

# ALL INDIA PRIVACY SYMPOSIUM

Dear Sir/ Madam,

Privacy India in partnership with the International Development Research Centre, Canada, Society in Action Group, Gurgaon, Privacy International, UK and Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative is organizing the All India Privacy Symposium at the India International Centre, New Delhi on Saturday, February 4, 2012.

Since June 2010, Privacy India has been engaging in discussions with policy makers, the public and sectoral experts about privacy in India. The discussions have ranged from topics of identity and privacy, to minority rights and privacy, and consumer privacy. The findings of our research show that privacy was a neglected area of study for India in the past, however, this is changing. Advancements in technology, the introduction of e-governance initiatives like the National Fibre Optic Network, the introduction of new legislations, and debates surrounding national security, have brought privacy debates to the forefront in India. Although currently sectoral legislation deals with privacy issues, e.g., the Telegraph Act or RBI guidelines for banking, India has just begun to consider a horizontal legislation that deals comprehensively with privacy across all contexts. This conference is an opportunity to look forward to what could be the future scope of privacy in India.

Privacy India was set up in collaboration with the Centre for Internet and Society, Bangalore and Society in Action Group, Gurgaon, under the auspices of an international organization 'Privacy International'. Privacy International is a non-profit group that provides assistance to civil society groups, governments, international and regional bodies, the media and the public in a number of countries. For more info, visit its website [www.privacyinternational.org](http://www.privacyinternational.org).

This is a public meeting. For participation in the event, get in touch with Elonnai ([elonnai@cis-india.org](mailto:elonnai@cis-india.org))

Sincerely,

Elonnai Hickok

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9.30 AM - 5:00 PM  
THE INDIAN INTERNATIONAL CENTRE,  
NEW DELHI

AGENDA

9:30 am - 10:00 am	<b>REGISTRATION</b>
10:00 am - 10:15 am	<b>WELCOME &amp; INTRODUCTION TO PRIVACY INDIA</b> Elonnai Hickok ( <i>Policy Advocate, Privacy India</i> )
10:15 am - 10:30 am	<b>TEA BREAK</b>
10:30 am - 11:30 am	<b>PANEL I: PRIVACY AND TRANSPARENCY</b> MODERATOR: Sunil Abraham ( <i>Executive Director, Centre for Internet &amp; Society</i> ) PANELISTS: Prashant Bhushan ( <i>Senior Advocate, New Delhi</i> ), Simon Davies ( <i>Director General, Privacy International, UK</i> ), Ponnurangam K ( <i>Assistant Prof, IIT New Delhi</i> ), Chitra Ahanthen ( <i>Journalist, Imphal</i> ), Aruna Roy ( <i>Social &amp; Political Activist</i> ), Deepak Maheshwari ( <i>Director Corporate Affairs, Microsoft</i> ) POSTER: Srishti Goyal ( <i>Law Student</i> )
11:30 am - 12:30 pm	<b>PANEL II: PRIVACY AND E-GOVERNANCE INITIATIVES</b> MODERATOR: Sudhir Krishnaswamy ( <i>Professor, Azim Premji University</i> ) PANELISTS: Anant Maringanti ( <i>Independent Social Researcher</i> ), Usha Ramanathan ( <i>Advocate&amp;Social Activist</i> ), Ram Sewak Sharma ( <i>Director General, UIDAI</i> )*, Gus Hosein ( <i>Executive Director, Privacy International, UK</i> ), R K Singh ( <i>Union Home Secretary, New Delhi</i> )*, Apar Gupta ( <i>Advocate, Supreme Court of India</i> ) POSTER: Adrija Das ( <i>Law Student</i> )
12:30 pm - 1:30 pm	<b>LUNCH</b>
1:30 pm - 2:30 pm	<b>PANEL III: PRIVACY AND NATIONAL SECURITY</b> MODERATOR: Justice A P Shah ( <i>Former Chief Justice, Delhi High Court</i> ) PANELISTS: Menaka Guruswamy ( <i>Advocate, Supreme Court, New Delhi</i> ), Amol Sharma ( <i>Journalist, Wall Street Journal</i> )*, Saikat Datta ( <i>Journalist, DNA</i> ), Eric King ( <i>Human Rights and Technology Adviser, Privacy International, UK</i> ), Prasanth Sugathan ( <i>Legal Counsel, Software Freedom Law Center</i> ), Oxblood Ruffin ( <i>Cult of the Dead Cow Security and Publishing Collective</i> ) POSTER: Suchithra Menon ( <i>Law Student</i> )
2:30 pm - 3:30 pm	<b>PANEL IV: PRIVACY AND BANKING</b> MODERATOR: Prashant Iyengar ( <i>Associate Professor, Jindal Law University</i> ) PANELISTS: M R Umarji ( <i>Chief Legal Advisor, IBA</i> ), N A Vijayashankar ( <i>Cyber Law Expert</i> ), Sucheta Dalal ( <i>Managing Editor, MoneyLife Magazine</i> )*, Malavika Jayaram ( <i>Advocate, Bangalore</i> ), POSTER: Malavika Chandu ( <i>Law Student</i> )
3:30 pm - 3:45 pm	<b>TEA BREAK</b>
3:45 pm - 4:45 pm	<b>PANEL V: PRIVACY AND HEALTH</b> MODERATOR: Ashok Row Kavi ( <i>Journalist &amp; LGBT Activist</i> ) PANELISTS: K K Abraham ( <i>President, Indian Network for People with HIV</i> ), Shri Sayan Chatterjee ( <i>Secretary, National Aids Control Organization</i> )*, Dr V M Katoch ( <i>Secretary, Department of Health Research</i> )*, Dr B S Bedi ( <i>Advisor, CDAC &amp; Media Lab Asia</i> ) POSTER: Danish Sheikh ( <i>Alternative Law Forum</i> )
4:45 pm - 5:00 pm	<b>THE WAY FORWARD</b> Elonnai Hickok ( <i>Policy Advocate, Privacy India</i> )

\*Participants to be confirmed