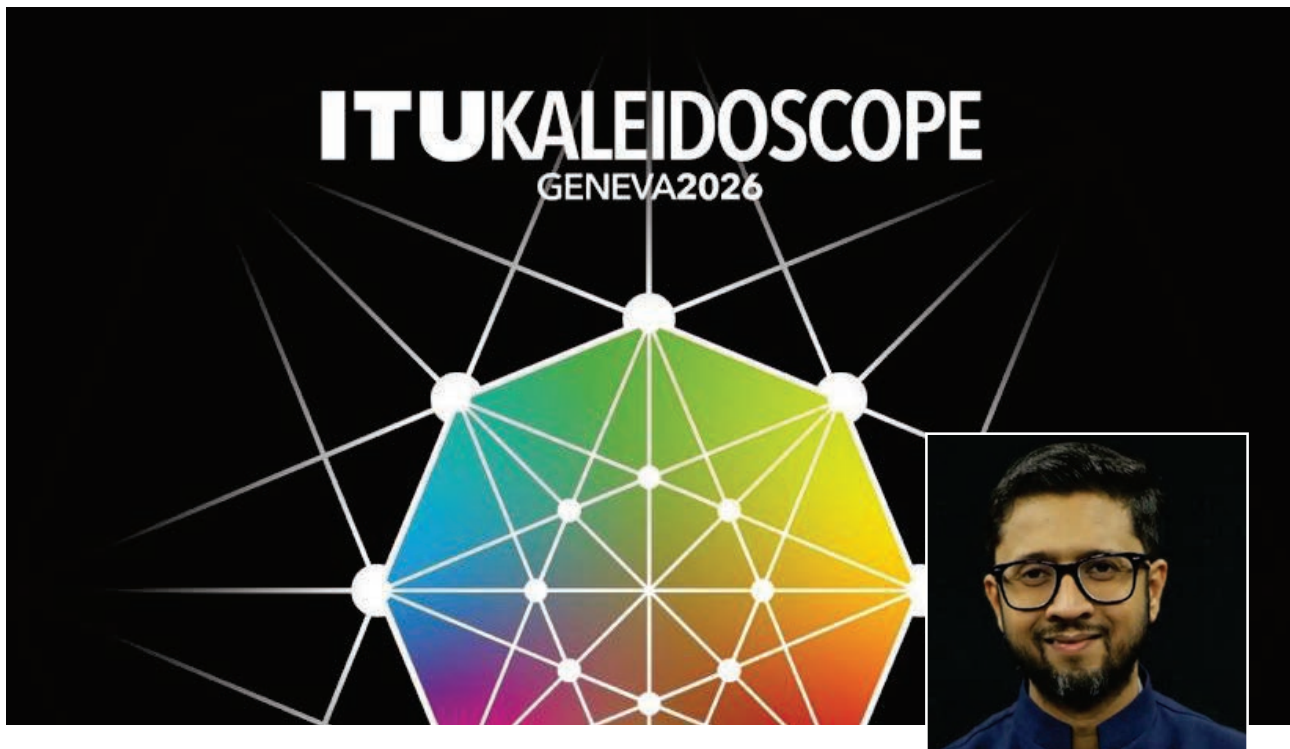
"Artificial intelligence is not merely a technological shift; it is a redefinition of how knowledge is created, shared, and governed. Universities must embrace this transformation with both ambition and responsibility—ensuring that innovation is guided by ethics, and progress strengthens, rather than compromises, the core values of academic integrity, critical inquiry, and human judgment."



Prof. R. Padmanabha

Dean, Academic Governance
O.P. Jindal Global University

2. Appointment to the ITU Kaleidoscope 2026 Technical Programme Committee



Prof. Krishna Deo Singh Chauhan, Associate Director at the Centre, has been appointed as a Technical Programme Committee (TPC) member for ITU Kaleidoscope 2026, themed 'AI and Frontier Technologies for Good.' The ITU Kaleidoscope is the flagship peer-reviewed academic conference of the International Telecommunication Union, a specialised agency of the United Nations.

In this capacity, Prof. Chauhan will contribute to the review and selection of research papers that shape global discourse on AI governance and frontier technologies. The appointment reflects the Centre's growing recognition as a site of scholarly expertise in AI regulation and governance at the international level.

POLICY RESEARCH CONTRIBUTIONS

1. Comments on the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India's Working Paper on Generative AI and Copyright titled 'One Nation One License One Payment: Balancing AI Innovation and Copyright'

The Centre submitted comments on the Working Paper on Generative AI and Copyright (Part 1), prepared by a committee constituted by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT). The Working Paper proposes major amendments to India's copyright law that would essentially grant a retroactive, blanket statutory licence to all AI developers to use lawfully accessed copyrighted works for AI training, upon payment of a revenue-based fixed royalty to a centralised collecting body to be called the Copyright Royalties Collective for AI Training (CRCAT).

