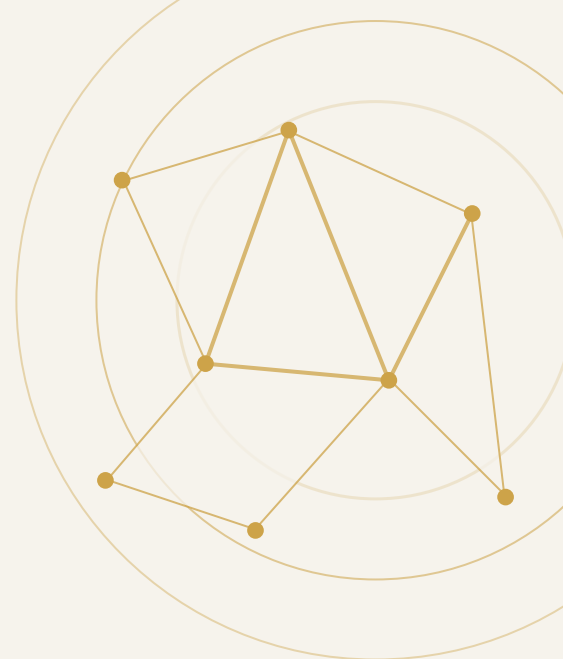




PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS OF IIT KHARAGPUR

8th Research Colloquium & Annual Research Scholars' Day 2026

THEME

Navigating the Wild: Law, Technology and the Architecture of Accountability

30 – 31 October 2026

HYBRID MODE

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS · KEY DATES

Submissions open 25 September 2026

Last date for submission 15 October 2026

Acceptance communicated by 22 October 2026

Last date for registration 25 October 2026

ORGANISED BY

Rajiv Gandhi School of Intellectual Property Law (RGSOIPL)
Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur

QUERIES

colloquiumrgsoipl@gmail.com

Institution Platform: India's first IIT and the law school it founded to bring legal scholarship to the frontier of technology.



IIT Kharagpur

ESTABLISHED 1951 · INSTITUTE OF EMINENCE

Established in 1951, IIT Kharagpur is the first Indian Institute of Technology and a pioneer of technical education and research in India. With 19 academic departments, 13 schools of excellence, eight multidisciplinary centres and over 25 central R&D units, it fosters a vibrant ecosystem for innovation and interdisciplinary inquiry.

Recognised as an Institute of Eminence in 2019, IIT Kharagpur was the first IIT to bring non-engineering disciplines such as law and management into its academic framework — a commitment to holistic, socially impactful education.

Yogah Karmasu Kauśalam — Excellence in Action is Yoga



RGSOIPL

ESTABLISHED 2006 · FIRST LAW SCHOOL IN AN IIT

Established in 2006, the Rajiv Gandhi School of Intellectual Property Law is India's first law school within a premier technology institute, envisioned to bridge law and technology. It ranks first in Legal Research among law institutions nationwide (NIRF 2024).

The School offers a three-year LL.B. (Hons.), a two-year LL.M. in Intellectual Property, International and Criminal Law, a Ph.D. programme and a Master's in Public Policy and Governance. Its scholars publish with Oxford, Cambridge, Wiley, Springer, SAGE, Taylor & Francis and Brill.

LL.B. (Hons.)

LL.M.

Ph.D.

MPPG

India's first law school inside a premier technology institute — where legal scholarship meets engineering rigour.



1951

India's first IIT

2006

RGSOIPL established

No. 1

Legal Research · NIRF 2024

SCHOLARSHIP PUBLISHED WITH

Oxford University Press · Cambridge University Press · Wiley · Springer · SAGE · Taylor & Francis · Brill

The Theme

Navigating the Wild: Law, Technology and the Architecture of Accountability

“Who should be accountable in a technology-driven, fast-changing and dynamic environment — and through what legal mechanism?”



The theme names a foundational abrasion of our time: technologies that are largely autonomous and opaque are being asked to function within legal bounds designed for a slower world.

