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National Workshop on:

The Nuances, Applications, and Legal
Literacy surrounding AI in India



DATE:

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VENUE:

**Albert Huart Hall,
ST. XAVIER'S UNIVERSITY,
KOLKATA**



TIME:

**10:00am
onwards**

Artificial intelligence is reshaping legal research, drafting, document review, compliance, service delivery, legal education, and early legal careers. The legal profession is entering a phase where adaptability, judgment, and technological fluency will matter alongside doctrinal knowledge.

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ABOUT THE EVENT

Code.Court.Future is a National Workshop on “The Nuances, Applications, and Legal Literacy Surrounding AI in India” organized by Xavier Law School, St. Xavier's University, Kolkata, in association with Technology Counsel Foundation (TECOF), IIT Kharagpur. The programme is conceived as a focused, single-day national event aimed at promoting both technological understanding and legal literacy regarding Artificial Intelligence (AI).

The workshop seeks to address the growing need for interdisciplinary education by combining, technical understanding of Artificial Intelligence, ethical dimensions of AI, legal and regulatory frameworks governing AI, data protection and privacy laws, practical application through simulations and debate.

The programme is built around three interconnected pillars:

1. AI Literacy
2. Understanding AI's impact on law and work
3. Real-world policy and privacy discussions through structured debate

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WHY THIS WORKSHOP?

Artificial Intelligence has rapidly become a part of everyday life. AI is now used in, Search engines, Recommendation systems, Academic writing assistants, Data analytics platforms, Research tools, Professional workplaces. However, awareness regarding AI systems, Data privacy, Ethical concerns, Legal responsibilities remains relatively low among college students.

The workshop aims to bridge this gap by creating a platform where students can understand both,

- How AI works
- How law regulates AI and data usage

The programme is particularly important because legal professionals are increasingly expected to understand AI-driven technologies and their implications.

AI LITERACY

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

Artificial Intelligence is increasingly shaping the way we study, work, communicate, and make decisions. As AI tools become a part of everyday academic and professional life, it is important for students to understand not only how to use these technologies but also how to use them effectively and responsibly.

This workshop moves beyond a purely theoretical understanding of AI and focuses on practical AI literacy. Participants will be introduced to the different generations and types of AI systems, with particular emphasis on the rapidly growing field of Generative AI. The programme will explore a wide range of AI platforms and applications, demonstrating that the AI ecosystem extends far beyond commonly used tools.

Through demonstrations, simulations, and hands-on learning exercises, participants will gain practical exposure to AI-powered research, content creation, problem-solving, workflow automation, and other real-world applications. The workshop will also provide insights into how AI tools can be used more efficiently through effective prompting, task design, and responsible usage practices.

While essential concepts and legal considerations will be discussed, the primary focus will be on developing practical skills, critical awareness, and confidence in engaging with AI technologies in academic, legal, and professional contexts.

EVENT STRUCTURE

EVENT SCHEDULE:

10:00 AM - 1:30 PM	Morning Session: Workshop & Tabletop Exercise
1:30 PM - 2:30 PM	Lunch Break
2:30 PM - 4:00 PM	Post-Noon Session: Panel Debate
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Networking Session & High Tea

MORNING SESSION

WORKSHOP & TABLETOP EXERCISE:

Time: 10:00 AM – 1:30 PM

The morning programme is designed as a continuous and immersive learning experience that combines AI awareness, legal literacy, ethics, and practical problem-solving. Participants will first explore the foundations of Artificial Intelligence and the legal framework governing its use in India, and will then apply this knowledge through a realistic tabletop simulation based on a data breach scenario. The session is structured to help students move from understanding key concepts to actively engaging with real-world legal and compliance challenges.

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Part A: AI Awareness, Ethics & Legal Literacy

This session provides participants with a comprehensive introduction to Artificial Intelligence, its evolution, applications, and the legal and ethical issues surrounding its use. It is specifically designed to equip students with the knowledge required to navigate an increasingly AI-driven academic and professional environment. Participants will begin with an accessible introduction to Artificial Intelligence, tracing its development from Classical AI to Machine Learning, Neural Networks, Deep Learning, Generative AI, and Agentic AI. The session explains how these technologies function and highlights their growing relevance across education, law, governance, and everyday life.

The programme will then introduce the **Digital Personal Data Protection (DPDP) Act, 2023**, India's primary legislation governing personal data. Participants will gain an understanding of the objectives of the Act, important concepts such as Data Principals, Data Fiduciaries, and Consent Managers, and the responsibilities imposed on organisations that collect and process personal data.

