

CONFERENCE REPORT

On

**Centre for Excellence in Cyber Law & Data Protection ICFAI Law School, IFHE,
Hyderabad.**

Two-day Interdisciplinary Hybrid Conference on Law, Technology & Security in the Age
of Generative AI

Date: 06th & 7th November

Date: 6th November, 2025

Time: 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

INAUGURATION

The Inauguration commenced with all the distinguished dignitaries gracing the occasion Prof. (Dr.) Md. Akbar Khan, Prof. (Dr.) T. Koti Reddy, Hon'ble Sri Justice G. V. Seethapathy, Major. General. Rajinder Kumar (Retd.), Dr. Karhale Sadanand Anantrao followed by the ceremonial lamp lighting accompanied by a soulful invocation song.

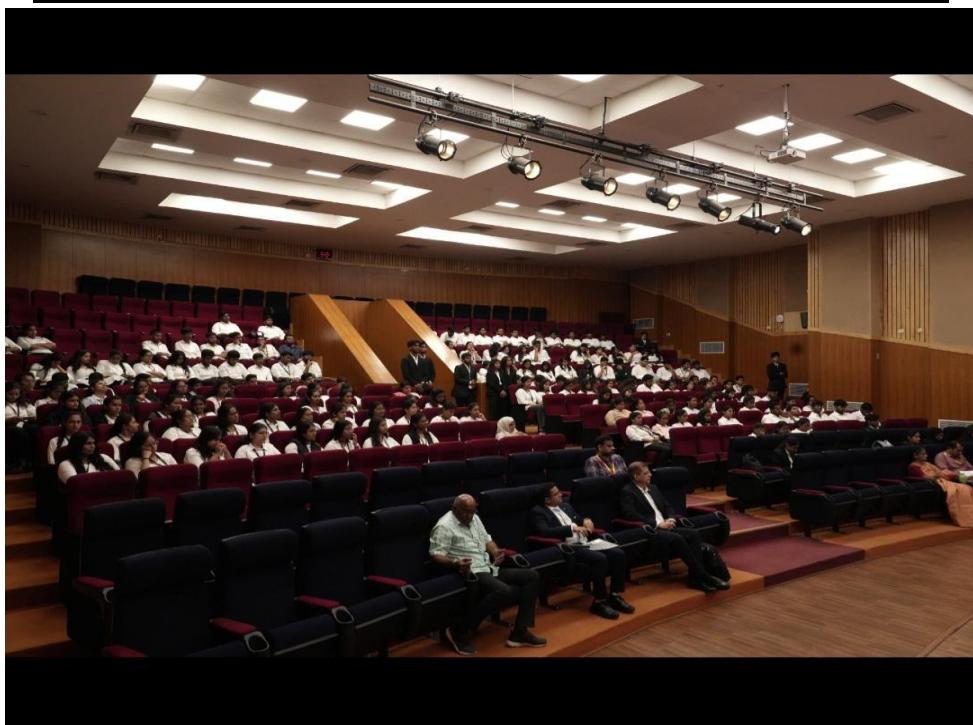
Welcomes Address: Prof. (Dr.) Md. Akbar Khan, in his Welcome Address, emphasized that technology should serve humanity, urging responsible AI governance under India's new framework. He cautioned against AI bias and called for ethical, transparent collaboration to ensure justice and meaningful dialogue.

Presidential Remarks: Prof. (Dr.) T. Koti Reddy highlighted the need for interdisciplinary research under NEP 2020 and strong data governance under laws like the DPDP Act and GDPR, urging a reimaging of legal systems to meet generative AI challenges.

Chief Guest Speech: Hon'ble Justice G.V. Seethapathy emphasized that AI should complement human intelligence, noting India's lack of comprehensive AI law and urging ethical, human-centered development guided by existing statutes and the upcoming "Seven Sutras."

Guest of Honour Speech: Major General Rajinder Kumar (Retd.), Guest of Honour, highlighted AI's transformative role in national defence, citing Operation Sindoora. He explained how AI and drone technologies have enhanced surveillance, precision, and real-time coordination while reducing human risk. Emphasizing ethical use and adherence to human rights, he concluded that "AI is a good servant but a bad master," urging responsible innovation in military technology.

Vote of Thanks: Dr. Sadanand Anantrao Karhale, in his Vote of Thanks, expressed gratitude to the Chief Guest, Guest of Honour, and dignitaries, acknowledged the leadership of the Vice-Chancellor, Director, and Prof. (Dr.) Md. Akbar Khan, and appreciated the faculty, staff, and student volunteers for making the inaugural session successful.