While acknowledging the Working

Paper's novel and well-intentioned approach, the Centre's comments identified three principal concerns: first, that the proposed royalty collection and distribution mechanisms are impractical; second, that they are misaligned with the objective of balancing rightsholders' interests with the need to ensure access to high-quality training data; and third, that they risk unintended negative consequences, including more rightsholders placing works behind paywalls and AI developers choosing to avoid Indian territory or Indian works. The Centre also noted that the Working Paper presumes infringement under existing law, a question that remains unsettled before Indian courts.



2. Working Paper on RTI for Accountable AI



DEPLOYING RIGHT TO INFORMATION FOR ACCOUNTABLE AI

KASHISH MAKKAR & ASHWIN UPRETI



A working paper from Prof. Kashish Makkar and Prof. Ashwin Upreti of the Centre titled 'Deploying Right to Information for Accountable AI' was selected for presentation at the Participatory AI Research and Practice Symposium (PAIRS), held as part of the pre-summit programme of the AI Summit. The paper constitutes a significant policy contribution from the Centre, situating India's Right to Information architecture within the emerging governance challenges posed

by AI-enabled public decision-making.

The paper argues that the RTI Act 2005, in its current form, operates as a reactive, demand-driven regime: the right to information is individualised, record-centric, and enforced only through adjudication triggered by a citizen's request. The paper calls for a shift toward a proactive, systems-driven disclosure architecture in which transparency is treated as a continuous institutional obligation and a public good, rather than an individual entitlement to be claimed case by case.

3. MeitY Rules on AI-Generated Content

The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology released the much-awaited rules regulating the creation and circulation of AI-generated content on digital platforms. The Centre had previously submitted detailed comments on the draft rules, several of which were addressed in the final notification. In particular, the Centre had highlighted the pitfalls of including text within the definition of synthetically generated information, and had argued for keeping non-harmful modifications such as regular editing of images, audio, and video outside the scope of the rules.

The Centre had also flagged concerns regarding overly strict labelling requirements.

In the final rules passed by the Ministry, these concerns were addressed. The rules adopt a principles-based approach to labelling rather than prescriptive technical mandates. The Centre welcomes this step and continues to monitor the next critical development: MeitY's position on whether generative AI service providers fall within the definition of 'intermediaries' under the Information Technology Act.

4. Invited to Stakeholder Consultation – IFSCA Regulatory Sandbox Framework

The Centre was formally invited by the International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA), Government of India, to participate in a stakeholder consultation on the revised FinTech Sandbox Framework. The invitation followed the Centre's submission of detailed comments and recommendations on the draft framework, and direct engagement with IFSCA officers, who appreciated the depth and specificity of the inputs provided by the Centre and the JGLS students involved in the project. The Centre participated in this consultation

and contributed meaningfully towards the development of the framework on regulatory sandboxes on the subjects of evaluation criteria and graduation process.

The invitation recognises the Centre's growing role in shaping national conversations on fintech regulation, innovation governance, and responsible technology deployment. The Centre's comments are available on the CSCAILR website.

5. Newspaper Columns

The Centre's members published five columns in reputed Indian newspapers:

A. Prof. Ashwin Upreti and Dr. Sasmit Patra, MP, Rajya Sabha, Society bears AI risks, must have a say in AI governance, THE INDIAN EXPRESS

Prof. Ashwin Upreti, Assistant Director at the Centre, co-authored an article published in The Indian Express, in both its print and digital editions, titled 'Society Bears AI risks, must have a say in AI governance.' The piece was co-authored with Dr. Sasmit Patra, Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha, who serves on Parliament's Standing Committee on Communications and Information Technology and is also a Distinguished Adjunct Faculty Member at Jindal Global Law School, O.P. Jindal Global University.

The article argues for a participatory approach to AI governance, contending that because the risks and consequences of AI systems are borne by society at large, the public must have a meaningful role in shaping the regulatory frameworks that govern them. The piece contributes to a growing body of the Centre's work on inclusive, rights-respecting approaches to AI governance, and complements the broader engagement with participatory AI governance that the Centre advanced at the PAIRS pre-summit sessions.

B. Prof. Spriha Bhandari and Prof. Paavni Jain, AI beyond regulatory reach, MILLENIUM POST

Prof. Spriha Bhandari and Prof. Paavni Jain, Assistant Directors at the Centre, co-authored an op-ed published in the print and digital editions of MillenniumPost, titled 'AI Beyond Regulatory Reach?' Writing in the context of the AI Summit and building on the Centre's ongoing research, the piece reflects on a central concern: that rapid advances in AI capabilities are outpacing existing legal and regulatory frameworks.

