

NATIONAL LAW INSTITUTE UNIVERSITY, BHOPAL

RAJIV GANDHI NATIONAL CYBER LAW CENTRE



**MASTER OF CYBER LAW AND INFORMATION
SECURITY (MCLIS) PROGRAM (2026-28)**

INFORMATION BROCHURE





**FROM THE DESK OF VICE CHANCELLOR
PROF. (DR.) S. SURYA PRAKASH**

It is my distinct privilege to welcome you to the Rajiv Gandhi National Cyber Law Centre (RGNCLC), a beacon of academic and professional excellence at NLIU, Bhopal. Our Centre is resolutely committed to the advancement of Cyber Law, Cyber Security and Emerging Technologies. We take great pride not only in educating our students but in holistically transforming them into trailblazing professionals, exceptional Information Technology (IT) consultants, legal advisers, cybersecurity luminaries, technology strategists, pioneering researchers and influential figures across government, law enforcement and public prosecution.

In our quest for innovation, we nurture the potential of our students through the Cyber Security Incubation Centre, a unique platform fostering forward-thinking solutions. Furthermore, our state-of-the-art Cyber and Digital Forensic Lab provides unparalleled opportunities for hands-on technical training, ensuring our students are equipped with the critical skills to navigate and influence the rapidly evolving digital environment. At RGNCLC, we are steadfast in our aspiration to lead the discourse in cyber law and information security, cultivating a rich repository of knowledge that propels both national and international recognition. With immense pride and optimism for the future, I present the Rajiv Gandhi National Cyber Law Centre as a premier Centre of Excellence, dedicated to shaping the future of cyberspace governance and security.



**FROM THE DESK OF DEAN
(P.G. STUDIES)
PROF. (DR.) SANJAY YADAV**

The Rajiv Gandhi National Cyber Law Centre (RGNCLC) at NLIU, Bhopal, launched the Master of Cyber Law and Information Security program in 2011, swiftly establishing itself as a Centre of Excellence of National Eminence. Designed to meet the growing demand for experts in the digital age, the Centre has fostered several impactful research and training initiatives supported by key government bodies like the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology and the Department of Revenue, Ministry of Finance, Government of India.

These collaborations have significantly enhanced the quality of education, equipping students with the skills to address the evolving challenges of cybersecurity and information security. RGNCLC's rapid rise to prominence reflects its commitment to excellence in shaping the future of the use of technology, digital data, intellectual property, cybersecurity, and privacy.

The impact of emerging trends in Artificial Intelligence (AI), Information Technology, Internet-of-Things (IoT) and other contemporary technologies is transforming the society, making it essential for us to adapt to the fast pace of technological changes. To grow responsibly and stay safe from harmful forces, we need to embrace these changes while being prepared for the risks they bring. The rapid development of AI, Blockchain, IoT, Information and Communication Technology (ICT) also brings new challenges that require careful attention.

At our Centre, we focus on building a strong framework that protects against cyber attacks and strengthens our digital defenses. Our goal is to ensure lasting security, keeping us safe from cybercriminals. We take pride in working together to shape skilled professionals in the fields of cyber law and information security, ready to tackle the challenges of the digital world.



**FROM THE DESK OF HEAD OF
THE DEPARTMENT
PROF. (DR.) ATUL KUMAR
PANDEY**



NATIONAL LAW INSTITUTE UNIVERSITY, BHOPAL

The National Law Institute University, Bhopal (NLIU, Bhopal) was established by the Rashtriya Vidhi Sansthan Vishwavidyalaya Adhiniyam (41 of 1997) enacted by the Madhya Pradesh State Legislature, later substituted by the Madhya Pradesh National Law Institute University Act, 2018 (6 of 2018), has been a leading law school in the country imparting legal education and promote research and publication. NLIU, Bhopal, is recognised by the University Grants Commission and the Bar Council of India.

Some of the key objectives of the NLIU, Bhopal are:

- i. To advance, disseminate and impart comprehensive legal education, learning and knowledge including through distant and continuing legal education at all levels to achieve excellence with a view to ensure its proper role in national development, to develop in students and research scholars, a sense of responsibility to serve society in the field of law by developing skills in regard to advocacy, judicial and other legal services, legislation, law reforms and the like and to advance legal education in a professional manner.;
- ii. To organize advanced studies and promote research in various branches of law;
- iii. To disseminate legal knowledge and legal processes and their role in national development by organizing lectures, seminars, symposia, workshops, conferences, etc;
- iv. To promote legal awareness in the community for achieving social and economic justice;
- v. To improve the ability to analyse contemporary issues of public concern and their legal implications.

