



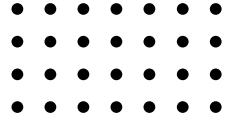
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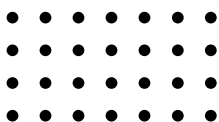


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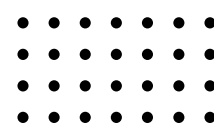
DPIIT-IPR CHAIR, RMLNLU
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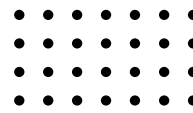


ABOUT THE DPIIT-IPR CHAIR, RMLNLU

The Department for Promotion of Industries and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India, launched a Scheme for Pedagogy & Research in IPRs for Holistic Education & Academia (SPRIHA) in the year 2016 under which IPR Chairs have been set up in select universities and academic institutes. This was in accordance with the National IPR Policy launched by the Government of India in 2016, which proclaims, as one of the objectives under section 7.2 as, “Strengthen IP Chairs in educational institutes of higher learning to provide quality teaching and research, develop teaching capacity and curricula and evaluate their work on performance-based criteria.”

RMLNLU Lucknow has been selected by the DPIIT as one of the universities/organizations for setting up IPR Chairs in the country. DPIIT has formulated the norms for establishing and functioning of the IPR Chair under SPRIHA. Under the leadership of Professor Manish Singh, Chair Professor of the DPIIT – IPR Chair at Dr. Ram Manohar Lohiya National Law University, Lucknow, the Chair undertakes a wide range of initiatives.



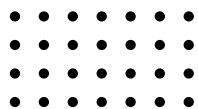


ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN BY THE DPIIT-IPR CHAIR, RMLNLU

| S.no. | Activities | Date of Activity | Description |
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| 1 | Induction of Research Assistants (2) and Secretarial Assistant (1) and formalisation of work plan | 12th August 2024 | Two Research Assistants, Ms. Himanshi Tiwari and Mr. Rishi Shukla and one Secretarial Assistant Mr. Abhinav Sharma were hired to carry out the research activities proposed by the Chair. |
| 2 | IP Awareness Session conducted at Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Lucknow | 21st September 2024 | Research Assistants organised an Intellectual Property Awareness Session at Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Lucknow. The session aimed at educating students on the fundamentals of IP rights, their importance in the digital age, and how to protect intellectual creations, fostering awareness about legal frameworks and innovation protection. |
| 3 | Online Seminar on "Global Standards and Indian Position on Standard Essential Patents: Implications on Innovation and Competition in the Country" by Dr. Ashwini Siwal, Associate Professor at Faculty of Law, Delhi University | 29th September 2024 | Dr. Ashwini Siwal, Associate Professor at the Faculty of Law, Delhi University, delivered an online seminar on "Global Standards and Indian Position on Standard Essential Patents." The session explored the implications of SEPs on innovation, competition, and legal frameworks, highlighting India's stance in the evolving global intellectual property landscape. |
| 4 | Induction of Research Interns | 25th October 2024 | 13 interns were inducted at first who helped in research activities and in organizing events conducted by the Chair. Second batch of interns was inducted on 4th March 2025 to help in furthering the vision of the SPRIHA scheme. |

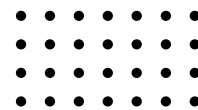
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| 5 | National Conference on Navigating IP Challenges in the Digital Age: Focus on Artificial Intelligence and Emerging Technologies | 09th November 2024 | The National Conference on "Navigating IP Challenges in the Digital Age: Focus on Artificial Intelligence and Emerging Technologies" explored the evolving landscape of intellectual property, addressing legal, ethical, and technological challenges posed by AI and emerging innovations. Scholars presented their research papers and experts discussed strategies for balancing innovation, regulation, and IP protection in the digital era. |
| 6 | IP Awareness Session conducted at Government Girls Inter College, Gomti Nagar, Lucknow | 03rd January 2025 | An IP Awareness Session was conducted at Government Girls Inter College, Gomti Nagar, Lucknow, by Ms. Himanshi Tiwari to educate students on intellectual property rights. The session aimed to enhance awareness of IP laws, their significance in the digital era, and the importance of protecting creative and innovative works. |
| 7 | Two Day Comprehensive Workshop on Intellectual Property Rights: Drafting, Filing and Management | 04th January 2025 to 05th January 2025 | A Two-Day Comprehensive Workshop on Intellectual Property Rights focused on drafting, filing, and management. Experts provided insights into IP protection strategies, legal frameworks, and best practices for securing intellectual assets. The workshop aimed to equip participants with practical knowledge to navigate the complexities of IP law effectively. |
| 8 | Online lecture on "Applicability of the Doctrine of Equivalents in Patent Infringement" by Dr. Monica Raje, Professor of Law at NLIU Bhopal | 18th January 2025 | Dr. Monica Raje, Professor of Law at NLIU Bhopal, delivered an online session on the "Applicability of the Doctrine of Equivalents in Patent Infringement." The session examined its legal framework, landmark cases, and impact on patent protection, highlighting how courts assess infringement beyond literal claims to safeguard innovation effectively. |

