



KLE SOCIETY'S LAW COLLEGE
BENGALURU

NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON

LAW AND PRIVACY

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ABOUT THE INSTITUTION

KLE Society was founded in 1916. Ever since its inception, it has seen tremendous growth and presently encompasses over 267 institutions, 16,000 employees and more than 1,25,000 students. Having celebrated a successful century, it is catering to diverse fields ranging from education, law, healthcare, pharmacy, nursing, agriculture, engineering to fashion designing and much more. KLE Society has made a difference in the world and gained global recognition. The legacy of selfless service and sacrifice left behind by the founding fathers is pursued sincerely by the Management to this day.

K.L.E. Society's Law College, Bengaluru was established in 1975 under the umbrella of Karnataka Lingayat Education Society and has been conceived as a nursery and training ground for those seeking to enter the legal profession. It is recognized by the Bar Council of India and is affiliated with the Karnataka State Law University, Hubballi. K.L.E Society's Law College, Bengaluru, is ranked as one of the top law colleges across the country by the leading national media houses continuously.

ABOUT THE PROGRAMME

K.L.E Society's Law College, Bengaluru, in order to promote critical thinking and research among the legal academia, organizes the National Conference every year. While the first edition of the conference was on the theme 'Post Liberalization Nuances of Organic Constitution', the second edition involved deliberations under the theme titled 'Media: Hopes and Despairs'. The third edition of the conference focused on the theme 'Transformative Constitutionalism in India'. The present and the fourth edition of the conference is themed on contemporary issues pertaining to Law and Privacy to be held virtually on 24th and 25th July 2021.



CONCEPT NOTE

Privacy has broad historical roots. In the philosophical tradition, Aristotle had made a distinction between the private and public sphere of activity. Early legal treatises on privacy can be found in multiple jurisdictions. Privacy has been recognised as part of human rights too under multiple international treaties and conventions in the last century. Multiple jurisdictions across the world have clearly recognised privacy as a significant right and have enacted laws to safeguard it.

In India, there have been discourses on privacy as an emerging right. The judiciary too has taken a favourable stance on privacy. However, privacy was expressly recognised as a fundamental right in India, only in the year 2017, in the case of *K. Puttaswamy v. Union of India*, where the Supreme Court elevated privacy as a fundamental right under Article 21 of the Constitution of India. Rather than putting a full stop, this case marked the beginning of a more serious debate around privacy in India.

The concept of privacy is multi-dimensional which makes it difficult to be defined precisely, both conceptually and legally. Its meaning is scattered and contextual and even though privacy has been recognised as a fundamental right, the debate around aptly defining privacy and coming up with an extensive legal framework to protect it under different circumstances remains a task. This is further aggravated by ever-evolving technology and the privacy concerns that come with it. In the modern times, the governments use technology to gather, store and process the data of millions of its citizens due to multiple reasons. There are concerns that technology can be deployed by the government to increase surveillance of the people. The increasing reach of the media in current times also has privacy implications for individuals. Above all, India still does not have comprehensive laws on privacy in place to regulate the existing concerns. Without such laws in place, there is lack of accountability on part of government and non-government actors which may result in breach of privacy.

Against this backdrop, this year's National Conference will focus on a large array of issues surrounding privacy. The agenda of the Conference involves privacy concerns and implications arising due to the use of social media and other forms of electronic and print media, actions of the state, the impact of existing information technology regulations on privacy and looking at the present as well as seeking a future course of action in formulating a comprehensive set of laws of protecting the privacy and fixing liability for its breach. Following are the broad themes proposed for the Conference:



THEMES

Theme 1 : Media and Privacy

This theme can include appraisal and comments on social media intermediaries and their impact on privacy, issue of consent with regards to the collection and storing information and accountability of such platforms, sting operations and its impact on privacy, media trials and privacy of the parties involved and other similar topics.

Theme 2: National Security and Privacy

This theme can include appraisal and comments on balancing security concerns and privacy implications, in light of multiple government schemes/applications, such as data leaks from collection agencies, banks, etc.; profiling of criminals/ suspects with the use of biometrics; decryption of data stored by online media platforms for security reasons; surveillance and its methods to prevent security threats and its abuse thereto; and other similar topics.

Theme 3: Privacy and Good Governance

The fundamental right to privacy needs to be backed up with comprehensive legislation. This theme focuses on inter alia the need to have a comprehensive law on privacy in India and how it will aid in better governance; existing laws and regulations and the road ahead; comparing privacy regulations with other jurisdictions like the European Union, South Africa, Australia, Canada and others; use of technology in good governance such as the facial recognition technology; Arogya Setu; Aadhar enabled public distribution scheme.

Theme 4: Privacy and Social Relationships

This theme focuses on concerns in the domain of social and interpersonal relationships of citizens. Protection of privacy enables a person to vary their behaviour and activities in various social circumstances and accords them better control and management of their lives. It includes inter alia the need for respect to gender identities, cultural and religious identities; protection against moral policing; prevention of stigma caused by divulging sensitive information and such similar aspects.

Abstract

- The registered participants shall submit their abstract on or before **30th June 2021** to nationalconference@klelawcollege.org with the subject line “**Abstract – National Conference**”.
- The abstract shall not exceed 300 words.
- It should include the following:
 1. Title of the paper
 2. Keywords
 3. Name of the author/s
 4. Designation
 5. Name of the institution
 6. E-mail address
 7. Contact details
- The participants will be intimated of the selection of their abstracts on **04th July 2021**.
- No communication will be made to the non-selected participants.

Full Paper

- Upon selection, the participants shall submit full paper after payment of registration fees to nationalconference@klelawcollege.org with the subject line “**Full Paper – National Conference**” on or before **17th July 2021**.
- The link of payment shall be sent to the registered email-id of the participants.
- The length of the full paper including tables, diagrams, illustrations, references, etc. shall not be less than 3000 words and shall not exceed 6000 words.
- The paper should be typed in Times New Roman 12-point font with 1.5 line spacing. The Footnotes shall be typed in Times New Roman 10-point font with 1 line spacing.
- A uniform method of citation should be adopted.
- Co-authorship up to 2 author(s) is allowed.

Publication

- Selected papers will be published by KLE Society’s Law College in an edited volume.
- The paper must be the original work of the author and must not be considered elsewhere for publication.

REGISTRATION, IMPORTANT DATES AND ORGANISING COMMITTEE

Who can participate?

We invite professionals, academicians, research scholars and students to participate in this conference.

Registration

Interested participants may register for the conference by visiting the below-given link.

Link: <https://bit.ly/3feQg9c>

Registration Fee

- Academicians and Professionals: Rs.500, Co-authorship: Rs.650.
- Students: Rs.250, Co-authorship - Rs.350.
- Participation is reserved on a first-come and first-serve basis.

Important Dates

- Last Date of Submission of abstract: 30th June 2021.
- Confirmation of abstract selection: 04th July 2021.
- Submission of full paper and registration: 17th July 2021.
- Dates of Conference: 24th- 25th July 2021.

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