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NATIONAL CONFERENCE-2026

**TOWARDS 2050: REIMAGINING CRIME AND
CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM IN THE ERA
OF AI & ML**

3rd & 4th April 2026

ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

The world is experiencing rapid changes, and with these changes, the nature of human behaviour is evolving, particularly in the realm of crime. We see dynamics of criminal activities are shifting swiftly, especially in this era of digital evolution. As more activities move online, traditional forms of crime are adapting to a digital landscape. In India, however, we continue to cope with how to manage these new-age crimes, as our legal framework has not kept pace with the unique challenges posed by digital offenses. While there has been research in this area, much of it focuses on short-term solutions based on existing legislation. This conference aims to look ahead, considering the next 20 years and beyond. In this conference, we intend to forecast future crimes to inform law updates and stay ahead of digital threats. The primary objective of this conference is to enhance our ability to prevent modern and future crimes. We will engage in a thoughtful examination of the transition from conventional methods to digital crimes and promote the modernization of legal frameworks to align with the advancements in digital technology. We will examine current laws and identify gaps, comparing them with regulations from other countries. Additionally, we will explore emerging types of crime committed in the digital realm. Ultimately, our aim is to propose necessary changes to effectively manage future criminal activities. As we delve into the intricate tapestry of crime and its digital transformation, it becomes evident that we stand at a pivotal crossroads where technology and morality intersect. This conference is not just an academic endeavour; it's a call to action for legal scholars, law enforcement, and policymakers to unite in crafting a visionary framework that anticipates the unforeseen challenges of the digital era. Imagine a future where the law is not merely reactive but proactively sculpted to safeguard society against sophisticated digital threats. By harnessing innovative thinking and collaborative insights, we can forge a more resilient legal system—one that not only punishes transgressions but also educates and empowers citizens in the face of evolving criminal tactics. Together, we can illuminate a path toward a safer, more just future, where the promise of technology is realized without falling prey to its perils."

ABOUT SAGE UNIVERSITY

SAGE University Indore was set up as a private university in 2016 under the Madhya Pradesh private university act in 2007. Sage University Indore (Accredited by NAAC Graded A+) It offers 131 Under graduates, Post graduates, degree, diploma, and Ph.D. programs across 14 multi-disciplinary institutes in various streams, such as applied sciences, agriculture, architecture, management, law, computing, engineering and technology, journalism, mass communication, banking, finance, etc. The university is recognized by the UGC, AICTE Bar Council of India and other regulatory bodies. It is India's first university to be awarded for excellence in online education by QS I GAUGE E-LEAD. SAGE University, Indore has been conferred with the status of a top private university in central India by M. Venkaiah Naidu, vice-president of India, and the best university of Madhya Pradesh by Kamal Nath, Former Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh in 2019. SAGE University is one of the top innovative universities in central India that not only helps all to dream, but also drives, moves, and gears all up to bring in that very essential component called 'changes' that makes our tomorrow better.

ABOUT INSTITUTE OF LAW & LEGAL STUDIES

Institute of Law & Legal Studies SAGE University Indore was established in year 2018 offers 5 year integrated programs that are B.A.LL.B.(Hons.), B.B.A.LL.B.(Hons), LL.B(Hons.) three year program, LL.M.(International Law, Constitutional and Administrative Law, Intellectual Property Law, Business Law and Criminal Law) and Ph.D. along with it, we conduct regular faculty development programs on current developments in the field of Law. The vision of the institute is to develop legal, logical and ethical citizens for the benefit of mankind. The mission of the institute is to be a centre for delivering legal education and research, to be a source for legal professionals who are well versed in the national legal system, to provide community and social-oriented programs in the domain of law, to provide digitally blended growing and external connections with national, international organisations for better exposure and learning exchange.

OBJECTIVE OF CONFERENCE

The primary objective of the conference "Towards 2050: Reimagining Crime and Criminal Justice Systems in a Digital Era" is to foster a forward-thinking dialogue on the evolving nature of crime and justice in a rapidly digitising world. As technological innovations transform every aspect of human life, they simultaneously give rise to new forms of crime—cybercrime, digital fraud, AI-assisted offences, and privacy violations—challenging traditional criminal justice frameworks.

This conference aims to bring together scholars, legal professionals, technologists, policymakers, and law enforcement authorities to explore innovative, technology-driven responses to emerging threats. By examining global trends, sharing interdisciplinary insights, and assessing the impact of digital transformation on crime, law enforcement, and legal processes, the conference seeks to envision a futuristic yet practical approach to justice.

Key focus areas will include the integration of AI and big data in policing, the ethical implications of surveillance technologies, legal adaptations to cybercrime, international cooperation in digital crime control, and ensuring access to justice in an increasingly online world.

Ultimately, the conference endeavours to shape a collaborative roadmap for building resilient, inclusive and technologically adept criminal justice systems that are equipped to handle the challenges of 2050 and beyond.

WHO MAY ATTEND THE CONFERENCE

- o Representatives of Government and Regulatory Bodies.
- o Lawyers, Legal Professionals, Consultants, Practitioners.
- o Academicians, Students, Research Scholars from the disciplines of Law,
- o Members of Research Institutes, Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs),
- o Representatives of Other Institutions.