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| 9 | Representation of the IPR Chair, RMLNLU at the GI SAMAGAM 2025 by IPR Chair Professor, Prof. Manish Singh followed by an awareness session at the University | 22nd January 2025 | The IPR Chair, represented by Chair Professor, Prof. Manish Singh, participated in the GI SAMAGAM 2025. The event focused on the significance of Geographical Indications (GI) in promoting regional products, fostering economic growth, and strengthening IP protection. Discussions highlighted strategies for enhancing GI recognition and market potential. |
| 10 | Online lecture on Copyright Conundrums: Use of Copyrighted Music at Indian Weddings and other Related Aspects by Mr. Saurabh Tiwari, Advocate, Supreme Court of India | 25th January 2025 | Mr. Saurabh Tiwari, Advocate at the Supreme Court of India, conducted an online session on "Copyright Conundrums: Use of Copyrighted Music at Indian Weddings and Other Related Aspects." The session explored legal implications, fair use, licensing requirements, and recent case laws concerning the use of copyrighted music in social events. |
| 11 | Participation in Vidhi Pragati: 1st National IP Moot Court Competition organized by IPR Chair at NLU Delhi, represented by students from B.A LL.B (Hons.) | 07th February 2025 to 09th February 2025 | Students from the B.A. LL.B. (Hons.) programme represented their institution in Vidhi Pragati: 1st National IP Moot Court Competition, organised by the IPR Chair at NLU Delhi. The competition provided a platform for aspiring legal professionals to engage in intellectual property law debates, honing their advocacy and research skills. |
| 12 | One Week Online Faculty Development Program (FDP) on Various Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights and Related Aspects | 21st March 2025 to 27th March 2025 | A One-Week Online Faculty Development Program (FDP) was conducted on various aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) and related topics. The programme aimed to enhance faculty members' understanding of IP laws, patent filing, copyright issues, and emerging challenges, equipping them with the knowledge to integrate IPR into academic research and teaching. After the workshop, a test was taken for the participants |



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| 13 | Empirical study on 'Geographical Indications and the One District, One Product Initiative: A socio-legal Study in the state of Uttar Pradesh' | Ongoing | Research assistants at the IPR Chair, along with interns are conducting an empirical data collection on Geographical Indications across various districts. This initiative aimed to analyse the impact of Geographical Indications on local economies, identify challenges in enforcement, and explore ways to enhance protection and promotion of region-specific products. |
| 14 | Inaugural Edition of the Intra IP Mediation Competition in collaboration with Anand & Anand, a leading IP law firm | 30th March to 31st March 2025 | The Inaugural Edition of the Intra IP Mediation Competition was organised in collaboration with Anand & Anand, a leading IP law firm. This event provided law students with hands-on experience in alternative dispute resolution (ADR), focusing on negotiation and mediation strategies in intellectual property disputes, enhancing their advocacy and problem-solving skills. A total of 26 teams participated in the competition. |
| 15 | Launch of the official logo of the DPIIT-IPR Chair, RMLNLU | 31st March 2025 | The DPIIT IPR Chair at RMLNLU officially launched its logo, symbolising its commitment to fostering intellectual property rights (IPR) awareness, research, and policy development. The logo represents the Chair's vision of innovation, legal excellence, and industry collaboration, reinforcing its role in advancing IP law and policy in India. |
| 16 | Launch of the inaugural edition of newsletter of the DPIIT-IPR Chair, RMLNLU | 31st March 2025 | The DPIIT IPR Chair at RMLNLU has launched its inaugural edition newsletter, marking a significant step in disseminating knowledge on intellectual property rights. This initiative aims to provide insights, updates, and analyses on emerging IP issues, fostering academic discourse and industry awareness in the evolving IP landscape. |