RAJIV GANDHI NATIONAL CYBER LAW CENTRE

Rajiv Gandhi National Cyber Law Centre (RGNCLC), NLIU, Bhopal, is a Centre of Excellence in Cyber Law and Information Technology. The Centre was established in 2006 at NLIU, Bhopal, by the Ministry of Education, Government of India. It is the first Centre in the nation to deal with new and critical issues relating to various techno-legal aspects of cyberspace.

NLIU is one of the few institutions in the nation conducting a Master's Degree Program in Cyber Law and Information Security. The RGNCLC was shaped and constituted with the objectives of developing professional expertise and skilled human resources in the Cyber Law and Information Technology field to match contemporary challenges emerging in Cyberspace and Cybersecurity. The Centre aspires to enable and facilitate legal and technical experts to efficiently regulate and create opportunities to meet economic challenges posed by the rapid technological developments through rigorous research activities and publications, which influence virtually every area of development and social action in the nation.

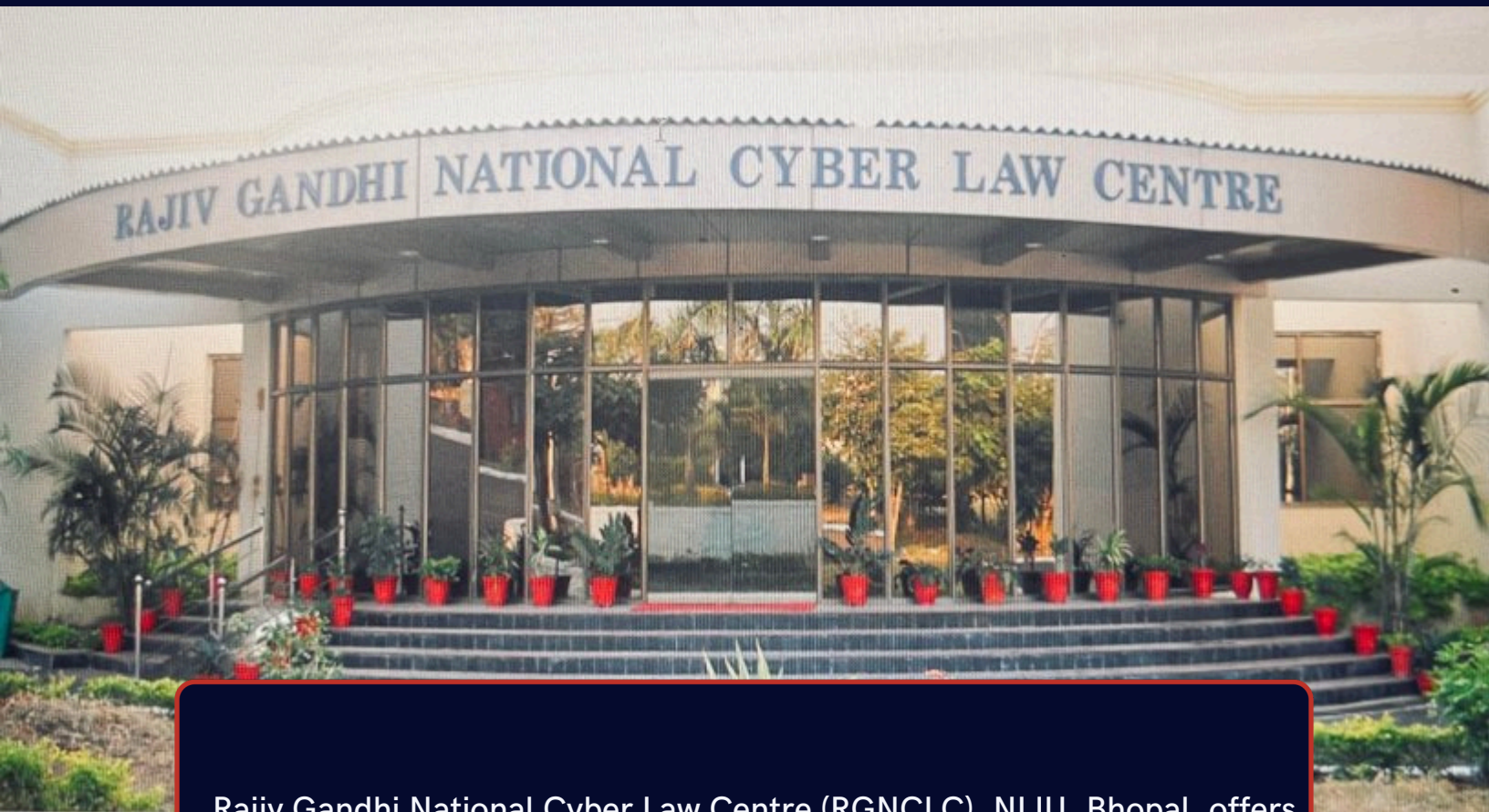
In the present era, Information Technology and Cybersecurity is an area with immense potential and is one of the most rapidly growing fields of study. In today's advancing world, there is a need to keep pace with technological leaps. The growth brings advantages and disadvantages that must be dealt with care and caution to achieve a practical regulatory framework. The RGNCLC aims to provide techno-legal practical knowledge in the field of Cyberspace and Information Technology. It offers a platform for students to learn and do research in Information Technology and Cyber Law. The Centre also facilitates a better understanding of existing and new policies, legislation on cyber laws, propagation of advanced technologies, and creation of the regulatory framework of Information Technology and Cyber Law in India.