Technical Session 1:

Time: 12:30 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.

Keynote Speaker:

1. Mr. Mukesh Choudhary, Founder & CEO of Cyberops, Jaipur

Mr. Mukesh Choudhary highlighted AI's privacy challenges, including data misuse, facial recognition, and limited user control, and stressed AI's dual role in cyber threats and defense, urging an ethical, transparent, and privacy-focused framework.

2. Mr. Vinod Chandnani, CIO, Patel Engineering

Mr. Vinod Chandnani highlighted corporate accountability under the DPDP act, warning against data misuse and AI-driven misinformation, and stressed fostering a culture of date responsibility in India.

Chair: Prof. Dr. Arun Sharma, Associate Professor, Adani University

Dr. Arun Sharma described AI as a powerful servant that becomes dangerous if it thinks like a master, emphasizing the need for AI to empower, not overpower, humanity.

Co-Chair: Ms. Sridevi D Shet, Assistant Professor, ICFAI Law School, Hyderabad.

Dr. Sridevi opened the technical session, highlighting clarity, originality, and practical relevance in presentations, setting an encouraging tone for the session.

Participant 1(Offline): Anshumaan Patro, Student, ICFAI Law School, IFHE Hyderabad.

Title: “Interplay of Dark Patterns and Data Privacy in the Digital Era: An Indian Perspective”

Speaker: Mr. Anshumaan Patro highlighted dark patterns that manipulate consent, critiqued the DPDP Act for overlooking them, and called for stronger privacy-by-design regulations to protect digital autonomy.

Participant 2(Offline): Dr. Sri Priya, Faculty Associate, ICFAI Law School, Hyderabad.

Title: “Silent Crisis: Exploring AI Conversations and Teen Suicides”

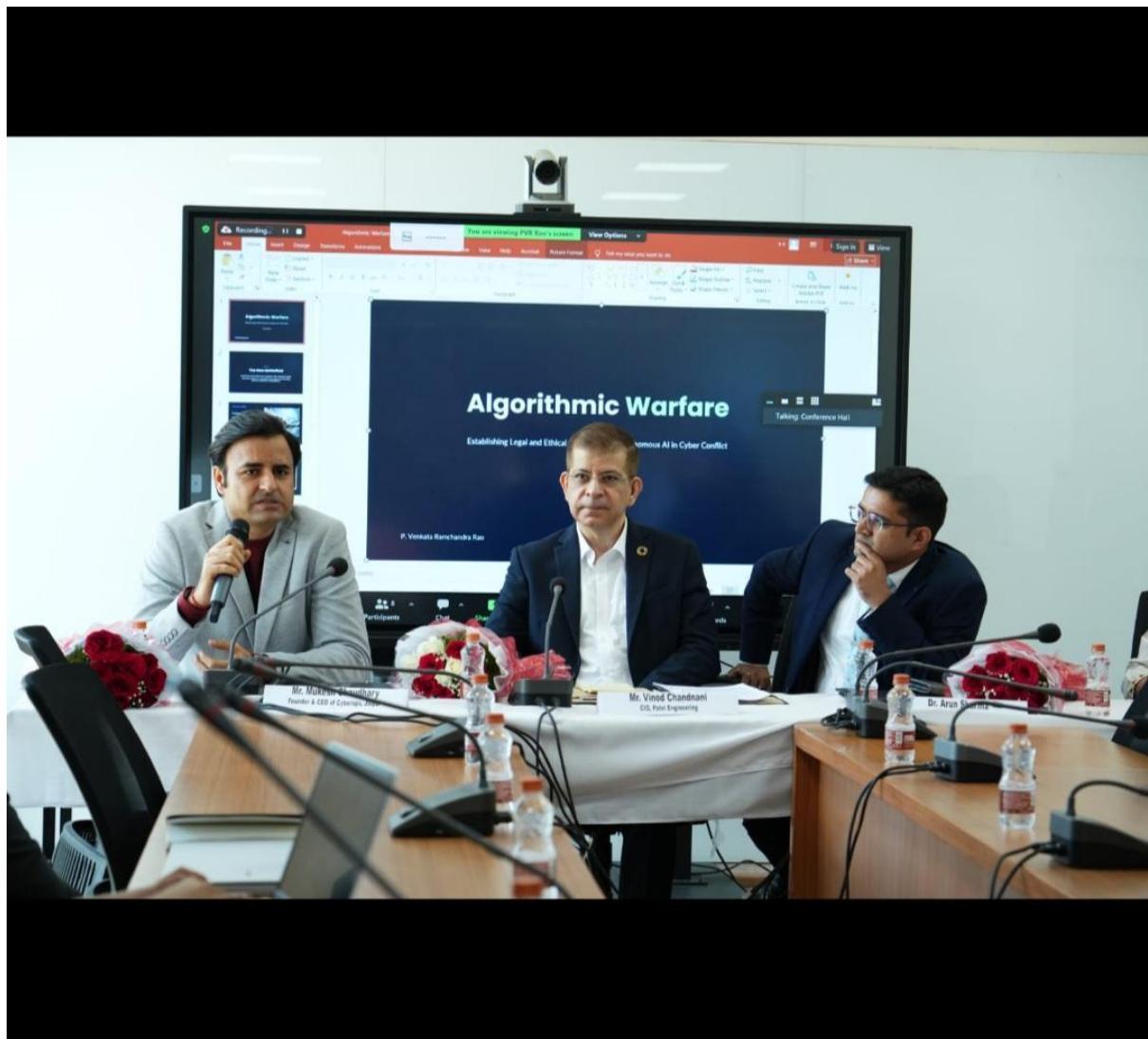
Speaker: Dr. Sri Priya highlighted teens' emotional dependence on AI chatbots and related mental health risks, urging ethical AI oversight, safety protocols, and legal and parental safeguards.