Drawing comparisons with high-stakes industries such as aviation and pharmaceuticals – where defined

capability thresholds trigger independent oversight – the authors highlight a growing structural gap in AI governance. They argue that in the absence of binding, globally harmonised regulation, competitive pressures risk undermining voluntary safety commitments, even as AI systems increasingly shape core societal infrastructure. The piece further underscores how this governance vacuum disproportionately affects the Global South, pointing to the urgent need for more inclusive techno-legal architectures. The article is available at:

https://lnkd.in/gv_VSJyt

C. Prof. Krishna Deo Singh Chauhan and Prof. Sidharth Chauhan, The right to mental integrity in the age of AI, MILLENIUM POST

Prof. Krishna Deo Singh Chauhan, Associate Director, and Prof. Sidharth Chauhan, Director of the Centre, co-authored an op-ed in MillenniumPost arguing that India must recognise the right to mental integrity as a constitutional safeguard in the age of AI companions. As LLM-based chatbots evolve from tools into emotionally persuasive companions, the authors argue that they create, what they term, a 'steering effect' – actively shaping beliefs, choices, and autonomy through repetitive, emotive reinforcement.

The piece traces the right to mental integrity across European instruments and Indian constitutional jurisprudence, arguing that while the Puttaswamy privacy framework is philosophically expansive, it has yet to fully engage with technologies that do not merely know our choices but systematically shape them. The authors call on India to use the AI Summit as a platform to explicitly recognise this right – not as a constraint on innovation, but as a clarity-giving constitutional anchor guiding design choices, safeguarding user agency, and strengthening public trust. The full piece is available at: <https://lnkd.in/gF58zgdS>

D. Prof. Sidharth Chauhan and Dhruv Mehta, Unpacking CCI's AI Study: Balancing Innovation and Competition in India, ET LEGAL WORLD

Prof. Sidharth Chauhan, Director of the Centre, co-authored a piece in Legal World, The Economic Times, titled 'Unpacking CCI's AI Study: Balancing Innovation and Competition in India.' The article offers an analysis of the Competition Commission of India's latest market study on AI, examining how India is navigating the balance between fostering rapid technological advancement and ensuring fair market competition.

The piece explores key themes including market concentration in AI markets, the role of data advantage as a barrier to competition, and the regulatory frameworks necessary to support a healthy and competitive AI ecosystem. The article is available at: <https://lnkd.in/gzVRwFpt>

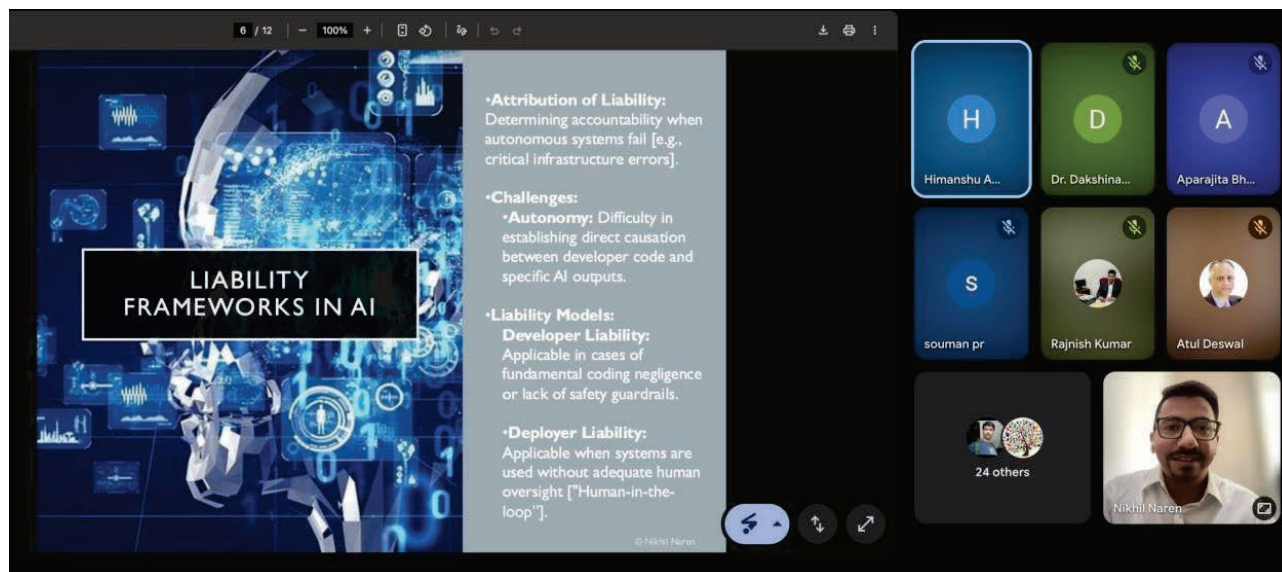
E. Prof. Krishna Deo Singh Chauhan and Prof. Anupriya, 2025 as a year of 'crystallisation' in AI, SOUTH ASIA MONITOR

Prof. Krishna Deo Singh Chauhan, Associate Director of the Centre, co-authored a commentary with Prof. Anupriya, Lecturer at Jindal Global Law School, on why 2025 may be remembered as a year of 'crystallisation' in AI, and of an emerging geopolitical arms race. Published in South Asia Monitor, the piece reviews developments over the past year and traces how several long-discussed questions about AI are now taking concrete form.

