
CONSULTATION AGENDA

AI, Rights and Accountability

Social Protection and Justice Delivery

23–24 September 2026

National Law School of India University, Bengaluru

LibTech India, JSW Centre for the Future of Law (NLSIU), NHRC Chair on Human Rights (NLSIU) and SAFAR

DAY ONE

23 September 2026, Wednesday

Session 1 09:45–10:00

Opening remarks and agenda

FORMAT

Plenary

SPEAKERS / PRESENTERS

Sameet Panda (LibTech)
Manish (NLSIU)

Session 2 10:00–10:30

The impact of AI and algorithmic decision-making on rights and public accountability: Social security and welfare programmes (DBT focused)

FORMAT

Presentation

KEY QUESTION(S)

Overview of how AI is currently shaping welfare focused on DBT programmes, drawing on experiences from different programmes and institutional settings. What guardrails or safeguards have been developed for the use of AI and algorithms in contexts where individual rights/entitlements are involved?

SPEAKERS / PRESENTERS

Rahul (Libtech)
Mohit Garg
Hera Rizwan

DISCUSSANT

Chakri (Libtech)

MODERATOR

Anindita Adhikari (NLSIU)

Session 3 10:30–12:00

The impact of AI and algorithmic decision-making on rights and public accountability: Social security and welfare programmes (DBT focused)

FORMAT

Moderated roundtable

SPEAKERS / PRESENTERS

Rajesh Hanbal (CSE Karnataka)
Aboozar (SAFA)

Tea • 12:00–12:15

Session 4
12:15–12:45

The impact of AI and algorithmic decision-making on rights and public accountability: Land, agriculture, health

FORMAT	Presentations
KEY QUESTION(S)	Overview of how AI is currently shaping implementation and governance of land, health and agriculture services, drawing on experiences from different programmes and institutional settings. What guardrails or safeguards have been developed for the use of AI and algorithms in contexts where individual rights/entitlements are involved?
SPEAKERS	Sree Harsha Thanneru (SAFAR) Dinesh Balam Shamala (LibTech)
DISCUSSANT	Bhanu Tanwar (NLS)
MODERATOR	Akhil Surya (SAFAR)

Session 5
12:45–2:00pm

The impact of AI and algorithmic decision-making on rights and public accountability: Land, agriculture, health

FORMAT	Moderated roundtable
KEY QUESTION(S)	What technologies are currently being used? What has changed in programme or service delivery? What has improved? What new difficulties, burdens or exclusions have emerged?
SPEAKERS / PRESENTERS	Kishore (LibTech) Venky (LibTech) Vanasiri Rural Development Society Tippeswamy (Chinthana) Kisan Mitra

Lunch • 2:00–3:00pm

Session 6
3:00–4:30pm

Welfare and democratic rights

KEY QUESTION(S)	AI in SIR and implications for welfare: inter-state variations
SPEAKERS / PRESENTERS	Nikhil Dey (MKSS) Darshana Mitra (NLSIU) Alternative Law Forum
DISCUSSANT	Rajendran Narayanan (LibTech/APU)
MODERATOR	Siddharth Narrain (NLSIU)

Tea • 4:30–4:45

Session 7
4:45–5:45

Legal accountability measures for AI and algorithmic decision-making in public systems

FORMAT	Panel discussion
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KEY QUESTION(S)

As public systems become increasingly mediated by technology, where does decision-making power sit? Who determines the rules that systems implement? Who can understand or explain why a particular outcome occurred? Who has the authority to correct or reverse it? Can technology strengthen accountability through better records, monitoring and traceability, or instead make decisions more opaque? What happens when responsibility is distributed across officials, departments and technology providers? What information should citizens be entitled to when technology influences decisions affecting them?

Small groups can identify the key accountability questions and concerns they want to carry into Day 2.

SPEAKERS / PRESENTERS

Isha Ahlawat (NLSIU)
Mrudula V (Alternative Law Forum)
Chakradhar (Libtech)
SAFAR

MODERATOR

Rahul Hemrajani (NLSIU)

DAY TWO

24 September 2026, Thursday

Session 2 10:00–11:00am

Explore concrete ways in which technology, data and AI can be used to improve public systems, strengthen citizens and frontline workers, and support social accountability

FORMAT

Short examples / demonstrations + moderated discussion

KEY QUESTION(S)

How can technology, data and AI strengthen administration, citizens, frontline workers and social accountability? Through concrete demonstrations, examine what these tools make possible, who can use them, what problems they address, and their practical limitations.

SPEAKERS / PRESENTERS

Rahul (Libtech)
Venky (LibTech)
Rajendran Narayanan

DISCUSSANT

Dipa Sinha

Tea • 11:00–11:15

Session 3 11:15–12:15

When technology affects rights and entitlements — who decides, who explains, who corrects?

FORMAT

Breakout groups

KEY QUESTION(S)

Apply the accountability questions from Day 1 to concrete situations in which technological systems affect rights, entitlements or access to justice. Move from individual cases to principles and practical safeguards for the accountable use of technology in public systems. Consider accountability at different stages — before introduction: assessment, testing, consultation, justification and disclosure; during operation: transparency, auditability, documentation, monitoring and human oversight; when an individual is affected: notice, explanation, human review, correction and appeal; when harm occurs: responsibility, remedy, government accountability and technology-provider/vendor accountability. Are there decisions affecting rights or entitlements that should not be fully automated?

Session 4 12:15–1:30

Building an accountability framework for technology-mediated welfare and justice

FORMAT

Presentations from groups

MODERATOR

Sakina Dhorajiwala

Session 5 1:30–2:00pm

Closing and next steps

KEY QUESTION(S)

Summarise key takeaways and indicate the immediate follow-up process.

MODERATOR

Sameet Panda

Lunch • 2:00pm

Session 6
3:00–4:00pm

Karnataka action agenda — what should we take forward?

FORMAT

Moderated round table

KEY QUESTION(S)

Identify principles for the use of technology in welfare and justice delivery; institutional safeguards; citizen rights around information, explanation and correction; responsibilities of government agencies and technology providers; areas requiring further research or evidence; administrative measures that could be pursued; and issues requiring policy, regulatory or legal responses.