



# Privacy Matters

Hyderabad July 9 2011

10:30 am - 4:30pm

On behalf of Privacy India, and in partnership with IDRC, ANVESH I Research Center and Center for Media, Law & Policy, NALSAR Hyderabad I would like to invite you to "Privacy Matters" a public conference focused on discussing the challenges and concerns to privacy in India. The event will be held at (TBC), Hyderabad. We would be honoured if you would attend the meeting and contribute your views.

The conference will focus on the questions and dilemmas posed by privacy in India today, with a concentration on human rights and privacy. The right to privacy in India has been a neglected area of study and engagement. Although sectoral legislation deals with privacy issues, India does not as yet have a horizontal legislation that deals comprehensively with privacy across all contexts. The absence of a minimum guarantee of privacy is felt most heavily by marginalized communities, including HIV patients, children, women, sexuality minorities, prisoners, etc. – people who most need to know that sensitive information is protected.

Privacy India ([www.privacyindia.org](http://www.privacyindia.org)) was established in 2010 with the objective of raising awareness, sparking civil action and promoting democratic dialogue around privacy challenges and violations in India. One of our goals is to build consensus towards the promulgation of a comprehensive privacy legislation in India through consultations with the public, legislators and the legal and academic community.

Please confirm your participation with me at [jayashree@privacyindia.org](mailto:jayashree@privacyindia.org)

We sincerely hope you will be able to attend and look forward to your participation.

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## Agenda

### 10:30 – 11:00 *Session I: Welcome*

#### **Privacy in India**

#### **Prashant Iyengar**

*Prashant Iyengar* is a lawyer and lead researcher for Privacy India. He will present who Privacy India is, and the objectives of Privacy India's research. Lastly, he will outline the present scenario of Privacy in India with specific examples of privacy and human rights issues.

### 11:00 -11:45 **Keynote Speech**

#### **Privacy and the Legal System**

#### **Justice AP Shah**

Justice AP Shah was the Chief Justice of the Delhi High Court from 2008 – 2010. In that position he made many bold and fundamental judgments' including a ruling that found the prohibition of homosexual acts in Indian law to be discriminatory and a violation of equality and personal dignity. In his presentation he will look at the trajectory of privacy through the years from a legal perspective.

### 11:45 – 12:00 **Tea Break**

### 12:00 – 1: 00 *Session II Human Rights and Privacy*

#### **Privacy, Human Rights, and Legal Contradictions**

#### **Justice Narasimha Reddy**

Justice Narasimha Reddy became a judge of the A.P. High Court in 2001. In his time as Judge he has made many important rulings including his recent judgment on the making chapter eight of the Srikrishna report, which pertains to law and order and internal security dimensions, open to the public. In his presentation he will focus on how privacy is defined in the legal context, and the social and legal contradictions that have come about in light of privacy.

#### **Privacy and Farmers Suicides**

#### **Sajaya: Caring Citizens Collective (To Be Confirmed)**

*Sajaya* is a member of the Caring Citizens Collective, an organization that aims at enabling the most vulnerable members of families affected by starvation deaths and farmers/weavers

suicide to overcome despair and face the crisis. Her presentation will focus on what role privacy plays in the greater picture of farmers suicides.

**1:00 – 2:00**      **Lunch Break**

**2:00 – 3:00**      ***Session III: Privacy and Labour Rights***

**Protection of Privacy Rights in the workplace**

**K. Pardha Saradhi: All India's Lawyer Union**

K. Pardha Saradhi is the president of the All India's Lawyer Union A P chapter. He specializes in the area of labor rights. In his presentation he will focus on the privacy rights of employees in the work place.

**Understanding Privacy and Labour Law**

**Vasudha Nagaraj: Anveshi**

Vasudha Nagaraj works in the Law and Critical Legal Theory Initiative at Anveshi Research Center for Women Studies in Hyderabad. She is a practicing lawyer in the Family Courts in Hyderabad defending women in various registers of marital rights and obligations. Her primary interests are in engaging with questions of women's negotiations with the courts. In her presentation she will focus the nuances of Labor Law and how they protect/violate individuals privacy.

**Corporate use of the Right to Privacy**

**Dr. Satyalakshmi: The Movement Against Uranium Project**

Dr. Satyalakshmi is a leader for the Movement against Uranium Project. Using the proposal for a power plant at Kovvada in Ranasthalam mandal of Srikakulam district as a case study, Dr. Satyalashmi will focus her presentation on corporate abuse of the right to privacy.

**3:00 – 3:45**      ***Session IV: Privacy and Minorities***

**Media Law, Privacy, and Minorities**

**Prof. Sridhar Archaryalu: NALSAR University of Law**

Prof Sridhar Acharyalu is currently the co-ordinator for the Center for Media Law & Policy and the head of the IP Center at the NALSAR University of Law, Hyderabad. He has also worked as an independent journalist and for different magazines and newspapers. He will look at how the media can invade privacy, and specifically violate the privacy of minorities.

**Privacy and Minorities**

**Latif M Khan**

Latif Khan is an activist for the Human Right Forum based in Hyderabad, and has worked vigorously to protect the human rights of minorities. His presentation will focus on privacy as a necessary human right for minorities.

**3:45 – 4:00**      **Tea Break**

**4:00 – 4:30**      **Open Discussion and Opinion Sharing**