The commentary notes that ethically ambiguous AI deployments are no longer

edge cases but are increasingly embedded in routine institutional decision-making – from hiring and workplace screening to healthcare triage and classroom assessment. It also addresses the shifting information environment, AI's positive potential in scientific research and medicine, early court decisions clarifying copyright doctrine as applied to model training, and the widening US-China technology rivalry, which is making global regulatory consensus harder even as harms are widely recognised. The article is available at: <https://lnkd.in/gZvzv2EZ>

CAPACITY BUILDING CONTRIBUTIONS



1. Online Advanced Certificate Course for National E-Governance Division, MeitY

Prof. Nikhil Naren, Assistant Director at the Centre, was invited as a Resource Person for the Online Advanced Certificate Course on 'Regulatory Framework of Data Protection, Privacy, Cyber Security and Emerging Technology,' designed exclusively for officials of the National e-Governance Division (Digital India Corporation), Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology. His module focused on 'Emerging Technologies and Related Issues: Biometric Data, Surveillance Tech, and Human Rights,' with an emphasis on translating fast-evolving technologies into implementable governance choices that protect innovation while safeguarding constitutional and human

rights values.

Prof. Naren's module covered AI concepts and the emerging regulatory landscape; AI and ethical considerations including fairness, accountability, transparency, and risk governance; fintech lending and blockchain in India; and the impact of emerging technologies on data protection, with particular attention to consent, purpose limitation, security safeguards, and institutional oversight. The Centre is pleased to contribute to capacity-building initiatives aimed at advancing a future-ready, rights-respecting regulatory framework for the data-driven economy.

2. Induction Training at the Maharashtra Judicial Academy

Prof. Nikhil Naren, Assistant Director at the Centre, was invited to conduct induction training for Civil Judge (Junior Division) and Judicial Magistrate First Class Officers on the topics of 'Artificial Intelligence and Law' and 'Artificial Intelligence and Intellectual Property' at the Maharashtra Judicial Academy (MJA). The invitation was extended by Shri Uday B. Shukla, Joint Director, MJA, and Former Principal Secretary and Senior Legal Advisor, Government of Maharashtra, who extended the invitation after reading Prof. Naren's book which is one of the first works by Indian authors on the subject.

