

Marathwada Launches First Legal AI Education Initiative

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Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar, Maharashtra: Indian courtrooms are changing. AI is already reviewing contracts, flagging case precedents, and powering e-discovery workflows. The question is no longer whether lawyers will work alongside AI, it is whether they will understand it well enough to lead. Marathwada Legal and General Education Society's Manikchand Pahade Law College, Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar, and Findability Sciences are betting that Marathwada answers that question first.

The two institutions have signed a five-year Memorandum of Understanding to launch one of the first dedicated Legal AI education programs in the region, a 3-month Certificate Course in Legal AI and a full AI & Legal Ethics Research Lab on the M P Law College campus. The first batch is planned for academic year 2026–27.

Why this matters now

India's legal system is mid-transformation. The e-Courts Mission Mode Project is pushing AI into translation, transcription, intelligent scheduling, and court administration. Law firms and corporate legal departments are already deploying generative AI for drafting, research, and compliance. A generation of lawyers is walking into practice without ever being trained on the tools that will define it. This initiative is designed to close that gap, not in Mumbai or Delhi, but here, in Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar.

What the program covers

The jointly designed curriculum goes well beyond the theoretical. Participants will work hands-on with Legal AI tools across AI foundations, generative AI in legal practice, case intelligence, IP protection, document review, e-discovery workflows, legal analytics, responsible prompting, and ethics simulations. The program concludes with a capstone project with mentorship from Findability Sciences.

Findability Sciences brings AI experts, guest faculty, live tool demonstrations, faculty training, and selective internship pathways for high performers.

Upon completion, participants receive a joint certificate from M P Law College and Findability Sciences.

The research dimension

The AI & Legal Ethics Research Lab is the initiative's long game. It will take on questions that India's legal system has not yet fully reckoned with — AI in Indian courts, data protection, algorithmic accountability, transparency in legal decision-making, and the constitutional boundaries of AI deployment. Joint research, policy papers, workshops, and national symposiums are all part of the plan.

In their own words

"Law schools cannot teach the law of the next decade with the toolkit of the last one," said Dr. Aparna N. Kotapalle, Principal, M P Law College. "This collaboration allows us to bring that future inside our classrooms here in Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar, rather than waiting for it to reach us from elsewhere."

"Responsible AI adoption is not something engineers can settle on their own," said Rohit Raut, Legal AI Expert, Findability Sciences. "Lawyers must

have a seat at the table when we decide how AI is used in courts, contracts, and the public square. Marathwada has deep talent that deserves direct access to the frontier of legal technology."

Who can apply

The course is open to M P Law College students, practicing lawyers, law graduates, students from other institutions, and professionals from allied fields. Admissions timelines and curriculum will be announced by M P Law College.