Special attention will be given to how modern AI platforms process user information. Through practical examples involving tools such as ChatGPT, Microsoft Copilot, Google Gemini, Grammarly, Perplexity, and NotebookLM, participants will learn how data may be collected, stored, analysed, and potentially shared when interacting with AI systems.

The session will also focus on the rights available to students under the DPDP Act, including:

- Right to access personal data
- Right to correction of inaccurate information
- Right to erasure of personal data
- Grievance redressal mechanisms
- Role of the Data Protection Board of India

As AI becomes increasingly integrated into education, participants will be introduced to responsible AI use in academic settings. Discussions will cover safe data-sharing practices, data hygiene, and the precautions students should take when using AI-powered tools for research, writing, and learning.

Another important component of the session is academic integrity. Participants will examine the distinction between using AI as a learning aid and engaging in academic misconduct, while also exploring institutional expectations and the UGC's evolving approach to AI in higher education.

The programme further explores key ethical concerns associated with AI, including algorithmic bias, fairness, accountability, transparency, and the broader societal impact of automated decision-making. Finally, participants will examine the compliance obligations of colleges, developers, and student-facing digital platforms through practical examples and scenario-based discussions linked to the DPDP Act.

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Part B: Tabletop Exercise

Following the awareness session, participants will engage in a structured tabletop exercise. This practical component enables students to apply legal principles, analyse risks, make decisions under pressure, and collaborate with peers to develop an effective response strategy.

NOTE:

(THE SCENARIO WILL BE GIVEN BY TECOF MEMBERS AND ROLES WILL BE ASSIGNED ACCORDINGLY)

EXERCISE FLOW:

Briefing (10 min)- Facilitator presents the scenario and distributes role cards and database schema handouts.

Team deliberation (30 min)- Each team analyses the scenario from their assigned perspective using the provided materials.

Cross-team negotiation (15 min)- Teams present their findings and must agree on a unified incident response plan.

Debrief (15 min)- Facilitator reveals the model response path and maps each team's decisions to specific DPDP Act provisions triggered.

AI TRAINING OPPORTUNITY:

The best teams approximately two, from our college, selected by TECOF shall be given hands on training on every Saturdays in hybrid mode, as per the availability of the TECOF team. The AI training will be given to students on Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning.

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POST-NOON SESSION

PANEL DEBATE:

Time: 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM

The afternoon session will consist of a formal **Oxford-style panel debate** designed to encourage critical thinking, evidence-based argumentation, and active audience participation on one of the most important questions surrounding the future of Artificial Intelligence. Unlike a conventional panel discussion, this format requires participants to take clear positions either in favour of or against a specific motion and defend their viewpoints through structured arguments and rebuttals.

The debate will be conducted under the supervision of a faculty moderator who will ensure adherence to the debate rules, maintain neutrality, and facilitate audience interaction. A maximum of six panellists will participate, with three speakers arguing in support of the motion and three speaking against it. The panellists will be drawn from diverse backgrounds, including legal practice, academia, public policy, and the technology sector, ensuring a multidisciplinary examination of the issues involved.

The objective of this session is not merely to identify a “winning side,” but to expose participants to competing perspectives on AI, encourage informed opinion formation, and demonstrate how legal, ethical, economic, and technological considerations intersect in contemporary AI governance debates.

DEBATE MOTION:

“This House Believes that Artificial Intelligence creates more opportunities than it destroys.”

DEBATE FORMAT:

Opening statements- Each side presents its core argument (3 minutes per speaker).

Rebuttals- Each side responds to the other’s opening argument (2 minutes per speaker).

Floor questions- Audience poses questions to either side (15 minutes).

Closing statements- Each side summarises its case (2 minutes per speaker).

Audience votes- pre-and post-debate vote to measure opinion shift among participants.

Suggested sub-topics/ Key themes for Debate:

- AI and employment: job displacement vs. job creation
- AI surveillance: public safety tool or privacy threat?
- DPDP Act, 2023: adequate protection or toothless regulation
- AI in legal practice: Augmentation of lawyers or their displacement?
- Algorithmic bias: Is AI entrenching structural inequality?

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NETWORKING SESSION & HIGH TEA

Time: 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM

The final hour of the programme is designed as an important networking opportunity rather than a formal closing session. It provides an informal setting where participants can interact directly with panellists, faculty members, legal professionals, technology experts, and invited guests.

This session enables students to discuss ideas, seek guidance, explore career opportunities, and gain insights into the practical challenges and developments in AI, law, and technology. It also encourages meaningful connections among participants and experts, fostering future academic and professional collaboration.

Accompanied by high tea and refreshments, the session offers a relaxed environment for continued discussion, reflection on the day's proceedings, and the development of valuable professional networks.