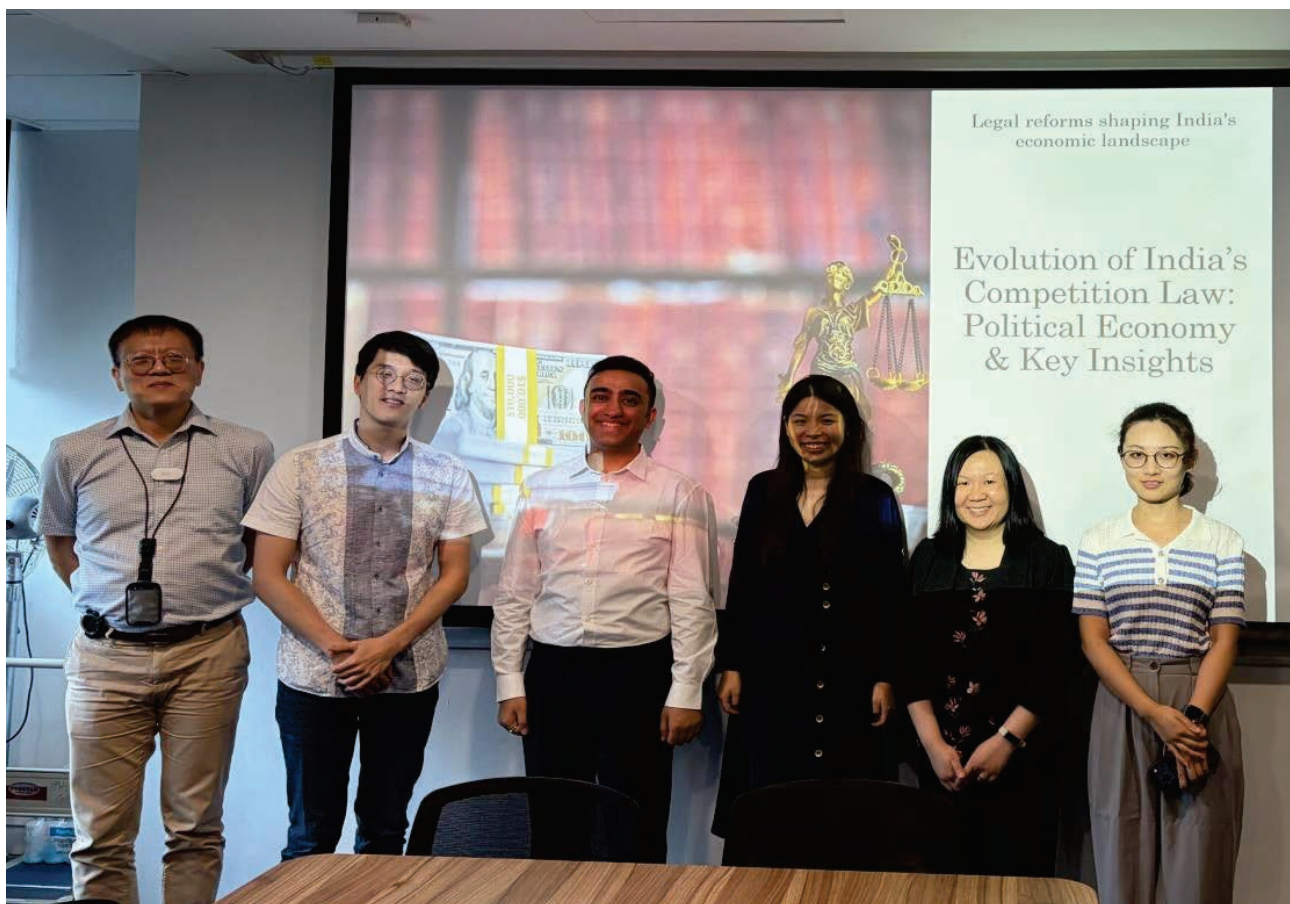
Prof. Naren is among the youngest external experts to deliver training at the MJA. The sessions were designed to build foundational and applied understanding of AI concepts and their legal implications among newly inducted judicial officers, a vital contribution at a time when AI tools are increasingly entering India's court infrastructure. The Centre remains committed to capacity-building initiatives that prepare the judiciary for an AI-integrated legal landscape.



3. Visiting Scholar Seminar at SMU Yong Pung How School of Law, Singapore Management University

Prof. Sidharth Chauhan, Director of the Centre, delivered a seminar during his time as a Visiting Scholar at the SMU Yong Pung How School of Law, Singapore Management University. The seminar addressed the evolution of India's competition law, with a focus on the political economy of regulation and the growing challenges posed by digital

markets and AI-driven business models. The engagement offered an opportunity to situate India's regulatory trajectory in a comparative and international context, and to contribute the Centre's research perspective to global academic conversations on competition law, digital regulation, and the governance of AI-driven economic activity.



ON-CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

1. Bridging Legal Theory & Technology: A hands-on legaltech training



The Centre organised a full-day workshop titled 'Bridging Legal Theory and Technology: A Hands-On LegalTech Training' in association with Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas (CAM) and CAM's Legaltech and Innovation Certificate (CLIC) programme. The workshop provided participants with a practical understanding of the evolving legal landscape and the specific skill sets that top-tier law firms are seeking in the age of AI. It highlighted how AI platforms including Legora and CaseMine, the workshop's technology partners, are being utilised by CAM to improve operational efficiency, a key focus of the CLIC programme's vision.

The CLIC programme is designed for law students and legal professionals and aims to foster innovative thinking and an adaptive approach to legal practice through modules on LegalTech, New Law, and Design Thinking. The workshop was well received, with students demonstrating enthusiasm and

generating insightful discussion on the practical application of legal technology and the implications of AI-driven practice for the next generation of lawyers.



2. India @ 2047 Lecture Series: AI in Legal Practice – Reflections on the Supreme Court's White Paper and beyond

The Centre hosted the next edition of its India @ 2047 Lecture Series, focusing on the theme 'AI in Legal Practice: Reflections on the Supreme Court's White Paper and Beyond.' The session featured two distinguished speakers who were directly involved in shaping the thinking behind the Supreme Court of India's White Paper on Judiciary and Artificial Intelligence: Dr. Anurag Bhaskar, Faculty Member at JGLS and Former Director of the Centre for Research and Planning, Supreme Court of India; and Prof. Shubham Kumar, Assistant Professor and Assistant Dean at JGLS and Former

Consultant at the Centre for Research and Planning, Supreme Court of India.

The White Paper, released by the Supreme Court's Centre for Research and Planning, represents a landmark moment in India's legal landscape. The lecture provided a rare opportunity to hear directly from those who shaped the document, and to engage with the broader questions of what the White Paper means for courts, lawyers, and litigants, and what opportunities and challenges lie ahead for AI in Indian legal practice.