Participant 3(Online): P. Venkata Ramchandra Rao Assistant Professor, Dr B R Ambedkar Law College/ Research Scholar- ICFAI

Title: “Algorithmic Warfare: Establishing Legal and Ethical Guardrails for Autonomous AI in Cyber Defense and Offense”

Speaker: Mr. P. Venkata Ramchandra Rao highlighted ethical and legal risks of autonomous AI in cyber warfare, urging global regulations and human oversight.

The Keynote Speaker, Chair, and Co-Chair shared their remarks, posed insightful questions, and offered constructive feedback to the presenters.



Technical Session 2:

Time: 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Keynote Speaker: Mr. Krishna Chaitanya Katham, Senior Principal Consultant, Oracle

Mr. Krishna Chaitanya Katham highlighted AI's growing role in corporate and legal sectors, stressing ethical, research-driven innovation and its potential to governance and legal decision-making.

Chair: Mr. Shrikanth Mishra, AI & digital transformation leader, ISB Alumni

Mr. Shrikanth Mishra, emphasised the fusion of technology with corporate operations, highlighting cyber security, date governance, AI'S role in driving innovation, regulatory evolution and accountability.

Co – Chair: Shailesh Dhawla, Product Strategy Director, Oracle

Mr. Shailesh Dhawla, highlighted AI's ethical and legal challenges in hiring and date analytics, urging fair, transparent and human centered AI's governance to prevent misuse.

Participant 1(Online): Dr. D. Sheila Rani, Assistant Professor, ICFAI Law School, IFHE, Hyderabad.

Dr. Benerji Meghavaram, Assistant general manager (Legal), ICFAI Foundation for Higher Education, Hyderabad.

Title: "Harmonizing AI Laws: Comparative Insights from International Legislative Models"

Speaker: Dr. D. Sheila Rani compared global AI laws, including GDPR and India's DPDP Act, stressing stronger accountability and the need for harmonized, ethical governance.

Participant 2(Online): B. Sirisha Reddy, Research Scholar, ICFAI Law School, IFHE, Hyderabad.

Title: "The Role of Digital Forensics in Combating Evolving Cybercrimes – Legal and Ethical Challenges"

Speaker: Ms. B. Sirisha Reddy highlighted AI-era privacy risks, citing the Puttaswamy judgment, and urged privacy-by-design, oversight, and digital literacy, praising India AI Guidelines (2025).

Participant 3(Offline): Md. Ahsan Khan, Student, ICFAI Law School, IFHE, Hyderabad.

Asin Hibba, Student, ICFAI Law School, IFHE, Hyderabad.

Title: “Quantum Disruption and the Demise of Encryption: A Jurisprudential Inquiry into the Post-Quantum Reconfiguration of Data Protection Normativity”

Speaker: Ms. Asin Hibba discussed quantum computing's threat to encryption, urging post-quantum standards and resilience audits, with reference to global frameworks like NIST PQC and GDPR.

Participant 4(Online): Dr. (Prof). N. Venkateshwarlu, Head & Dean, of Faculty of Law, Osmania University, Hyderabad.

