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### **Symbiosis Law School, Nagpur organized a Workshop on Data Protection in Collaboration with I.V Merchant & Company**

**Date: 02<sup>nd</sup> September 2024**

The Training & Placement Cell of Symbiosis Law School, Nagpur organized a Workshop on Data Protection in Collaboration with I.V Merchant & Company on 02<sup>nd</sup> September 2024. The workshop was conducted by Adv. Krishma Merchant Patel, Partner I.V Merchant & Company and Ms. Mudra Singh, Executive Assistant, I.V Merchant & Company.

Advocate Krishma Merchant Patel is a Partner of I.V. Merchant, Mumbai, has over 9 years of experience in Intellectual Property Law, Media Law and contractual drafting. She has been instrumental in bringing creativity into the business of law by focusing on clients from IT, Pharmaceuticals, Medical / Health Tourism and Media & Broadcasting. She works extensively with startups at the incubation stage, educates and guides them with required legal agreements.

The workshop commenced with the introduction & felicitation of the Hon'ble Guest Speakers by Dr. Deepti Khubalkar, Assistant Professor, Symbiosis Law school, Nagpur. Following this, Adv. Krishma took the stage to address the gathering.

The session provided valuable information on the importance of safeguarding data in this digital age. There was a discussion on what is data, what are its types, how it is misused and how it is protected by companies.

The Digital Data Protection Act 2023 was also discussed. An insight was given into the laws prior to this act and how did this act come into existence. To add up, several cases was discussed relating to data protection such as the Aadhar Case, Cambridge Analytical Scandal and the WhatsApp - Facebook Data Sharing controversy.



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Lastly, the session was concluded by an interactive Question and Answer session, few questions among them were:

**Q.1** With AI increasingly being used in data processing, how do you see AI evolving to enhance data protection compliance, and are there any specific tools or frameworks you recommend studying?

**Ans.** AI is expected to significantly enhance data protection compliance by automating and improving data management, security, and regulatory adherence. Current roles include automated data mapping and classification, AI-driven anomaly detection, enhanced data subject rights management, regulatory change monitoring, and privacy-enhancing technologies (PETs). Automated data mapping and classification help organizations understand personal data locations and provide real-time insights into data flows. AI systems can detect unusual patterns in data access or usage, preventing data breaches or misuse. Enhanced data subject rights management automates responses to data subject requests, ensuring they are handled efficiently and within legal timeframes. AI tools may become more personalized, offering tailored compliance strategies that adapt to changing regulatory landscapes and specific organizational needs. Regulatory change monitoring helps organizations stay updated on data protection regulations and could evolve into an advisory role, alerting organizations to changes and suggesting modifications to compliance strategies. Privacy-enhancing technologies (PETs) like differential privacy, federated learning, and homomorphic encryption can protect individual privacy while processing data. Future PETs may integrate with AI systems for secure data sharing and collaboration across industries.

**Q.2** Given the differences between GDPR, CCPA, and other data protection laws, do you think we'll eventually see a global harmonization of data protection standards? What might drive or hinder this process ?

**Ans.** Global harmonization of data protection standards is a complex and challenging task due to the need for consistency in an interconnected world. Factors such as digital business, consumer demand for privacy, international trade agreements, leading frameworks, and

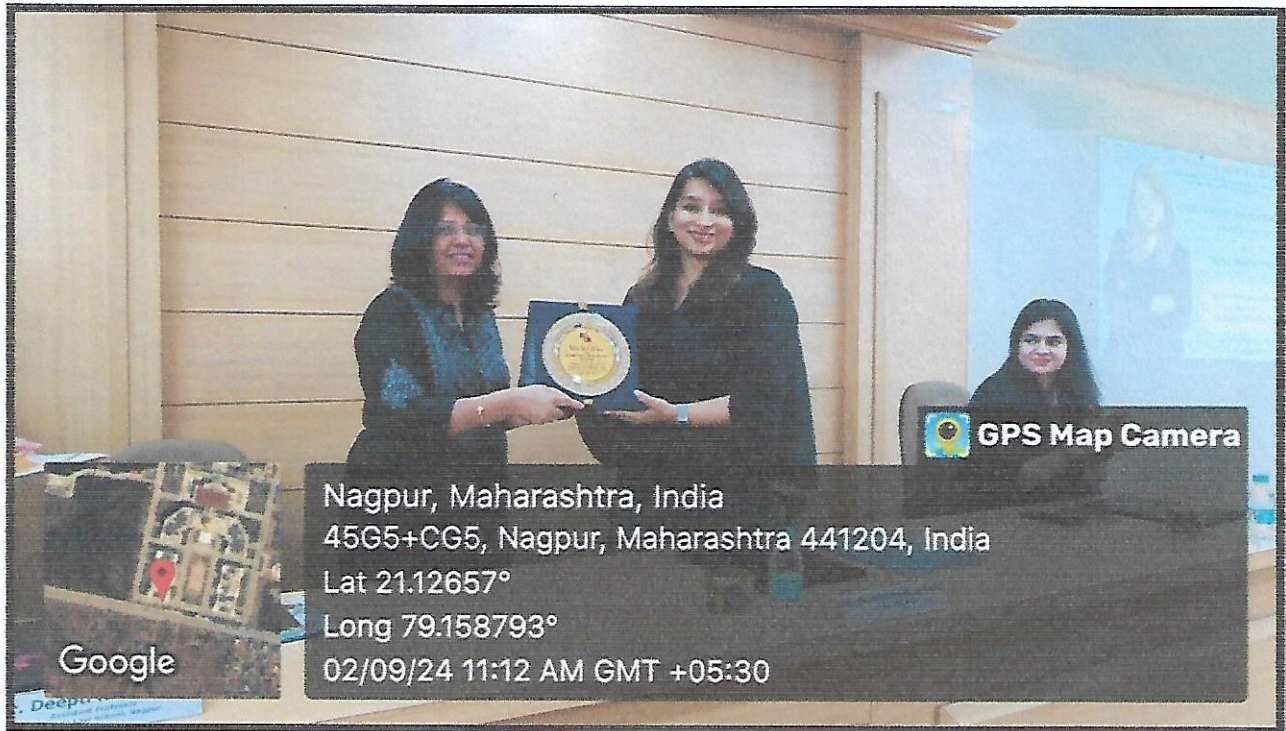


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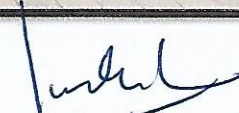
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