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TUESDAY, 17 MARCH 2026 | 3:30 PM - 5:30 PM

3. Guest Lecture: Designing the Future of Dispute Resolution – Rethinking ODR from a System Design Lens

The Centre, in collaboration with the Centre for Alternative Dispute Resolution (CADR) at JGLS, hosted a guest lecture featuring experts from CADRE ODR on the theme 'Designing the Future of Dispute Resolution: Rethinking ODR from a System Design Lens.' The session was delivered by Ms. Kanchan Gupta, Co-Founder of CADRE ODR and a recipient of the Elevate 2023 Karnataka Startup Award, and Ms. Shubhangi Bhargava, Head of Law, Policy and Advocacy at CADRE ODR. The session was moderated by Prof. Ashiv Choudhary.

Through an interactive walkthrough of an ODR platform, participants gained insight into how disputes move through digital workflows. A particularly compelling takeaway was the observation that technology is never neutral – each design choice influences behaviour and outcomes. The discussion also emphasised that effective ODR systems must balance technological innovation with legal enforceability and resilient infrastructure. The session was well received by students and underlined the importance of equipping future legal professionals with the skills needed for a technology-driven landscape.

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BIO OF THE SPEAKERS

MS. KANCHAN GUPTA
Ms. Kanchan Gupta is the Co-founder of CADRE ODR, an award-winning Online Dispute Resolution platform shaping the future of digital dispute resolution systems since 2019. CADRE ODR is the recipient of the Elevate 2023 – Karnataka Startup Award and a finalist at the National Startup Awards 5.0. With over two decades of experience in digital transformation, Kanchan works at the intersection of law, technology, and business. At CADRE, she is focused on scaling the Dispute Resolution OS, an AI-driven system designed to make dispute resolution faster, fairer, and more accessible. She regularly engages with dispute resolution practitioners, institutions, and policymakers, and currently teaches an elective at NLSIU, Bangalore titled Digital Justice: Online Dispute Resolution (ODR), Legal Tech and AI.

MS. SHUBHANGI BHARGAVA
Shubhangi Bhargava leads law, policy, and advocacy efforts at CADRE ODR, focusing on advancing the adoption of digital dispute resolution systems and exploring how technology and regulatory design can strengthen justice delivery and expand access to remedies. She graduated from Government Law College, Mumbai, and holds a Master's degree in International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights from the Geneva Academy. She has worked across international organisations, domestic non-profits, and government institutions, including the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), the United Nations, and the National Legal Services Authority (NALSA), focusing on issues of justice systems and access to justice.

17th March 2026 | **11:00 AM to 1:00 PM IST**

QF38, Sajjan Jindal Academic Block
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Civil Society Presence

1. Seminar on Technology and Timely Justice: Digital Courts, AI, and Data Governance

at India Habitat Centre, New Delhi, co-organised by Jindal Global Law School and National Law University, Delhi on 14 March 2026



Prof. Paavni Jain, Assistant Director at the Centre, represented CSCAILR as a panellist at this session, which brought together a distinguished group of voices from across law, technology, and the judiciary. Fellow panelists included Ms. Geeta Luthra, Senior Advocate, Supreme Court of India; AI founders Aryan Grover (VetoAI) and Parth Maniktala (Adalat AI); and Prof. Dr. Aparajita Bhatt. The session was moderated by Prof. Prajakta Kale.

Discussions spanned India's e-Courts infrastructure, the National Judicial Data Grid, the deployment of AI tools in judicial administration, the digital divide and its implications for access to justice, and the ethical and regulatory safeguards necessary as courts increasingly engage with AI. The engagement reflected a belief that thoughtful, evidence-based dialogue between the legal academy, the bar, the bench, and the technology ecosystem is essential to shaping India's AI governance landscape responsibly.

2. RISE: Legal India 2026

at RISE Mumbai on 25 February 2026



The poster for RISE Legal India 2026, Session 4, 'The Future of Training', is set against an orange background with a white grid pattern. At the top left, the text 'RISE Legal India 2026' is displayed in large white and black font. To the right, '25 February, Mumbai' is written in white. Below this, the session details '5:10 - 5:30pm | Session 4' and 'The Future of Training' are shown. Three speakers are featured with their portraits and names: Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas (Cyril Shroff, Founder of CAM), O.P. Jindal University (Sidharth Chauhan, Director, Cyril Shroff Centre for AI, Law and Regulation), and RSGI (Yasmin Lambert, Managing Director). At the bottom, logos for 'RE SIGHT Legal Intelligence Revisited', 'RS GI', 'Harvey', and 'iManage' are displayed, along with the text 'Presented and powered by' and 'In association with'.