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AWARENESS SESSION AT JAWAHAR NAVODAYA VIDYALAYA, LUCKNOW ON 21ST SEPTEMBER, 2024



The DPIIT IPR Chair, RMLNLU, conducted an Intellectual Property Awareness Session for Class 11th and 12th students. The session, led by Research Assistants Ms. Himanshi Tiwari and Mr. Rishi Shukla, covered fundamental IP concepts through interactive activities. The Principal, Smt. Sadhana Shukla, and other faculty members were in attendance. The session provided insights into copyright, patents, trademarks, trade secrets, and geographical indications. The session also included practical case studies where students analysed real-world examples of IP infringements. Role-playing exercises were conducted to simulate legal proceedings related to IP disputes, helping students gain hands-on experience in understanding legal frameworks. Students actively participated in Q&A sessions, making it an engaging learning experience.

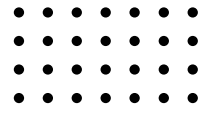


ONLINE SEMINAR ON “GLOBAL STANDARDS AND INDIAN POSITION ON STANDARD ESSENTIAL PATENTS: IMPLICATIONS ON INNOVATION AND COMPETITION IN THE COUNTRY” ON 29TH SEPTEMBER, 2024

The DPIIT IPR Chair, RMLNLU, organized a seminar featuring Dr. Ashwini Siwal (Faculty of Law, Delhi University) as the guest speaker. A panel discussion followed the seminar, during which legal practitioners debated the impact of SEPs on the Indian market. Participants engaged in a Q&A session, discussing strategies to balance patent protection with technological advancement in emerging industries. The session covered India's Standard Essential Patents (SEPs) role and global trends. Key discussions focused on FRAND (Fair, Reasonable, and Non-Discriminatory) licensing and challenges in IP law enforcement.



NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON NAVIGATING IP CHALLENGES IN THE DIGITAL AGE: FOCUS ON ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES ORGANISED ON 9th NOVEMBER, 2024

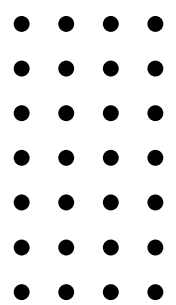
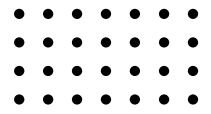


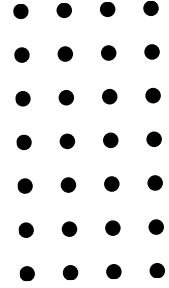
The DPIIT IPR Chair at Dr. Ram Manohar Lohiya National Law University, Lucknow organized the National Conference on Navigating IP Challenges in the Digital Age: Focus on Artificial Intelligence and Emerging Technologies., bringing together leading academics, policymakers, legal professionals, and technology experts to explore the evolving intersection of intellectual property IP and emerging digital technologies. The conference offered a dynamic platform for dialogue on the critical challenges posed by digital advancements to traditional IP frameworks, focusing on issues from AI-generated content to digital asset ownership.


The eminent personalities for the inaugural ceremony of the conference were Hon'ble Mr. Justice Syed Qamar Hasan Rizvi, Judge Allahabad High Court – Lucknow Bench as the Chief Guest, Dr. Raghavender GR, Senior Consultant (IPR), Dept. of Industry & Internal Trade (DPIIT), Govt. of India as the Guest of Honour and Mr. Saurabh Tiwari, an accomplished legal professional specializing in Intellectual Property and Technology Law, as our distinguished Keynote Speaker. The conference received over 80 papers from various institutions across the length and breadth of India, including NLIU Bhopal, RGNUL Punjab, MNLU Mumbai, MNLU Nagpur, SLS Pune, SLS Noida, Christ University, Nirma University, VIPS New Delhi, IIULER Goa, Banaras Hindu University, University of Allahabad, University of Lucknow, Jamia Hamdard and others. The conference also witnessed participation and presentations from legal practitioners, academicians and IP professionals based in India and abroad.