OBJECTIVE

OF THE WORKSHOP

This workshop is designed to equip participants with a comprehensive understanding of Artificial Intelligence, its legal and ethical implications, and its practical applications. Through expert-led sessions, hands-on exercises, and structured debate, participants will develop both technical awareness and critical analytical skills necessary for responsible engagement with AI.

- To develop a comprehensive understanding of Artificial Intelligence, tracing its evolution from Classical AI to Agentic AI and examining its applications in academic, legal, and professional contexts.
- To provide participants with practical knowledge of the Digital Personal Data Protection (DPDP) Act, 2023, and its implications for the use of AI tools and platforms.
- To promote responsible, ethical, and legally compliant use of AI while identifying potential risks arising from misuse in educational and professional environments.
- To foster interdisciplinary engagement between law, technology, governance, and AI ethics, encouraging informed discussion on emerging challenges and opportunities.
- To strengthen critical thinking, legal reasoning, argumentation, and public advocacy skills through structured discussions and debate.
- To enable participants to analyse and articulate informed perspectives on the societal, legal, economic, and policy implications of Artificial Intelligence.
- To provide hands-on exposure to contemporary AI tools, equipping participants with practical skills for effective and responsible AI-assisted work.

OUTCOME & BENEFITS

OF THE WORKSHOP

Participants will:

- Understand AI technologies and applications.
- Learn their rights under the DPDP Act.
- Recognize compliance risks in AI usage.
- Gain practical experience through simulations.
- Improve debating and advocacy skills.
- Build professional connections.
- Become legally informed users of AI.
- Contribute to ethical AI governance.
- Develop expertise in emerging technology law.
- Strengthen career readiness for future legal and technological professions.
- Promote responsible AI adoption within institutions and society.

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CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

The programme exposes students to emerging careers in:

Technology Law- Technology Lawyer/ AI Law Specialist/ Legal Consultant for Technology Firms.

Data Protection and Privacy- Data Protection Officer/ Privacy Consultant/ Compliance Professional.

AI Governance- AI Ethics Specialist/ Responsible AI Consultant/ Regulatory Policy Advisor.

Research and Academia- Legal Research/ Technology Policy Research/ AI Governance Studies.

The workshop specifically highlights opportunities in:

- AI Law
- Data Protection
- Technology Ethics

REGISTRATION & PARTICIPATION

HOW TO REGISTER & PARTICIPATE?

The workshop is designed as an inter-college programme, bringing together students from law schools and allied disciplines across Kolkata and neighbouring institutions.

*Participation will be subject to a nominal registration fee of ₹250 per participant.
(Early Bird Registration: Applicable only till 31st JULY, 2026)*

REGISTRATION FEE DETAILS:

- **Early Bird Registration:** ₹250 (Applicable only till 31st JULY, 2026)
- **Standard Registration:** ₹280 (Applicable only from 1st August – 7th August, 2026)
- **Late Registration:** ₹320 (Applicable only from 8th August – 15th August, 2026)

LIMITED SEATS AVAILABLE. REGISTER EARLY TO AVAIL THE DISCOUNTED FEE!

MODES OF PARTICIPATION:

Institutional Nominations- Participating institutions may nominate students through designated faculty coordinators or institutional representatives.

Individual Registration- Interested students may register independently through the official registration channels released by the organising committee.

Institutional Delegations- Colleges may also send student delegations, with registrations coordinated directly between the institution and the organising committee.

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HOW TO REGISTER & PARTICIPATE?

ELIGIBILITY:

- Undergraduate and postgraduate law students.
- Students from allied disciplines with an interest in AI, technology, policy, governance, or data protection.
- Participants from colleges and universities across Kolkata and neighbouring regions.

REGISTRATION BENEFITS:

Registered participants will receive,

- Access to all workshop and debate sessions.
- Participation in the AI tabletop exercise.
- Networking opportunities with experts and professionals.
- Refreshments and high tea.
- Certificate of Participation.
- Opportunity to be considered for advanced AI training programmes offered through the collaborating organisation.

REGISTRATION PROCESS:

- Pay the prescribed registration fee by scanning the QR Code (given below).
- Fill the Google form (given below) and upload the Payment Receipt.
- Receive an acknowledgement mail for confirmation from the Organising Committee.
- Attend the workshop on the scheduled date with a valid institutional identity card.

THE LAST DATE FOR EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION OFFER IS 31st JULY, 2026

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GOOGLE FORM LINK: <https://forms.gle/gnGewHr4M4KJUgVE8>

SCAN TO REGISTER:



BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS :

Beneficiary Name : ST. XAVIER'S UNIVERSITY KOLKATA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Branch IFSC Code : CNRB0019721

Account Number : 97212010001155

Bank Name : Canara Bank

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