FIVE FRONTIERS OF THE WILD

01

Artificial Intelligence

Far-reaching decisions without any real culpability for misfeasance.

02

Algorithmic Systems

Shape access to credit, employment and speech while invisible to those affected.

03

Decentralised Platforms

Relocate value across borders, outside the reach of any single jurisdiction.

04

Synthetic Biology

Reconfigures life at the molecular level — property, liability and biosafety.

05

Semiconductors

The chip race provokes complex dialogue on markets, environment and development.

Objectives

- 01 Provide research scholars a platform to present and validate ongoing research in a peer-reviewed environment.
- 02 Bring together leading scholars, practitioners and policymakers to advance interdisciplinary discourse on accountability at the law–technology interface.
- 03 Encourage rigorous, publishable research outputs on contemporary law and technology questions.
- 04 Reinforce the national and international visibility of IIT Kharagpur and RGSOIPL while celebrating the Institute's Platinum Jubilee.

THE REGULATORY MOMENT

The Colloquium is precisely responsive to the global regulatory moment:

- EU AI Act
- India's Digital Personal Data Protection Act 2023
- SEBI's algorithmic trading rules
- WIPO Conversation on IP and AI

It draws on RGSOIPL's distinctive tech-law identity to bring scholarly presentations, practitioner insight and policy debate onto one platform.

Sub-Themes

6

INDICATIVE
SUB-THEMES

Extended Abstracts are invited on the central theme and on the following indicative sub-themes, each branching from the architecture of accountability:

01

Algorithmic Liability & Technological Accountability

AI liability, automated decision-making in public administration, the adequacy of existing tort frameworks, explainability as a legal obligation and algorithmic bias in adjudication.

AI liability

Automated decisions

Tort law

02

Data, Privacy & Surveillance Architectures

Personal data protection under the DPDP Act 2023 and the GDPR, data fiduciary obligations, consent architecture in platform economies, state surveillance and the outer limits of AI in national security.

DPDP Act 2023

GDPR

Surveillance

03

The Regulatory Frontier: AI, Platforms & the Law

The EU AI Act, India's emerging AI policy framework and sector-specific regulation — SEBI on algorithmic trading, IRDAI on InsurTech and RBI on FinTech.

EU AI Act

SEBI · IRDAI · RBI

India AI policy

04

Intellectual Property in the Age of Generative AI

Ownership of AI-generated output, training data as fair use or infringement, patent law and AI-assisted invention, and the meaning of inventorship when the creative agent is non-human.

Generative AI

Fair use

Inventorship

05

Emerging Frontiers: Blockchain, Biotech & Beyond

Smart contracts, DAOs and the jurisdictional challenge of blockchain transactions; legal and ethical frameworks for gene editing, synthetic biology, CRISPR and AI-generated genomics.

Blockchain & DAOs

CRISPR

Synthetic biology

06

Chips, Sovereignty & the Courtroom

The legal anatomy of the global semiconductor industry — supply-chain structure, where legal pressure points lie, and what India's semiconductor ambitions mean for its law and regulatory institutions.

Semiconductors

Supply chains

Chip sovereignty

The list is indicative, not exhaustive. Submissions on any allied question within the central theme are welcome.

Programme & Formats

Two days, two occasions. The Colloquium is convened in Hybrid Mode, with the Poster Presentations and the World Café held in Offline Mode on the IIT Kharagpur campus.

2

DAYS · 30–31
OCT 2026

DAY 1

30 October 2026**Annual Research Scholars' Day**

The School's annual platform for research scholars to present work in progress, receive structured feedback and sharpen method before peers and faculty.

DAY 2

31 October 2026**8th Research Colloquium**

The thematic day of the Colloquium, bringing scholars, faculty and practitioners together on the central theme and its sub-themes.

Formats

■ Hybrid Mode

■ Offline Mode · On Campus

HYBRID MODE

Workshops

HYBRID MODE

Round Table Discussions

HYBRID MODE

Plenary Sessions

HYBRID MODE

Paper Presentation Sessions

OFFLINE MODE · ON CAMPUS

Poster Presentations

OFFLINE MODE · ON CAMPUS

World Café

■ Held on campus and simultaneously on the Colloquium's virtual platform. Joining details are shared with registered participants.