The conference was held under the guidance of Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Prof. Amar Pal Singh as the Chief Patron, Prof. Manish Singh, DPIIT IPR Chair Professor RMLNLU as the Patron, Dr. Vikas Bhati, Director IP-PRECISE as the Convenor and Ms. Priya Anuragini as the Organising Secretary of the Conference. The event featured presentations and panel discussions, enriching participants' understanding and stimulating necessary discussions on complex topics. A particularly thought-

provoking session examined whether AI could be deemed a legal person, sparking a spirited debate with arguments both supporting and opposing this idea. Participants discussed how AI's rapid evolution necessitates a re-evaluation of legal definitions and responsibilities within the digital and IP landscape.








As AI-generated works become more prevalent, the conference addressed whether such creations meet traditional originality standards. Sessions also touched upon new digital ownership concepts in areas like the metaverse, where architects and creators must navigate creative freedom within evolving virtual landscapes. Discussions highlighted the challenges posed by AI's growth, including protecting sensitive data, managing ownership and copyright of AI-generated works, and safeguarding trade secrets in an increasingly digital world. Additionally, the exploitation of traditional knowledge by AI-driven innovations and the ethical considerations surrounding technologies like deepfakes were examined.

Presenters underscored significant jurisdictional issues and compliance difficulties, along with the need for greater transparency and meaningful consent under current data protection laws. The presenters proposed practical methods to counter unethical AI applications, specifically addressing issues such as deepfakes, data manipulation, discriminatory practices, and surveillance concerns. Experts advocated for legal and ethical frameworks, stressing the importance of international cooperation and standardization to effectively counter these risks.

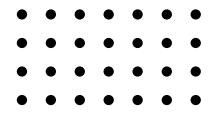
Speakers also analyzed how IP can drive growth in the fintech sector, while highlighting the inconsistency of IP laws across jurisdictions and the challenges this poses for enforcement. Emerging technologies like the DigiYatra app were discussed as examples of government-driven innovation. Presenters noted that AI governance would play a critical role in the future, especially in crafting regulatory frameworks that support secure, ethical development.

The technical sessions were chaired by: Dr. Raghavender GR, Mr. Saurabh Tiwari, Dr. Ashish Kumar Srivastava, Dr. Vikas Bhati, Dr. Subhash Chandra Roy, Dr. Narender Kumar, Dr. Pankaj Kumar, Dr. Raman Mittal, Dr. Amandeep Singh and Dr. Isha Yadav. The distinguished guests for the valedictory ceremony were Dr. Indra Dwivedy, former Chief Scientist and Group Leader of the Patents Innovation Protection Unit (IPU) at the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) and Prof. Subhash Chandra Roy, DPIIT IPR Chair Professor, CNLU Patna as the Guest of Honour.

The conference was well-received by the paper presenters as well as the legal experts chairing and co-chairing the sessions. The conference closed with a call for continued dialogue and research on the regulation of AI and digital innovations, underscoring the importance of a collaborative, forward-thinking approach to address the unique IP challenges of the digital age.



INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AWARENESS SESSION CONDUCTED AT GOVERNMENT GIRLS INTER COLLEGE (GOMTI NAGAR), LUCKNOW BY DPIIT IPR CHAIR, RMLNLU ON THE 3RD OF JANUARY, 2025



The DPIIT IPR Chair, Lucknow headed by Prof. Manish Singh conducted an Intellectual Property Awareness Session at Government Girls Inter College (Gomti Nagar), Lucknow on the 3rd of January, 2025. One – day offline session was conducted in an interactive manner by Research Assistant Ms. Himanshi Tiwari covering the basics of intellectual property followed by an activity involving interesting brain storming activities relating to IP rights which were actively answered by the students. The audience for the same were an enthusiastic group of Class 11th and 12th students and the session was graced by the presence of Principal, Dr. Shashikala Rai along with other faculty members.

During the session, students were educated on various types of intellectual property rights, including copyright, patent, trademark, trade secrets, and geographical

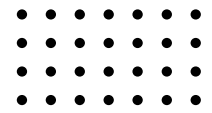
indications. The presentation included practical illustrations such as movies, songs, artworks, brand logos, technology patents, corporate trade secrets, and examples of geographical indications from different districts.