PROGRAMS OFFERED

The programs offered by the RGNCLC, Department of Cyber Law and Information Security, NLIU, Bhopal, are as follows:

- Ph.D. in Cyber Law and Information Security
- Ph.D. in Computer Science / Information Technology
- Ph.D. in Cyber Security
- Master of Cyber Law and Information Security (MCLIS)
[Admission through All India Entrance Test]
- B.Sc. LL.B. (Hons.) [Cyber Security]
[Admission through CLAT]

MASTER OF CYBER LAW AND INFORMATION SECURITY (MCLIS)



Rajiv Gandhi National Cyber Law Centre (RGNCLC), NLIU, Bhopal, offers a post-graduate degree program, Master of Cyber Law and Information Security. The Master of Cyber Law and Information Security (MCLIS) is the flagship program of Rajiv Gandhi National Cyber Law Centre (RGNCLC), NLIU, Bhopal.

The program aims to develop the skills required to deal with the practical problems related to Cyberspace and Information Security from the perspective of technology and the regulatory framework. The program also aims to provide practical industrial cyber training and develop a comprehensive understanding of the national and international regulatory framework.

OBJECTIVE

The advancement of Information Technology has significantly transformed nearly every aspect of human endeavor, creating both opportunities and challenges in information security. As vulnerabilities in cyberspace increase, a sophisticated regulatory framework is essential to balance innovation and protection. The MCLIS program aims to foster a deep understanding of the dynamic relationship between information security, cyber law, and emerging technologies such as Artificial Intelligence (AI), the Internet of Things (IoT), Blockchain, and Cloud Computing. By adopting a techno-legal perspective, we prepare students to tackle contemporary issues in the digital landscape.

Emphasizing practical learning, the program equips students with the technical skills needed to address real-world information security challenges. Students gain a comprehensive understanding of both National and International Cyber Regulatory Frameworks, ensuring they can navigate the complexities of global cyberspace. Moreover, the program teaches students how to harmonize legal challenges with technological advancements, covering critical topics such as data privacy, intellectual property rights, and the ethical implications of emerging technologies. Ultimately, the MCLIS program prepares students to be leaders in Cyber Law and Information Security, driving innovation while safeguarding cyberspace.

INTAKE AND ELIGIBILITY

Intake: For the Master of Cyber Law and Information Security (MCLIS) Program Batch 2026-28, there shall be an intake of Sixty-Six (66) Indian Students plus Five (5) Foreign Students.

All reservations for various categories, as per the rules of the NLIU, Bhopal, shall apply. Introduction of any new reservation due to any change in the University policy may cause an increase in the number of seats.

Eligibility: The eligibility for admission to the Master of Cyber Law and Information Security (MCLIS) Program Batch 2026-28 are as follows:

- The candidate must have obtained a bachelor's degree in any discipline with at least 50% of marks in aggregate or equivalent grade from a recognized University, and
- The candidate must have qualified the All-India Entrance Test conducted by the University for admission to the Program.

Students whose results are awaited may also apply subject to the condition that at the time of admission to the Program, the candidates should be able to produce the proof of passing the Bachelor degree examination.

SEAT DISTRIBUTION

The seat distribution for the Master of Cyber Law and Information Security (MCLIS) Program Batch 2026-28 shall be as follows:

Category	Number of Seats	Category	Number of Seats
Scheduled Caste (16%)	10 ¹	Scheduled Tribe (20%)	12 ¹
Other Backward Class* (14%)	8 ¹	General	30 ¹
		Supernumerary Quota (EWS)	6 ²

SEAT MATRIX FOR MCLIS PROGRAM 2026-28

- 1.50% of seats are horizontally reserved for candidates having domicile certificate of the State of Madhya Pradesh in the respective category.
2. Reserved for candidates from the Economically Weaker Section.

