

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

ON

“CRIME AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE IN THE GLOBAL DIGITAL ERA”

Particulars	Details
Organized by	School of Legal Studies, Swami Vivekananda University
Date	19-20th January, 2026
Time	12:30 PM onwards
Venue	Hall 3A, Satyendra Nath Bose Block, Swami Vivekananda University
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ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

The School of Legal Studies, Swami Vivekananda University, successfully organized a two-day International Conference on “*Crime and Criminal Justice in the Global Digital Era*” on **19th and 20th January 2026** at its Barrackpore campus. The conference emerged as a significant academic confluence, bringing together eminent scholars, legal practitioners, academicians, and research scholars to deliberate upon the evolving dimensions of crime and justice in a technologically driven world.

The **central theme** of the conference addressed **the transformative impact of digitalization on criminal justice systems across the globe**. Through a series of panel discussions and technical sessions, the conference explored critical issues such as cybercrime, digital evidence, artificial intelligence, algorithmic bias, and the need for transnational legal cooperation. The deliberations reflected an interdisciplinary approach, blending legal scholarship with technological insights.

The conference witnessed active participation from nearly **100 attendees** over the course of **two days**, including **faculty members, research scholars, and students**. A total of **20 student participants** presented their research in the technical sessions, contributing to a vibrant academic exchange of ideas.

OBJECTIVES OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

- To examine the changing nature of crime in the digital era and its implications for criminal justice systems.
- To analyse the adequacy of existing legal frameworks in addressing cybercrime and technology-driven offences.

- To promote interdisciplinary dialogue between law, technology, and policy in tackling emerging challenges.
- To explore the role of artificial intelligence and digital tools in the administration of criminal justice.
- To address ethical concerns relating to data privacy, digital surveillance, and accountability.
- To encourage academic research and provide a platform for scholarly exchange on contemporary issues in digital criminal justice.

INAUGURAL SESSION AND DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

The conference was graced by a distinguished panel of dignitaries whose presence added immense value and prestige to the event.

➤ **Prof. (Dr.) Nirmal Kanti Chakrabarti**

His scholarly presence set an intellectual tone for the conference, emphasizing the need for doctrinal clarity in addressing emerging cyber legal challenges.

Saying: *“In the digital era, law must not merely react to technology—it must anticipate its trajectory and uphold justice with foresight.”*

➤ **Prof. (Dr.) Sanjeev Kumar Tiwari**

(Chief Legal Advisor, SVU – Chief Guest)

In his address, he highlighted the dynamic relationship between law and technological evolution, stressing institutional preparedness.

Saying: *“The justice system must evolve at the pace of technology, yet remain anchored in the timeless principles of fairness and accountability.”*

➤ **Prof. (Dr.) Subir Kumar Roy**

(Former Head, University of Burdwan – Special Guest)

He reflected on the doctrinal and practical challenges posed by digital transformation in criminal jurisprudence.

Saying: *“Digital transformation is not merely a technological shift; it is a jurisprudential challenge that demands rethinking traditional legal doctrines.”*

➤ **Prof. (Dr.) Geeva Nirela**

(Columbia University – International Speaker)

Offering a global perspective, she emphasized comparative legal frameworks and the necessity of cross-border cooperation.

Saying: *“Cybercrime transcends borders; therefore, justice must be envisioned through a truly global and cooperative legal framework.”*

TECHNICAL SESSIONS AND PANEL DISCUSSIONS

Day 1: 19 January 2026

The first technical session witnessed insightful deliberations by an eminent panel of academicians and experts, each contributing distinct perspectives on the challenges posed by digitalization in criminal justice.

➤ **Dr. Surya Kanta Baladhikari (NUJS)**

He emphasized the evolving nature of cybercrime and the necessity of doctrinal adaptability in criminal law.

Saying: *“Cybercrime is not merely a new category of offence; it is a transformation of criminal behaviour that compels the law to evolve continuously.”*

➤ **Dr. Arjita Mukherjee (NUJS)**

Her discourse highlighted the complexities surrounding digital evidence and its admissibility.

Saying: *“The credibility of digital evidence lies not only in its authenticity but in the robustness of the processes that preserve its integrity.”*

➤ **Dr. Sugata Mukherjee (Adamas University)**

He focused on the intersection of artificial intelligence and legal accountability.

Saying: *“As artificial intelligence becomes a decision-making tool, the law must ensure that accountability is never diluted behind algorithms.”*

➤ **Dr. Debdatta Das (Former Head, University of Burdwan)**

He provided a doctrinal perspective on criminal jurisprudence in the digital context.

Saying: *“The foundation of criminal law must remain stable even as its applications expand to accommodate digital realities.”*

➤ **Ms. Subhalaxmi Mukherjee (ICFAI, Agartala)**

She explored the role of legal education in addressing cyber challenges.