The importance of securing intellectual property through legal means was emphasized, and the consequences of illegally violating others' IP rights were explained. The session concluded with positive feedback from the students, who expressed that they now feel more equipped to identify different types of intellectual property and are better informed about the relevant laws. Both students and teachers expressed a keen interest in attending more such informative sessions in the future.

Additionally, the session featured interactive discussions and Q&A segments, allowing students to engage actively and clarify their doubts. Questions related to the lecture were posed to students to deepen their understanding and knowledge, providing real-world context to the theoretical concepts discussed. This hands-on approach was particularly appreciated by the participants, who found it beneficial in understanding the complexities of intellectual property rights. The session was thus not only informative but also highly engaging, fostering a deeper understanding of the subject matter.



TWO DAY COMPREHENSIVE WORKSHOP ON INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS: DRAFTING, FILING AND MANAGEMENT ORGANISED BY THE DPIIT IPR CHAIR, RMLNLU ON THE 4TH AND 5TH OF JANUARY, 2025



A two-day Comprehensive Workshop on Intellectual Property Rights: Drafting, Filing, and Management was organized by the DPIIT IPR Chair at Dr. Ram Manohar Lohiya National Law University, Lucknow on Saturday and Sunday. Several eminent speakers, including Dr. Indra Dwivedy, Chief Scientist, CSIR; Dr. Vivek Srivastava, Senior Scientist, CSIR-NBRI; Prof. Dr. Manish Singh, DPIIT IPR Chair Professor; and Dr. Vikas Bhati, Director of IP-PRECISE (Center for IPR), were the distinguished resource persons in the workshop.

DPIIT IPR Chair Professor, Prof. (Dr.) Manish Singh delivered the welcome note. He noted that the primary objective of the workshop was to enhance the knowledge of participants and raise awareness about IPR, which would help them protect their creations. He also highlighted the importance of understanding IPR and its role in the

country's economic development. He emphasized that even government institutions are sometimes unaware of IPR, making it crucial to have knowledge about protecting one's rights. He also emphasized on the fact that IPR is an art, not a science, which can only be mastered through consistent practice.

The Vice-Chancellor of the university, Prof. (Dr.) Amar Pal Singh, appreciated the theme of the workshop. He explained that protecting one's property is as important as creating it. Referring to Jeremy Bentham's statement, he said, "Law and property are born together, and they die together." He added that IPR is a field we are still exploring, and there are many aspects yet to be fully understood. Intellectual property is emerging as a significant asset. Drafting, filing, and other aspects of application are not just theoretical knowledge but require practice for mastery. This workshop is a significant step toward raising awareness about IPR.

The workshop featured four technical sessions where distinguished speakers educated participants on various aspects of IPR, such as filing applications, drafting, and management.



Dr. Vivek Srivastava, in the first technical session, explained the concept of prior art. He stated that "art" refers to useful knowledge, methods, or practices in any field, and "prior art" means existing knowledge in a particular domain. New inventions are evaluated in reference to this prior art. The first step for obtaining a patent is researching prior art. A patent is primarily a business idea, so investors must receive

returns on their investments. The second step is the patentability search, which determines whether an invention is novel. He gave an example: if a fifth leg is added to a chair, it might make it novel, but since the change is obvious, it would not qualify for a patent.

In the second technical session, Prof. Manish Singh elaborated on the process of patent drafting and filing. He mentioned that India ranks sixth globally in patent filing, with a 15.7% increase in patent filings observed in 2023. The first step in the process is providing accurate and complete information in Form 1. To do this, one must know whether the invention is patentable, novel, and inventive. He explained the different types of patent specifications, emphasizing the importance of claims as the most critical part. He simplified the entire patent drafting and filing process for the participants.



In the third technical session, Dr. Indra Dwivedy discussed patent filing and prosecution. She highlighted various types of patent applications and used contemporary examples, such as the patent for 2-deoxy-D-glucose (used in the treatment of COVID-19), to explain the process.



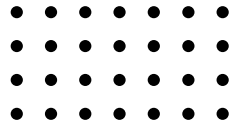
On the second day of the workshop, Dr. Vikas Bhati spoke on the topic of Intellectual Property Management. He highlighted the nature of intellectual property rights, stating that intellectual property is “non-excludable” meaning that once produced, it is available to all, as it is impossible to exclude anyone from consuming it.