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The Centre participated in RISE: Legal India 2026 in Mumbai. Prof. Sidharth Chauhan, Director of the Centre, spoke in Session 4 on the theme 'The Future of Training,' alongside Mr. Cyril Shroff, Managing Partner of Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas. The session was moderated by Ms. Yasmin Lambert, Managing Director of RSGI Limited.

institutions and law firms must reimagine capacity-building, legal education, and training for an AI-integrated professional environment. Prof. Chauhan's participation underscored the Centre's commitment to engaging with the practical dimensions of legal professional development at a time of significant technological transformation.

As AI systems rapidly reshape the legal profession, the session examined how

3. ASPI Private Roundtable on AI Metrics

at India Habitat Centre on 17 February 2026

Prof. Sidharth Chauhan, Director of the Centre, participated in an expert roundtable convened by the Asia Society Policy Institute (ASPI) on the sidelines of the AI Summit. The session focused on designing common metrics to measure the safety and trustworthiness of AI ecosystems across Asia, with particular attention to frameworks that uphold globally shared values while addressing region-specific risks.

The roundtable brought together a diverse group of stakeholders including AI policy experts, representatives of global digital

platforms, think tank researchers, technology entrepreneurs, and legal experts from across Asia and beyond, with participants drawn from the United States, Japan, South Korea, the UAE, Sri Lanka, Malaysia, Indonesia, Singapore, Australia, and Hong Kong. The session was moderated by Dr. Arun Teja Polcumpally, JSW Science and Technology Fellow at ASPI. Prof. Chauhan shared his views at the panel on legal challenges to AI regulation and immediate tasks for institution building required for AI governance.

4. 'AI and Higher Education' Session at Lady Shri Ram College for Women

held during National Seminar on 'Inclusive AI Development: Building Ethical, Accessible, and Equitable Futures,' Delhi



Prof. Krishna Deo Singh Chauhan, Associate Director of the Centre, participated as a panellist in a session on 'AI and Higher Education' at Lady Shri Ram College for Women (LSR), Delhi, as part of a national seminar on 'Inclusive AI Development: Building Ethical, Accessible, and Equitable Futures.' In his presentation, Prof. Chauhan highlighted that while AI is already making significant contributions to inclusion in education, constructive scrutiny of the landscape remains essential.

Prof. Chauhan drew attention to AI-powered tools – from adaptive learning

platforms to automated proctoring systems – that are deployed across Indian institutions, often without inclusion-specific governance frameworks. He noted that such systems can systematically disadvantage students with disabilities, whether through proctoring AI that flags atypical eye movement, detection tools that disproportionately affect non-standard writing patterns, or adaptive platforms that misclassify neurodiverse learners. The Centre remains committed to advancing research and policy discourse that ensures AI in education serves all learners inclusively.

5. 'Mind the Bot – Designing AI for Child Safety' Workshop

held as part of Youth in the Loop Pre-Summit Event organised by Young Leaders for Active Citizenship

Prof. Spriha Bhandari and Prof. Paavni Jain from the Centre participated in the 'Mind the Bot – Designing AI for Child Safety' workshop, which formed part of the Youth in the Loop pre-summit event hosted by Young Leaders for Active Citizenship (YLAC) in collaboration with The Quantum Hub (TQH), ahead of the AI Summit.

The workshop provided a valuable opportunity to engage directly with young people on how they see, interact

with, and integrate AI into their daily lives. A central takeaway was the urgent need for parents and the older generation to become more tech-literate, recognising that safe AI use for children cannot rely on restrictions alone but requires informed guidance and open intergenerational dialogue. The workshop also offered insight into the guardrails and safety measures being developed by platforms including Google and Snap to better protect young users while respecting their agency.



6. Closed-Door Roundtable on Online Content Regulation and Child Safety

hosted by Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas in New Delhi



The Centre contributed to a closed-door roundtable discussion on 'Online Content Regulation and Child Safety,' hosted by Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas. Prof. Sidharth Chauhan, Prof. Krishna Deo Singh Chauhan, and Prof. Paavni Jain participated as speakers, bringing the Centre's research perspective to bear on the evolving landscape of digital governance. The panel examined critical issues surrounding the proliferation of AI-generated content and the implications of the new IT Amendment Rules on synthetically generated data and takedown policies.

The discussion was further enriched by participation from leading think tanks, legal experts, academicians, and private sector representatives including Google, who shared perspectives on their technological safeguards and ongoing developments in content moderation. The roundtable was organised by the Public Policy team at Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas. The Centre remains committed to fostering informed, multi-stakeholder dialogues at the intersection of law, technology, and public policy.