Saying: *“Legal education must anticipate future challenges, equipping students not only with knowledge but with adaptability.”*

➤ **Dr. Souvik Chatterjee (JIS University)**

He discussed institutional responses to emerging technological crimes.

Saying: *“The effectiveness of criminal justice today depends on how swiftly institutions can integrate technological competence.”*

➤ **Ms. Shyamali Mukherjee (University of Calcutta)**

She reflected on ethical concerns in digital surveillance and governance.

Saying: *“In the pursuit of security through technology, the preservation of individual liberty must remain paramount.”*

Session Overview (Day 1) - The session collectively underscored the pressing need for reform in evidentiary frameworks, enhanced institutional capacity, and a balanced approach between technological advancement and fundamental rights.

Day 2: 20 January 2026

The second technical session built upon the discussions of the previous day, offering deeper insights into global legal responses and emerging challenges in digital criminal justice.

➤ **Dr. Prem Kumar Agarwal (Goenka College of Commerce)**

He highlighted the economic implications of cybercrime and regulatory challenges.

Saying: *“Cybercrime is as much an economic threat as it is a legal one, demanding coordinated regulatory mechanisms.”*

➤ **Dr. Tanurup Das (NUJS)**

He focused on algorithmic bias and its implications for justice delivery.

Saying: *“An algorithm, though seemingly neutral, may reproduce systemic biases unless carefully scrutinized and regulated.”*

➤ **Dr. Monalisa Saha (Former Head, University of Burdwan)**

She addressed the need for harmonization in international criminal law frameworks.

Saying: *“In a borderless digital world, fragmented legal systems must move towards harmonization to ensure effective justice.”*

Session Overview (Day 2) - The deliberations emphasized global cooperation, regulatory uniformity, and ethical oversight in technological integration within legal systems.

PAPER PRESENTATIONS

An integral and intellectually enriching component of the conference was the presentation of research papers by both student participants and external scholars. These presentations provided a dynamic platform for the exchange of ideas, critical analysis, and scholarly engagement on contemporary issues surrounding crime and criminal justice in the digital era.

The student presentations reflected remarkable enthusiasm, originality, and research acumen. Participants explored diverse themes such as cybercrime, digital fraud, data protection, artificial intelligence in criminal justice, and the challenges associated with digital evidence. Their work demonstrated not only a strong grasp of theoretical concepts but also an ability to critically engage with emerging legal issues. The interactive nature of the sessions encouraged meaningful dialogue, with panelists offering constructive feedback and guidance to further refine their research.

In addition to student contributions, the conference also witnessed insightful presentations from external paper presenters, including academicians, researchers, and professionals from various institutions. Their papers brought depth and diversity to the discussions by incorporating interdisciplinary perspectives and comparative analyses. Many of these presentations highlighted practical challenges, policy implications, and global dimensions of cyber law and digital justice.

Collectively, the presentations significantly enriched the academic environment of the conference. They fostered a spirit of inquiry, encouraged knowledge-sharing, and provided a valuable opportunity for participants to engage with both theoretical and applied aspects of the subject. The sessions stood as a testament to the growing interest and scholarship in the field of digital criminal justice.

Valedictory Session

The valedictory session marked the formal conclusion of the conference, bringing together the key insights and deliberations of the two days. It served as a reflective platform to consolidate discussions on the impact of digitalization on criminal justice systems. The speakers emphasized that while technological advancements such as artificial intelligence and digital evidence have enhanced the efficiency of justice delivery, they also raise critical concerns relating to ethics, accountability, and protection of fundamental rights. It was reiterated that the administration of justice must remain grounded in principles of fairness, transparency, and human dignity, irrespective of technological progress.

The session further highlighted the need for continuous legal reform, institutional preparedness, and international cooperation to effectively address the challenges posed by cybercrime and transnational offences. The contributions of scholars and student participants were also acknowledged for enriching the academic discourse. The session concluded with the overarching reflection that *technology should serve as an instrument of justice, not a substitute for its foundational values*, thereby leaving the participants with a thoughtful direction for future engagement in the field.

Concluding Reflection

The International Conference concluded on a thoughtful and forward-looking note, encapsulating the essence of the discussions held over the two days. It was emphasized that the rapid advancement of digital technologies has undeniably transformed the landscape of crime and criminal justice, demanding a parallel evolution in legal frameworks and institutional responses.

The concluding remarks underscored that while technology enhances efficiency, accuracy, and accessibility in justice delivery, it must not overshadow the core values upon which the legal system is founded. Principles such as fairness, due process, accountability, and respect for human rights must continue to guide the application of technological tools in the administration of justice.

It was further highlighted that addressing contemporary challenges such as cybercrime, algorithmic bias, and data privacy requires not only legal reform but also interdisciplinary collaboration and global cooperation. The need for continuous research, capacity building, and policy innovation was strongly reiterated.

The conference ultimately conveyed a clear and enduring message: *the future of criminal justice lies in achieving a harmonious balance between technological advancement and the preservation of fundamental legal and ethical principles.*

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