He emphasized the importance of protecting IPR because the tragedy of the market lies in the fact that if IP becomes freely available to everyone, anyone could replicate it and sell it at a lower price. The process of IP management begins even before conducting research. It starts when you decide whether or not to undertake the research. He explained that selecting the appropriate type of intellectual property is crucial—like patents for inventions, copyrights for creations, etc.—and that registration is not mandatory to claim copyright.

He also shared some interesting facts about IPR, such as that bacteria are the only living entity that can be patented, while treatment processes cannot be patented. There are two approaches to IP management: research push and market push. Market push focuses primarily on economic benefits, with research driven by commercial opportunities. These opportunities are analysed before the research begins. In contrast, research push focuses on answering a technical question, where research holds more significance than economic gains. He elaborated on the entire process in detail. Regarding IP valuation, he explained that it is a process of determining the value of intellectual property. Defining IP can be challenging, and determining its appropriate value is even more difficult.

At the valedictory ceremony of the workshop, Prof. Manish Singh thanked all the participants and mentioned that the scope of intellectual property is expanding over time. India has strengthened its position as a global leader in intellectual property filings, ranking among the top 10 countries for patents, trademarks, and industrial designs. This achievement underscores India's growing innovation capabilities. According to the World Intellectual Property Organization's (WIPO) annual report, India's remarkable progress in 2024 highlights its role as an emerging global leader in intellectual property. With significant growth in patents, trademarks, and industrial designs, India is becoming a hub for global innovation. In today's time, intellectual property plays a pivotal role in all fields. Such workshops not only raise awareness but also educate people about intellectual property rights.

Finally, certificates were distributed to all the participants. The workshop witnessed participation from more than 15 institutions across the country and state, while participants from cities like Kolkata, Chennai, and Delhi joined online. Around 50 researchers, working professionals and students were active participants in the same. Others present at the workshop were Dr. Ankita Yadav, Dr. Malay Pandey, Dr. Manish Bajpai, Research Assistants, Ms. Himanshi Tiwari and Mr. Rishi Shukla, and Mr. Abhinav Sharma, among others.



बौद्धिक संपदा पर दो दिवसीय कार्यशाला शुरू

लखनऊ। शनिवार को लोहिया राष्ट्रीय विधि विश्वविद्यालय लखनऊ के डीपीआईआईटी आईपीआर चेयर द्वारा पर दो दिवसीय कार्यशाला का आयोजन किया गया जिसका विषय बौद्धिक संपदा अधिकार पर व्यापक कार्यशाला प्रारूप फ इलिंग और प्रबंधन रहा। कार्यशाला में कई विद्वान वक्ता डॉ इंदिरा द्विवेदी, मुख्य वैज्ञानिक सीएसआईआर, डॉ विवेक श्रीवास्तव वरिष्ठ वैज्ञानिक सीएसआईआर, आईपीआर चेयर के अध्यक्ष प्रो. डा. मनीष सिंह डॉ विकास भाटी निदेशक आईपी प्रेसिस सम्मिलित हुए। डीपीआईआईटी चेयर प्रो. डा. मनीष सिंह ने बताया कि इस कार्यशाला का मुख्य उद्देश्य सम्मिलित हुए प्रतिभागियों का ज्ञानवर्धन है एवं आईपीआर विषय के बारे में जागरूकता जो कि उन्हें उनकी रचनाओं के संरक्षण में सहायक होगी। साथ ही आईपीआर के महत्व एवं देश के आर्थिक विकास में भूमिका के बारे में अवगत करना है। राष्ट्रीय विधि विश्वविद्यालय के कुलपति प्रो. डॉ अमरपाल सिंह ने



