

# Meet on privacy rights and data protection

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**BANGALORE:** A national seminar on "Privacy rights and data protection in cyber space" will be held in the city on October 17. Chief Minister B.S. Yeddyurappa will inaugurate the seminar, jointly organised by the Karnataka Institute of Law and Parliamentary Reforms, Digital Society Foundation and KLE Society Law College.

Addressing presspersons here on Tuesday, KLES Law College principal J.M. Mallikarjunaiah said in recent days police had been obstructed from gathering vital information pertaining to national security because of the privacy protection aspects under which IT companies refuse to share information without elaborate procedures.

"In recent times, the police had to probe corporate servers which are zealously guarded by the companies under privacy considerations," he added.

Mr. Mallikarjunaiah said: "Since the United Kingdom and European Union came up with the Data Protection Act prohibiting cross-border transfer of data with countries that lack corresponding legislation, IT industry in India has been demanding a suitable law in place that can satisfy the international vendors."

Following deliberations in the seminar, a report containing recommendation would be submitted to the Union Government on the issue. The Law and Parliamentary Minister Suresh Kumar and Home Minister V.S. Acharya will participate.