*Only those OBC Candidates can claim reservation under this category whose parental income is less than the prescribed sum for creamy layer. Such candidates have to produce requisite certificate from competent authority to the effect that their parents at present do not come under creamy layer category.

- Three seats are horizontally reserved for candidates of Persons with Disability category.
- 18 seats are horizontally reserved for women candidates.

In addition to the above seats, five seats shall be earmarked for Foreign Nationals. In case of non-availability of Foreign Nationals, the vacant seats will not be converted to any other category.

ADMISSION PROCEDURE

Admission to MCLIS Program shall be as under:

- Candidates to the Program shall be admitted through a written 'All India Entrance Test' carrying 150 marks conducted by the University.
- The Question Paper shall be objective type consisting of 150 questions. Each question will carry one mark and negative marking of 0.25 marks for each incorrect answer will be applied. The duration of the 'Written Test' shall be two hours.
- Eligible candidates shall be admitted to the Program strictly according to the merit of the 'All India Entrance Test'.

The candidate is required to submit an Online Application form, which is available on the website of the NLIU, Bhopal (<https://nliu.ac.in/admissions/>). The candidate must upload the requisite certificates in support of educational qualification, caste, category, domicile, etc. while filling up the online application form. Eligibility will be determined on the closing date of the application. **The fee for the Online application form is Rs.2000/- for General & OBC Category candidates and Rs.1000/- for SC, ST, EWS and PwD Category candidates, which is to be paid through Online Mode (<https://nliu.ac.in/pay-online/>) only.**



The last date for submission of the Online Application Form is **30 April 2026 (Thursday)**

IMPORTANT DATES

Last Date of Submitting Online Application Form: 30 April 2026 (Thursday)

Date of Entrance Exam: 10 May 2026 (Sunday)

Result Announcement: Tentatively by 15 June 2026 (Monday)

Centres for Written Test

1. Bhopal
2. Bangalore
3. Delhi
4. Mumbai

Syllabus for the All India Entrance Test

The syllabus for the All India Entrance Test for admission to the MCLIS Program Batch 2026-28 shall be as follows:

- General Aptitude (15 Questions)
- General Awareness (15 Questions)
- Basic English Proficiency (20 Questions)
- Computer Knowledge (50 Questions)
- Cyber Security (50 Questions)

Duration of the MCLIS Program

- The minimum duration of the MCLIS Program shall be Two Years.
- The maximum duration of the MCLIS Program shall be Four Years.

Note:

- The University notifies the fee structure of the MCLIS Program from time to time. Hostel Charges shall be as per the NLIU, Bhopal Rules. Fee structure will be available on the website.
- Important updates related to the admission process shall be posted on the website. Applicants are advised to visit the NLIU, Bhopal website (www.nliu.ac.in) regularly.

PROGRAM STRUCTURE

Semester -I

- Laws of Cyberspace
- Introduction to Computer and Data Communication
- Fundamentals of Security Architectures, Models and Identity Management
- Cryptography and Network Security
- Data Privacy, Protection and Risk Management



Semester -II

- Cybercrimes: Penal and Procedure Laws
- Web Application Security and Law
- Information Security Compliances
- Cyber Operations Security and Incident Response Management
- Mobile, Wireless and VoIP Security



Semester -III

- Intellectual Property Rights in Cyberspace
- Artificial Intelligence, Emerging Technologies and Law
- Business Continuity Planning and IT Auditing
- Digital Forensics and Law
- Cloud Computing Security



Semester -IV

Dissertation and Internship

Note:
Program structure may be revised as per the industry requirements.



PAST RECRUITERS

Our esteemed recruiters have consistently recognized the talent and skills of our students, offering them opportunities across diverse industries. This highlights our strong placement record and industry connections.



FACULTY PROFILE

DEPARTMENT OF CYBER LAW AND INFORMATION SECURITY, NLIU



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Research Interests- Cyber Security and Law, Digital Forensics and Electronic Evidence, Data Privacy, Intellectual Property Rights in Cyberspace

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DR. AMITESH SINGH RAJPUT

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Research Interests- Federated Learning, Responsible and Trustworthy AI, Blockchain, Cyber Security, Homomorphic Encryption



DR. ASHISH MOHAN YADAV

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Research Interests- Distributed Computing, Task Scheduling, Optimization of Execution, Parallel Computing

DR. OM MISHRA

Ph.D. (Computer Vision and Machine Learning), M. Tech., PGDESD (C-DAC), B.Tech.
Research Interests-AI and Machine Learning, Cyber Security, Computer Vision, Natural Language Processing, IOT



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