■ Held in person at IIT Kharagpur, in Offline Mode only. Open to participants registered for Offline Mode attendance.

All formats other than the Poster Presentations and the World Café are held in Hybrid Mode. A session-wise schedule will be shared with registered participants ahead of the event.

Call for Extended Abstracts

Research scholars, faculty and practitioners are invited to submit Extended Abstracts on the central theme or any of the sub-themes. Submissions are accepted only through the Google Form reached by the QR code.

Submission Requirements

LENGTH

800–1,000 words

incl. citations · title, keywords & cover page excluded

CITATIONS

OSCOLA, latest edition

as footnotes · 10 pt, single-spaced

FILE TYPE

Microsoft Word (.docx)

uploaded through the Google Form only

FORMATTING

Times New Roman 12 pt

1.5 line spacing · justified · 1-inch margins

FRONT MATTER

Title, keywords, sub-theme

up to five keywords, placed at the head of the abstract

COVER PAGE

Separate cover page

name(s), designation, affiliation, email & contact number

AUTHORSHIP

Maximum two authors

per abstract

REVIEW

Blind peer review

the abstract must carry no identifying detail

FILE NAME Surname_ExtendedAbstract_RC2026.docx

QR CODE

Abstract Submission

Google Form

Scan to open the submission form

How to Submit

Scan the QR code, complete the Google Form and upload the .docx file. Abstracts sent by email are not considered. Decisions are communicated by email on a rolling basis.

EARLY SUBMISSION IS HIGHLY ENCOURAGED

Acceptances are issued on a rolling basis as abstracts are reviewed. Submitting early secures an earlier decision and more time to prepare the presentation.

Key Dates

Queries on submissions: colloquiumrgsoipl@gmail.com

SUBMISSIONS OPEN

25 September 2026

Rolling acceptance begins

LAST DATE FOR SUBMISSION

15 October 2026

Google Form closes

ACCEPTANCE NOTIFIED BY

22 October 2026

Final acceptances issued

AI POLICY

We allow the use of generative AI and similar technologies for extended abstract submissions only for minor language or formatting improvements (including formatting references).

Authors must not use AI tools for ideation, literature review, argument development, drafting, or citation generation. Any use must be disclosed at the time of submission in the extended abstract draft itself, specifying the tool, version, purpose and how it was used. Violation of this policy may lead to rejection, retraction, or other measures deemed necessary by the organising committee.

Dates, Awards & Certificates

The milestones from the opening of submissions to the Colloquium itself — and what presenters and participants take away.

Important Dates

25
SEP

25 September 2026
Submissions open · rolling acceptance begins

15
OCT

15 October 2026
Last date for submission of Extended Abstracts

22
OCT

22 October 2026
Last date for communicating acceptance

25
OCT

25 October 2026
Last date for registration

REGISTRATION DEADLINE

30–31
OCT

30–31 October 2026
8th Research Colloquium & Annual Research Scholars' Day · Hybrid Mode

Best Paper Awards

1st
BEST PAPER AWARD
Attractive prize

2nd
BEST PAPER AWARD
Attractive prize

3rd
BEST PAPER AWARD
Attractive prize

Attractive prizes await the winners of the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Best Paper Awards, adjudged from the papers presented at the Colloquium.

Early submission is highly encouraged — acceptances are issued on a rolling basis as abstracts are reviewed.

Certificates

FOR PRESENTERS

2 CERTIFICATES

**Certificate of Presentation +
Certificate of Participation**

Participants who present an accepted Extended Abstract receive a separate Certificate of Presentation and a Certificate of Participation.

FOR PARTICIPANTS

1 CERTIFICATE

Certificate of Participation

Registration is open to those who wish to attend without submitting an Extended Abstract. Every registered participant receives a Certificate of Participation.

Participants are encouraged to register for the event even if they do not wish to submit an Extended Abstract.