सम्मेलन के विषय की सराहना की। वक्ता डॉ विवेक श्रीवास्तव ने बताया कि आर्ट कितरी भी क्षेत्र में उपयोगी जानकारी तरीके या अभ्यास को कहा जाता है। तो प्रायर आर्ट का मतलब हुआ किसी भी क्षेत्र में पहले से मौजूद जानकारी। इसी जानकारी के संदर्भ में नए आविष्कारों का मूल्यांकन किया जाता है। डीपीआईआईटी चेयरपर्सन प्रो डॉक्टर मनीष सिंह दूसरे तकनीकी सत्र में पेटेंट ड्राफ्टिंग एवं फ इलिंग की प्रक्रिया के बारे में बताया। कार्यक्रम में आईपीआर चेयर के अध्यक्ष प्रो.मनीष सिंह सेंटर के निदेशक डा.विकास भाटी, डा. अंकिता यादव, डॉ.मलय पांडेय, डा.मनीष बाजपेई, ऋषी शुक्ला हिमांशी तिवारी और अभिनव शर्मा समेत अन्य लोग मौजूद रहे।

जीवाणु का पेटेंट, उपचार का नहीं : डा .विकास भाटी

जामना संसददाता • लखनऊ: डा. राम मनोहर लोहिया राष्ट्रीय विधि विश्वविद्यालय में शनिवार को डीपीआईआईटी चेयर की ओर से आयोजित दो दिवसीय कार्यशाला में बौद्धिक संपदा अधिकार: ड्राफ्टिंग, फ इलिंग और प्रबंधन पर चर्चा हुई। कार्यशाला के दूसरे दिन आईपीआर के निदेशक डा. विकास भाटी ने बौद्धिक संपदा अधिकारों की जटिलताओं को समझते हुए बताया कि जीवाणु का एकमात्र जीवित प्रदर्श है जिसे पेटेंट करना जा सकता है, लेकिन उपचार को प्रक्रिया का पेटेंट संभव नहीं है।

उन्होंने बताया कि पेटेंट की प्रक्रिया शोध शुरू करने से पहले ही प्रारंभ हो जाती है। सही प्रकार की बौद्धिक संपदा का चयन, जैसे आविष्कार के लिए पेटेंट और रचनाओं के लिए कॉपीराइट, अत्यंत महत्वपूर्ण है। एक बार जब कोई

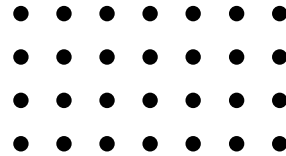


लौहिया राष्ट्रीय विधि विश्वविद्यालय में डीपीआईआईटी चेयर की ओर से आयोजित दो दिवसीय कार्यशाला में प्रतिभागियों को सर्टिफिकेट देते दिग्गज • डा. विवेकशंकर

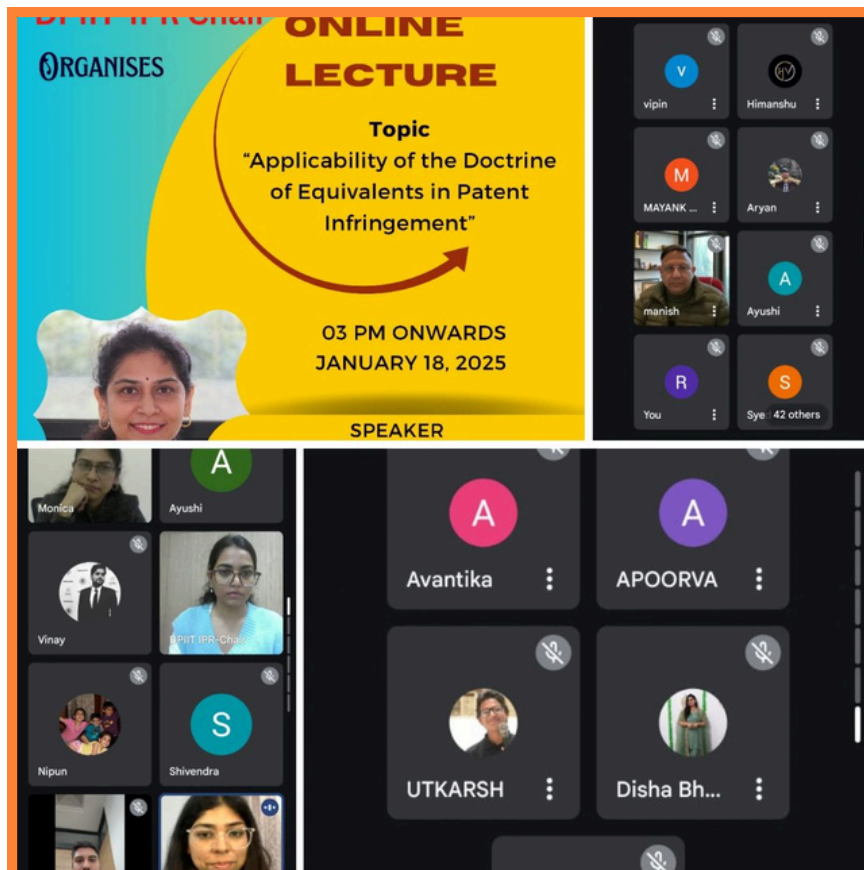
उपचार या विचार निर्मित हो जाता है, तो उसे हर किसी के लिए उपलब्ध करना संभव होता है। उन्होंने समझाया कि याअर की प्रसंती यह है कि यदि बौद्धिक संपदा सचके लिए सुलभ हो जाए, तो कोई भी उसकी नकल कर सके तर्कों पर बेच