7. Measuring Trust in Cyberspace: The CyberPeace Index Roundtable

at the CyberPeace Summit 2026, Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi on 10 February 2026

Prof. Nikhil Naren, Assistant Director at the Centre, moderated a featured roundtable at the CyberPeace Summit 2026 held at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi. The session, titled 'Measuring Trust in Cyberspace: The CyberPeace Index,' examined cyber norms, confidence-building measures, and trust frameworks that strengthen stability in the digital domain. The panel brought together an outstanding group of experts including Dr. Shruti Mantri (ISB Hyderabad), Maj. Sadhna Singh (NITI Aayog), Mr. Deepak Maheshwari (CSEP), Mr. Freddie Woolland (CWSRG), Mr. Edmon Chung

(DotAsia Organisation), Dr. Bich Tran (RSIS), Dr. Samiran Gupta (ICANN), and Dr. Muyambi Fortunate (East Africa Science and Technology Commission).

The session focused on how 'trust' in cyberspace can be operationalised – moving from high-level principles to implementable frameworks. Prof. Naren's moderation facilitated an evidence-led, solutions-focused dialogue on the measurable dimensions of cyber trust and the institutional mechanisms available to strengthen them.



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 **14:00 hrs onwards**

 **Echo L1-100, Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi**

10th Feb, 2026
SESSION
14:00 to 15:00

Measuring Trust in Cyberspace - The CyberPeace Index Roundtable examining cyber norms, confidence-building measures, and trust frameworks for stability in the digital domain.



Dr. Shruti Mantri,
Associate Director, Institute of Data Sciences, Indian School of Business, Hyderabad



Deepak Maheshwari
Senior Policy Advisor, Centre for Social and Economic Progress (CSEP)



Edmon Chung 
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Vice President, Stakeholder Engagement and Managing Director, Asia Pacific, ICANN



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Deputy Executive Secretary at East Africa Science and Technology

Moderator



Mr. Nikhil Naren
Chevening Scholar; Assistant Director, Cyril Shroff Centre for AI, Law and Regulation; Assistant Professor, Jindal Global Law School; and Of Counsel at Scriboard

8. JSW Centre for The Future of Law, NLSIU Working Paper Series Session

on 27 February 2026

Kashish Makkar, Associate Professor at the Centre, served as Discussant for a working paper presentation at the JSW Centre for the Future of Law Working Paper Series at the National Law School of India University (NLSIU), Bengaluru. The paper, authored by Bhavin Patel, Programme Director at TrustBridge Rule of Law Foundation, is titled 'Can Technology Augment Order Writing

Capacity at Regulators?' and critically examines the opportunities and challenges of deploying Large Language Models to assist regulatory order writing in quasi-judicial settings, with a focus on the Indian context. Prof. Makkar's contributions highlighted how this paper brings to fore the next elements of infrastructure required in implementing AI in regulatory decision-making.

9. Appointment as Legal Researcher: Columbia Global Freedom of Expression, Columbia University

Prof. Ashwin Upreti, Assistant Director at the Centre, has been appointed as a Legal Researcher by Columbia Global Freedom of Expression (CGFoE) at Columbia University. In this capacity, Prof. Upreti will curate content on platform regulation and judicial standards for CGFoE's flagship initiative, the Global Caselaw Database, which operates under the Office of the President of Columbia University.

The Global Caselaw Database is one of the

most comprehensive repositories of freedom of expression jurisprudence from courts and tribunals around the world. Prof. Upreti's appointment reflects the Centre's growing international reach and its contribution to global scholarly networks working at the intersection of technology, regulation, and fundamental rights. The role will further strengthen the Centre's engagement with comparative and international dimensions of platform governance and digital rights.

IN THE NEWS

Legally Speaking With Tarun Nangia, NEWSX



The Centre's leadership featured in a compelling episode of Legally Speaking, hosted by journalist Mr. Tarun Nangia on NewsX. The discussion brought together a distinguished panel including Mr. Cyril Shroff, Managing Partner of Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas; Prof. Sidharth Chauhan, Director of the Centre; Ms. Paridhi Adani, Partner at Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas; and Prof. C. Raj Kumar, Vice Chancellor of O.P. Jindal Global University and Dean of Jindal Global Law School.

The conversation examined how law and public policy must evolve to effectively respond to the opportunities and challenges presented by AI. The interview reflects the Centre's shared vision for responsible AI governance – one that balances innovation with ethical integrity, legal accountability, and societal well-being. The full interview is available to view at:

<https://lnkd.in/gHa-dCZv>

Nitivaani – The Legal Podcast

Prof. Krishna Deo Singh Chauhan, Associate Director of the Centre, featured in an episode of Nitivaani – The Legal Podcast, titled 'AI on Trial: Regulating AI?' The conversation explored the evolving challenges of AI governance and regulation, and the institutional frameworks shaping the future of AI. The discussion examined how law, public policy, and democratic institutions must adapt to the transformative capabilities of AI.

As AI continues to reshape economies and governance structures, engagements of this kind are essential to advancing thoughtful and responsible regulatory frameworks and to bringing expert perspectives on AI law and governance to wider audiences. The full episode is available at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jujD4FJbcnc>



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