Registration & Fees

Registration is open to presenters and to participants attending without a submission.
Fees are paid through the Continuing Education Programme (CEP), IIT Kharagpur.

CEPFEE PAYMENT VIA
THE CEP PORTAL,
IIT KHARAGPUR**ATTENDING IN OFFLINE MODE**

CATEGORY	INDIA	SAARC (OTHER THAN INDIA)	NON-SAARC
Category 1 · Students / Research Scholars	₹ 2,000	USD 30	USD 100
Category 2 · Faculty / Industry	₹ 5,000	USD 100	USD 250

ATTENDING ONLINE

CATEGORY	INDIA	SAARC (OTHER THAN INDIA)	NON-SAARC
Category 1 · Students / Research Scholars	₹ 1,500	USD 20	USD 80
Category 2 · Faculty / Industry	₹ 4,000	USD 80	USD 200

Fees are exclusive of GST and any other applicable taxes. What the fee does and does not include is set out under Terms & Accommodation on the next page.

How to Register

25 OCTOBER 2026

LAST DATE FOR REGISTRATION

- 01 Scan the QR code to open the Continuing Education Programme (CEP), IIT Kharagpur page.
- 02 Select the 8th Research Colloquium & Annual Research Scholars' Day 2026 from the list of events and register in the applicable category and mode.
- 03 Follow the registration manual available on the CEP home page, complete the payment and retain the acknowledgement.

QR CODE**Event Registration**
CEP, IIT Kharagpur

Scan to open the CEP registration page

Attending without presenting? You are equally welcome to register — a Certificate of Participation is issued to every registered participant. Registration closes on 25 October 2026.

Terms & Accommodation

What the registration fee covers, what it does not, and how to arrange a stay on campus for those attending in Offline Mode.

What the Fee Covers



Conference kit

One conference kit for each participant.



Food & beverages

Food and beverages served at the conference.



Access to all sessions

Access to the Poster Presentation and World Café is limited to offline participants.

Please Note

01

Taxes extra

Registration fees are exclusive of GST and any other applicable taxes.

02

Accommodation not included

The fee does not include the cost of accommodation.

03

Meals at the venue only

Food and beverages beyond what is served at the Colloquium are not included.

04

No travel allowance

The Institute provides no travel allowance; participants make their own arrangements.

05

Offline-only formats

Poster Presentations and the World Café are held on the IIT Kharagpur campus only.

STAY ON CAMPUS

Accommodation at IIT Kharagpur

Limited accommodation is available at the IIT Kharagpur Guest House on additional payment, for participants attending in Offline Mode. Room tariffs are listed on the Institute's official website.



01

Limited rooms

Availability is limited and subject to Guest House occupancy on the dates of the event.

02

Additional payment

Rooms are charged separately from the registration fee, at the tariff on the official website.

03

First come, first served

Rooms are allocated in the order in which requests reach the Organising Committee.

To request a room, write to the Organising Committee at

colloquiumrgsoipl@gmail.com

Bookings are made through the Organising Committee only and are confirmed on a first come, first served basis.

Participants attending online do not require accommodation; joining details are shared with registered participants ahead of the event.

Get in Touch

For queries on registration, abstracts, accommodation or the programme, the Organising Committee is one message away.



EMAIL

colloquiumrgsoipl@gmail.com

01

CONTACT PERSON 1

[Name]

[Contact Number]

02

CONTACT PERSON 2

[Name]

[Contact Number]

Contact persons are available on working days, 10:30 AM to 6:00 PM.



ORGANISED BY

Rajiv Gandhi School of Intellectual Property Law

Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur
Kharagpur – 721302, West Bengal, India

PLATINUM JUBILEE GRANT · OR 06

Organised under the Platinum Jubilee Grant Scheme (OR 06) of the Office of the Dean, Outreach, Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur, in celebration of 75 years of excellence in science, technology, and national service.

We look forward to welcoming you to the 8th Research Colloquium.

30–31 October 2026 · Hybrid Mode · Navigating the Wild: Law, Technology and the Architecture of Accountability