

# Dr. Nagarathna A.

**B.A. (Law) / LL.B. / LLM / Ph.D.**

**Legal Scholar • Cyber Law Expert • Academic Leader**  
**• Researcher Criminal Law / Cyber Laws / Medical Laws**  
**/ Digital Governance / Legal Education**



## Educational & Academic Background

- Associate Professor of Law at National Law School of India University.
- Gold Medallist in B.A. LL.B. from Bangalore University, securing First Rank in both B.A. Law and LL.B., and recipient of five Gold Medals.
- LL.M. from Bangalore University and Ph.D. from Gulbarga University on “Medical Negligence and Consumer Laws.”
- Currently pursuing LL.D. (Post-Doctoral Research) on “Cyber-Crime Investigation and Laws” from India International University of Legal Education and Research.
- Teaching and research experience in law since 2001, with specialization in Criminal Laws, Cyber Laws, Medical Laws, and Digital Governance.

## Academic Leadership & Institutional Responsibilities

- At National Law School of India University, Dr. Nagarathna serves in multiple leadership and governance roles, including:
- Course Coordinator, PG Diploma in Cyber Laws & Cyber Forensics
- Member, Equal Opportunity Cell
- Compliance Officer under the Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act, 2019
- Nodal Officer under the Karnataka State Transgender Policy, 2017
- She earlier served as Chief Coordinator of the Cyber Law & Cyber Forensics Programme at NLSIU, under whose leadership the Centre received the DSCI Award for “Excellence in Capacity Building of Law Enforcement Agencies” in 2021.

## Contributions in Cyber Law, Criminal Justice & Policy

- Dr. Nagarathna is widely recognized for her contributions to cyber law, digital governance, criminal justice reforms, and policy development in India. Her work bridges legal scholarship, technology regulation, cyber security, and law enforcement training.

## Contributions

- Contributed to Karnataka’s Cyber Security Policy as an Expert Reviewer
- Contributed to India’s first BIS National Data Privacy Standard implemented by the Government of India
- Worked on legal reforms relating to the Interoperable Criminal Justice System (ICJS) under the Ministry of Home Affairs
- Served as consultant and expert member on projects involving cyber laws, anti-corruption laws, prison reforms, and digital investigations

## Research, Training & Capacity Building

Dr. Nagarathna has designed and conducted advanced training programmes for:

- IPS and IRS officers
- Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) officers
- Police, prosecutors, and prison officers
- Indian Army personnel
- Sri Lankan Attorney General’s Office officials
- She has led several national-level capacity-building programmes sponsored by the Ministry of Home Affairs and Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology on cyber laws, cyber forensics, offences against women and children, and digital investigations.

## International Academic Engagements & Fellowships

Dr. Nagarathna has delivered lectures and expert talks at internationally reputed institutions including:

- Humboldt University, Germany
- Queen Mary University of London
- Sorbonne University, Paris
- Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok
- Universities in Brazil and Canada

## Prestigious Fellowships

- DAAD-UGC Fellowship, Germany
- International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP), United States
- Shastri Indo-Canadian Fellowship, Canada
- Asian Law Institute (ASLI) Fellowship, National University of Singapore

## Awards & Recognition

- Commendation Disc & Certificate from the Bureau of Police Research & Development, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India (2023)
- Women Achiever’s Award, Bengaluru (2025)
- Best Women Achiever Award by Federation of Karnataka Chambers of Commerce and Industry (2025)
- Karnataka Women’s Leadership Award (2025)
- Rotary Nation Builder Award (2022)
- Rising Women of India Award (2024)
- Outstanding Women Researcher in Criminal Law Award by Venus International Foundation (2024)

## Editorial, Research & Professional Contributions

- Dr. Nagarathna serves on several national and international editorial boards, advisory committees, and ethics committees. She is:
- President of the Editorial Board, International Journal of Digital Law, Brazil
- Member of Institutional Ethics Committees at biomedical and research institutions
- Expert Member, Cyber Security Committee, Government of Karnataka
- Member of academic and research boards across multiple universities and institutions
- Has authored and edited numerous books, manuals, journal articles, and research publications on:
  - Cyber laws and cyber security
  - Digital privacy and data protection
  - Criminal justice and forensic laws
  - Human rights and prison administration
  - Medical negligence and consumer protection laws

## Leadership Vision

- Dr. Nagarathna A. is recognized for integrating legal scholarship, public policy, cyber governance, and institutional leadership to strengthen India’s legal and digital ecosystem. Her work reflects a strong commitment toward academic excellence, inclusive governance, legal reform, cyber safety, and capacity building in emerging areas of law and technology