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(Centre for Health Equity, Law and Policy) Indian Law Society (ILS)

cordially invite you to the **11th Krishna Raj Memorial Lecture**

The influence of digital technology on every aspect of healthcare and health policymaking is unprecedented. Under the broad rubric of improving the efficiency of health systems, many digital solutions are foregrounded as a magic wand to solve deeply protracted public and private health and health policy issues. Indeed, digital solutions offer powerful capacities; however, its practitioners also acknowledge that, if misused, digital tools could be deeply pervasive and will, in effect, further complicate health equity and access issues. For instance, digital technologies like analytics and big data could make it possible for insurance companies to use behavioural data to covertly identify people suffering from a particular disease and deny them insurance coverage. One cannot retrieve a patient's privacy once it is lost.

The government of India's ambitious plan to expand and transform digital health is laudable. Still, it also begs questions like what safeguard mechanisms are a must to ensure that the data and privacy of Indian citizens are protected? Are the current safeguard mechanisms sufficient to protect people and patients?

As much vaunted digital projects are ultimately social projects and not just technical endeavours, how emerging digital technologies in health will impact people is an important question, and also warrants that the people-centric narrative on digital technologies should be an integral part of all digital health solutions and policy development.

On this background, the 11th Krishna Raj Memorial Lecture will focus on:

DIGITAL HEALTH: ACCESS, EQUITY, AND SURVEILLANCE

Date and Venue: 23rd April 2022, 4 pm to 6.30 pm
Principal Pandit Auditorium, ILS Law College, Pune

DISCUSSANTS:



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— **Apar Gupta**

| Executive Director- Internet Freedom Foundation, New Delhi



Anita Gurumurthy is a founding member and executive director of IT for Change, where she leads research on the platform economy, data and AI governance, democracy in the digital age, and feminist frameworks on digital justice. Anita actively engages in national and international advocacy on digital rights and contributes regularly to academic and media spaces.

— **Anita Gurumurthy**

| Executive Director, IT For Change- Bangalore



Vivek's expertise is at the intersection of law, health and sexuality with particular focus on HIV, TB and LGBTQIA+ concerns. For over two decades, he has worked both nationally and internationally on these issues, including leading efforts to challenge section 377 of the Indian Penal Code, drafting a Bill that became India's HIV/AIDS Act in 2017, building capacity on patent law and access to medicines. He obtained his law degree from NLSIU, Bangalore, and an LL.M. from Cornell University, USA.

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KEYNOTE SPEAKER

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