CONFERENCE INTEGRATED WORKSHOP SEGMENT

- o Understanding Research & Selecting a Research Topic
- o Literature Review & Research Methodology
- o Writing the Research Paper
- o Preparing for Presentation
- o Mock Presentation & Feedback



MODE OF CONFERENCE

The paper presentation will be in hybrid mode, but the conference will be held offline.

GENERAL INFORMATION

- o Each author and co-author must register separately and pay the applicable registration fee individually.
- o Submission of abstract is not mandatory at the time of registration. Authors may complete their registration first and are permitted to submit their abstract separately at a later stage, provided it is submitted on or before the last date of abstract submission. All abstracts must be sent:

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THEMES & SUB-THEMES

THE CONFERENCE INVITES THE PRESENTATION OF ABSTRACTS ON THE FOLLOWING SIX THEMES AND SUB-THEMES

A conference on “Towards 2050: Reimagining Crime and Criminal Justice System in the Era of AI & ML” can cover a wide range of themes and subthemes that intersect these three critical areas. Here are some potential themes and subthemes that could be explored:

- 1. The Digital Transformation of Crime and Future-Proofing**
 - a. Cybercrime evolution: From hacking to AI-powered attacks
 - b. Digital identity theft, financial fraud, and crypto crimes
 - c. Predictive crime models and their ethical implications
 - d. Reforming outdated laws for a digital-first world
 - e. Designing proactive, tech-savvy justice systems
- 2. Artificial Intelligence helping Law Enforcement with Ethics and Morality**
 - a. Risks of algorithmic bias and surveillance overreach
 - b. Balancing efficiency and civil liberties
 - c. The moral dilemmas of virtual/augmented reality crimes
 - d. Philosophical debates: Is “digital murder” real murder?
 - e. Shifting perceptions of harm, responsibility, and justice
- 3. Comparative Criminal Law in the Digital Age with Policing the Metaverse**
 - a. How other countries are adapting to tech-driven crimes
 - b. Global best practices and lessons for India
 - c. Harmonizing international cyber laws
 - d. Virtual crimes in immersive digital environments
 - e. Legal jurisdiction and enforcement in borderless spaces
 - f. Safeguarding rights in virtual communities
- 4. Data, Privacy, and Security including Rehabilitation and Reintegration in the Digital Era**
 - a. Legal standards for data protection and surveillance
 - b. Right to be forgotten vs. public safety
 - c. Deepfakes, misinformation, and the weaponization of digital content
 - d. Virtual rehabilitation programs for offenders
 - e. Managing digital criminal records and second chances
 - f. Re-skilling convicts for the modern workforce
- 5. Crime Beyond Imagination**
 - a. AI-generated deception
 - b. Bio-hacking and Neurocrine
 - c. Quantum hacking
 - d. Crimes in virtual worlds and the metaverse
 - e. Autonomous criminal agents
- 6. Multidisciplinary Approach of Digital Crime**
 - a. Data Management and Digital Policing
 - b. Legal implications of emerging technologies (AI, IoT, blockchain)
 - c. AI in crime detection and predictive policing
 - d. Digital literacy as a crime prevention tool
 - e. Corporate Frauds include White Collar Crimes
 - f. Role of academia in shaping future law and policy
 - g. AI & Digital Crime
 - h. Digital Crime Management
 - i. Economic Impact of Digital Crime

All subthemes are given as examples and are non-exhaustive in nature. Maintaining the theme, further subthemes are allowed.

SUBMISSIONS: DETAILS & GUIDELINES

The selection of papers for presentation will be based on abstracts. An abstract must include a clear indication of the purpose of the research, methodology, major results, implications, and key references. They should adhere to the following:

- Abstract & full paper must contain the name of the author/s, complete address, e-mail id and mobile number. The abstract should not exceed 350 words, including the title.
- Citations and references should comply with the Blue Book 19th Edition.
- Submission must be in MS-Word format (no other format will be accepted) with all four sides with a 1-inch margin. It should be typed in Times New Roman with a font size of 12, the Paper title in 14 (Bold) and all sub-headings in 12 (Bold) and line spacing at 1.5
- Submit paper via the submission link, which will be provided.
- A full paper must include a clear indication of the purpose of the research, methodology, major results and their implications.
- External Review Committee Will Judge the Papers

IMPORTANT DATES

- Last date of Registration & submission of Abstract: 20 February 2026
- Acceptance of Abstract: 28 February 2026
- Submission of Full-Length Articles: 10 March 2026
- Dates of Conference: 3rd April 2026 & 4th April 2026

REGISTRATION FEES

- Industry Professional: ₹2500
- Faculty, Academicians: ₹2000
- Research Scholars: ₹1800
- Students: ₹1500
- Attendees: ₹1000

(Fee Includes Publication Charges. Publication will be made in a Double Blind Peer Review Journal. Paper Publication is subject to Journal Rules and Policy, and the fee paid is non-refundable in nature.)

AWARDS

- BEST 3 PAPERS AWARD:- ₹ 5000/- each

REGISTRATION FEE INCLUDES:

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Lunch

High Tea

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