Asst. Prof. Nisha Agarwal, Research Scholar at IFHE University, Hyderabad

Title: “Legal Challenges posed by emerging threats in Cyberspace: A study on Deepfake, Ransomware, & Cyberwarfare”.

Speaker: Asst. Prof. Nisha Agarwal discussed cyber threats like deepfakes and ransomware, calling for a Comprehensive Cyber Threats Act and stronger international collaboration.

Participant 5(Offline): Deepanshi Srivastava, Student, ICFAI Law School, IFHE, Hyderabad.

Title: “Agentic AI and the Moral Crumple Zone: Anchoring Accountability in Autonomous Decision Chains”

Speaker: Ms. Deepanshi Srivastava discussed accountability in autonomous AI, proposing a Hybrid Accountability Model and tools like AI Nutrition Labels to ensure transparency.

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Technical Session 3:

Time: 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Sriram Birudavolu, CEO, Cyber Security Centre of Excellence, DSCI, Hyderabad.

Dr. Birudavolu highlighted AI and IoT dual-use risks, stressing privacy engineering, consent management, and accountability, and urged responsible use to balance innovation with ethics and law. He emphasized that understanding technology deeply is key to preventing misuse and ensuring societal benefit.

Chair: Adv. Pankaj Bafna, Founder, Bafna Law Associates

The speaker highlighted the growing importance of cyber law in a digitized world, urging students to develop strong acumen to tackle tech-related legal challenges, humorously noting that “the black coats will not rest in peace.”

Co – Chair: Dr. Karhale Sadanand Anantrao, Co-Coordinator, Assistant Professor, ICFAI Law School, IFHE, Hyderabad.

Participant 1(Online): Dr. M. Madhuri Irene, Associate Professor, ICFAI Law School, IFHE, Dehradun.

Divesh Chauhan, Assistant Professor, ICFAI Law School, IFHE, Hyderabad.

Title: "From Informed Consent to Algorithmic Consent: Evolving Data Protection Paradigms for Generative AI".

Speakers: The speakers discussed AI's impact on healthcare consent, highlighting ethical and legal challenges, and recommended dynamic consent, AI safety checks, multi-tier options, and professional training for responsible, patient-centered AI use.

Participant 2(Offline): Prof. (Dr.) S. V. Damodar Reddy, Professor, IFHE, ICFAI Law School, Hyderabad. Chingireddy Sony, Research Scholar, IFHE, ICFAI Law School

Title: "AI and the Changing Nature of Work: Rethinking Student Employability for the Digital Age"

Speaker: Ms. Chingireddy Sony discussed AI's impact on work and employability, recommending curriculum reform, industry collaboration, and lifelong learning to prepare students for the AI era.

Participant 3(Offline): Sai Pranav S, Student, ICFAI Law School, IFHE, Hyderabad.

Saravana Shriya, Student, ICFAI Law School, IFHE, Hyderabad.

Title: "Navigating the Quantum Frontier: India's Transition to Quantum-Safe Cryptography in Digital Payments".

Speaker: Sai Pranav and Saravana Shriya discussed quantum threats to India's digital payments and recommended post-quantum cryptography, regulatory sandboxes, and international collaboration for security.

Participant 4(Offline): Amrita Jayanth, Student, ICFAI Law School, IFHE, Hyderabad.

Siddarth, Student, ICFAI Law School, IFHE, Hyderabad.

Title: "India's Data Gambit: New Geopolitics of AI and Transatlantic AI Regulatory Divide".

Speaker: Siddarth discussed global AI regulatory divides and India's balanced approach, recommending stronger regulations, international cooperation, and ethical AI practices to ensure innovation, privacy, and accountability.

Participant 5(Offline): Y.Om Keerthi, Student, ICFAI Law School, IFHE, Hyderabad.

D Sai Aparna, Student, ICFAI Law School, IFHE, Hyderabad.

Title: “Protecting Childhood in the Digital Sphere: Evaluating POCSO’s Effectiveness amidst Technological Advancements”

Speaker: Ms. Y. Om Keerthi discussed digital risks to children and recommended legal reform, cyber safety education, and corporate accountability, emphasizing the need for safe and empowering online environments.

The session concluded with Mr. Sadanand Sir thanking all speakers, participants, and faculty for their support, especially Dr. Sriram Birudavolu and Mr. Pankaj Bhafna, and acknowledged Prof. Dr. Md. Akbar Khan for the opportunity to organize the event.



Technical Session 4

Time: 01:45 p.m. – 02:45 p.m.

