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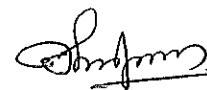
Notice for the PhD Viva Voce Examination

Ms Diya C R, Registration Number: 1860078, PhD Scholar at the School of Law, CHRIST (Deemed to be University) will defend her PhD thesis at the public viva-voce examination on Tuesday, 10 February 2026 at 10.00 am in Room No. 044, Ground Floor, R&D Block, CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Bengaluru - 560029, Karnataka, India.

Title of the Thesis	: Cyber Terrorism and the Legal Framework in India: A Comparative Study
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The members of the Research Advisory Committee of the Scholar, the faculty members of the Department and the School, interested experts and research scholars of all the branches of research are cordially invited to attend this open viva – voce examination.

Place: Bengaluru
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ABSTRACT

Cyber terrorism, coined by Barry C. Collin, refers to the use of computer technology and telecommunications to commit criminal acts that incite fear, cause destruction, or disrupt essential services for political, social, or ideological ends. The FBI defines it as premeditated attacks on information systems and data, often targeting non-combatants. This study highlights the transnational nature of cyber terrorism and the difficulties it creates for law enforcement and judicial systems. Given cyberspace's borderless environment, effective prevention and prosecution require international cooperation, clear jurisdictional authority, and legal harmonization. Instruments such as the Budapest Convention on Cybercrime aim to strengthen cross-border investigations, while international organizations play a central role in adjudicating cases. Emerging technologies—including cryptocurrencies, blockchain, AI, and the Internet of Things—further complicate efforts to combat cyber threats. In response, many nations have enacted legislation, such as the USA PATRIOT Act, the UK's Terrorism Act, China's Cybersecurity Law, Israel's Counter-Terrorism Law, and India's Information Technology Act, to protect infrastructure and maintain stability. In conclusion, cyber terrorism presents a multidimensional global challenge that demands multinational cooperation, evolving legal frameworks, and robust international mechanisms to safeguard societies in the digital age.

Keywords: *Cyber terrorism, Trans-national crime, Information Technology Act 2000, International cooperation, Cyber space.*

Publications:

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