



SCHOOL OF LEGAL STUDIES

COCHIN UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Organizing

Two Day National Seminar on

Cyber Laws: Issues and Challenges

On January 6th & 7th, 2017

ABOUT THE SCHOOL OF LEGAL STUDIES

One of the oldest law schools in India, School of Legal Studies (SLS) was established in the year 1962 as a part of Kerala University offering post graduate courses and research in law. The Law School joined the folds of University of Cochin, in the year 1971, which was later reorganized and renamed as Cochin University of Science and Technology in 1986 for the promotion of graduate, post graduate studies and advanced research in various fields. Over the decades, since its inception, the Law School has blossomed into one of the top institutions among law schools engaged in teaching and research in India.

SLS has made valuable contributions to the study and research of law in the past 54 years, fully living up to the motto of CUSAT 'Tejaswinavadhitamastu' meaning 'may the wisdom accrued deify us both-the teacher and the taught and percolate to the universe' in its totality.

SLS offers LL.B., LL.M. and Ph.D. programmes. The LL.B. Programme, which started in 1994 as an evening programme, is now a semesterised full day programme. From 2009, as per the directions from the Bar Council of India, the 5 Year LL.B. course had been restructured and a B.B.A. LL.B (Hons.) programme is offered in its place. From the year 2013, SLS has also started B.Com. LL.B. (Hons.) programme. Both programmes consist of regular course of study spread over 10 semesters.

The LL.M. course is also a semesterised and credit based programme with continuous evaluation. From 2012, School of Legal Studies has been offering 3 Year LL.B. Programme for graduate students. The 3 Year LL.B. Programme consist of regular course of study spread over period of six semesters. SLS also offers both full time as well as part time Ph. D. programme in law for the purpose of encouraging research in contemporary legal issues.

ABOUT THE SEMINAR

Human civilization has, with the passage of time, made tremendous progress and consequently resulted in numerous inventions and discoveries. One of the greatest inventions of mankind is the development of personal computers and internet which led to the development of cyberspace. Computer provides efficiency and convenience in performing many day to day responsibilities. It allows people to communicate easily and share information. It also allows storage of huge amount of data and makes it easier to retrieve and exchange such data. The use and application of computers and internet covers almost every area of our day to day life including education, industries, government, medicine, scientific research, law, entertainment and even in warfare. Thus it is an accepted fact that the computers play an important role in our day to day life.

Like any other development in the science and technology, the developments in computers and internets are also not free from dangers. This is because internet cyberspace being one of the easiest and fastest media to spread information, there is a likelihood of its misuse by unscrupulous individuals. The cyberspace because of its diversity of contents, information, posts, pictures, opinions, ease accessibility and wide reach, pose several dangers to the society. The cyberspace can be utilized to attack people based on their actual or perceived race, ethnicity, national origin, religion, sex, gender, sexual orientation, disability, disease or political ideology, or to commit fraud financial and otherwise, or to commit certain acts which can cause threat to the government and nation and thereby to seriously impairs the peace of the society. Despite the various serious challenges posed by the misuse of cyberspace, surprisingly, there is no comprehensive law to regulate the same.

Therefore, it is highly necessary to discuss as to how far the existing laws in India are effective to tackle the various challenges posed by the

use and misuse of cyberspace. The '*Two Day National Seminar on Cyber Laws: Issues and Challenges*' attempts to examine these various challenges and concerns raised by the use and misuse of cyberspace and its regulatory framework.

CALL FOR PAPERS

Research papers are invited from the academicians, researchers, practitioners and students on the broad themes given below. An abstract containing not more than 350 words should be sent to the address mentioned below. On acceptance of the abstracts, full papers should be sent by the authors within prescribed time.

Themes

- **E- Commerce**
- **Cyber Crimes**
- **Jurisdiction and Investigation of Cyber Crimes**
- **Cyber forensics**
- **Admissibility of E - Evidence**
- **Protection of Consumers in Cyberspace**
- **Data Protection and Privacy concerns in Cyberspace**
- **Online Banking**
- **Cyber Security**
- **Net Neutrality**
- **Cloud Computing**

Papers are invited in any one of the above themes. The list is not exhaustive. The themes that are not covered above, but having relevance in the thrust area of seminar may also be submitted.

GUIDELINES FOR SUBMISSION

All abstracts and full papers must be submitted electronically via email to nscl2017@gmail.com in the format given below:

- The abstract should not be more than 350 words and must contain the following details such as Title of the Paper, Name of the Author, University/ Institution/ Organization, Email Address and Mobile Number.
- The full paper should be between 3500 - 4000 words (excluding the footnotes)
- The main text should be in Times New Roman with font size 12 and spacing of 1.5.
- All references must be in the form of footnotes. The footnotes should be in Times New Roman, font size 10 with single spacing. The authors should follow OSCOLA standard of footnoting.
- Co-authorship is allowed only upto two authors.
- All entries must be original and unpublished work of the author(s) and should not have been submitted for publication/published elsewhere in any form. Any sort of plagiarism will not be entertained.

Publication of Papers: The organizers propose to publish selected best papers of the Seminar as an edited book with ISBN Number.

IMPORTANT DATES

- Last Date of Sending Abstracts : 2nd November 2016
- Intimation regarding Selection of Abstracts : 8th November 2016
- Last Date of Sending Full Papers : 20th December 2016
- Seminar Dates : 6th & 7th January 2017

TRAVEL & ACCOMMODATION

- The participants are required to make their own arrangements for accommodation. However, limited numbers of rooms are available in University guest house on payment basis.
- All participants will be provided with Working Lunch, tea/coffee with snacks at the venue of the Seminar.

- No T. A. / D.A. will be provided to the participants by the organizers of the Seminar. The participants are requested to make their own arrangements for travel.

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