Keynote Speaker: 1. Moses Mupeta, Lead Network Security & Control, Zamtel Ltd. (Online)

Mr. Moses Mupeta highlighted that a secure and sustainable digital future depends on blending innovation, inclusivity, corporate responsibility, and strong cybersecurity. He urged organizations to adopt these pillars collectively to build a resilient, ethical, and value-driven digital ecosystem.

2. Mr. Abhishhek Mitra, Founder & CEO of ICSS, Kolkata.

Mr. Abhishek Mitra emphasized cybersecurity, digital literacy, and “privacy by design,” highlighting CERT-In’s breach reporting requirements. He urged students to promote responsible, secure, and inclusive digital transformation while strengthening public trust in India’s digital ecosystem.

Chair: Mr. Sandesh Jadhav (Online) Chair, Advisory Committee – AI, Data Privacy & Technology Law, School of Law, Dhirubhai Ambani University.

Mr. Sandesh Jadhav highlighted cyber law, data privacy, and digital forensics, emphasizing privacy-by-design, the DPDP Act, and ethical data protection. He urged students to explore careers in AI regulation, cybersecurity, and data governance, stressing their crucial role in shaping the future of legal practice.

Co – Chair: Prof. (Dr.) Md. Akbar Khan, Centre Coordinator, Associate Dean, ICFAI Law School, IFHE, Hyderabad.

Participant 1(Offline): Aditi Dixit, Student, ICFAI Law School, IFHE, Hyderabad.

Varun Chakilam, Student, ICFAI Law School, IFHE, Hyderabad.

Title: “Lex Metaversi and Virtual Property: The Illusion of Digital Asset Ownership”

Speakers: Aditi Dixit and Varun Chakilam discussed virtual property in the metaverse and proposed the Lex Metaversi framework to ensure transparency, consumer protection, and enforceable digital ownership.

Participant 2(Online): Divesh Chauhan, Assistant Professor, ICFAI Law School, IFHE, Hyderabad.

Prof. Dr. Arun Kumar Singh, Professor, ICFAI Law School, IFHE, Hyderabad.

Title: “Unveiling Accountability in Artificial Intelligence Failures: A Thematic Analysis of Judicial Responses”

Speaker : They emphasized that courts currently rely on traditional doctrines, often holding developers or platforms responsible, underscoring the need for updated laws to address AI failures effectively.

Participant 3(Offline): Dr. M.V. Subhashiny, Assistant Prof, IFHE, Hyderabad.

Title: “The Blurring Lines of Sovereignty in Cyber Warfare”

Speaker: Dr. Subhashini discussed how cyberattacks disrupt a nation's critical infrastructure and challenge sovereignty. She urged global legal reforms to recognize such attacks as acts of aggression and called for stronger accountability frameworks under international law.

Participant 4(Offline): Jasjit Singh, Student, ICFAI Law School, IFHE, Hyderabad.

Deekshith S.B., Student, ICFAI Law School, IFHE, Hyderabad

Title: AI in ESG Reporting: Auditability, Greenwashing Risk & Legal Remedies

Speaker : Jasjit highlighted that AI can improve ESG reporting but stressed that strong regulations, auditability, and shared accountability are essential to prevent greenwashing and ensure trustworthy disclosures.

Participant 5(Online): Prachi Singh, Ph.D. Candidate, Icfai Law School, IFHE, Hyderabad.

P. Priya Raghavendra Ph. D. Candidate, Icfai Law School, IFHE, Hyderabad

Title: “Sustainable Digital Transformation; Corporate Responsibility for Equitable Development”

Speaker : Ms. Prachi Singh spoke on responsible digital transformation and recommended a Digital Responsibility Law and a National Digital Ethics Commission. She emphasized that technology should advance sustainably, benefiting people and the environment while ensuring ethical corporate practices.

The Keynote Speaker, Chair, and Co-Chair shared their remarks, posed insightful questions, and offered constructive feedback to the presenters.

The session concluded wonderfully, offering valuable insights and sparking engaging discussions on AI accountability.



VALIDICTORY:

The valedictory session was graced by Hon'ble Shri Justice M.S.K. Jaiswal, High Court for the State of Telangana, and Dr. Syamala Kandadai. Both dignitaries spoke about the various changes and developments brought about by Artificial Intelligence and expressed their happiness in being part of the event. The conference concluded with a heartfelt Vote of Thanks delivered by Rakesh Sir, who extended his gratitude to everyone involved in organizing and contributing to the success of this conference.