समान पर आईपीआर चेयर के अध्यक्ष प्रो. मनीष सिंह ने बताया कि भारत ने बौद्धिक संपदा फ इलिंग में विश्व स्तर पर शीर्ष 10 देशों में स्थान प्राप्त किया है। पेटेंट, ट्रेडमार्क और औद्योगिक डिजाइन के क्षेत्र में भारत को प्रगति इसे वैश्विक नवाचार का केंद्र बना रही है।

विषय बौद्धिक संपदा संगठन (डब्ल्यूआईओ) को 2024 की रिपोर्ट के अनुसार, भारत ने पेटेंट, ब्रांड संरक्षण और डिजाइन नवाचार में उल्लेखनीय प्रगति की है। कार्यशाला में 15 से अधिक संस्थानों के प्रतिभागियों ने हिस्सा लिया। कनेक्ता, पेनई, दिल्ली समेत कई शहरों के लोग अनालइनन जुड़े थे। सभी प्रतिभागियों को सर्टिफिकेट दिए गए। कार्यशाला में शोध सहायक प्रवीण शुक्ला, हिमांशी तिवारी, अरविम्व सिंह और अभिनव शर्मा समेत अन्य रहे।



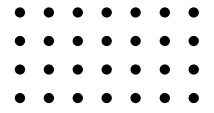
ONLINE LECTURE ON “APPLICABILITY OF THE DOCTRINE OF EQUIVALENTS IN PATENT INFRINGEMENT” BY DR. MONICA RAJE, PROFESSOR OF LAW AT NLIU BHOPAL ON 18TH JANUARY, 2025



The DPIIT-IPR Chair, RMLNLU successfully conducted an online lecture taken by Prof. Dr. Monica Rajee ma'am, NLIU hosted under the patronage of honble Vice Chancellor sir, Prof. Amar Pal Singh of Dr. Ram Manohar Lohiya National Law University, leadership of Prof. Manish Singh, Chair Professor at DPIIT, IPR Chair, Lucknow and guidance of Assistant Professor, Dr. Vikas Bhati.


The lecture titled 'Applicability of Doctrine of Equivalents' in Patent Infringement' focused on the complexities of the doctrine, it's application and the current statutory stance in India and abroad. Participants had an enriching and insightful experience, and the session helped them add to their existing knowledge of patent law, an important aspect of contemporary relevance.

REPRESENTATION OF THE IPR CHAIR, RMLNLU AT THE GI SAMAGAM 2025 BY IPR CHAIR PROFESSOR, PROF. MANISH SINGH ON 22ND JANUARY, 2025 FOLLOWED BY AN AWARENESS SESSION AT THE UNIVERSITY



The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India organised the “GI Samagam” on the 22nd of January, 2025 at Bharat Mandapam, Delhi to bring together key stakeholders, policy makers, industry leaders, artisans etc., across the GI ecosystem in India on a single platform to exchange ideas and deliberate upon the future growth and development of the sector.

In view of the above, the IPR Chair Professors of the DPIIT IPR Chairs established under the SPRIPA scheme were invited as representatives to be present during the event and give their contributions. Prof. Manish Singh, DPIIT IPR Chair Professor at Dr. Ram Manohar Lohiya National Law University, Lucknow, attended the prestigious GI Samagam. The event, held as part of the Government’s continued efforts to



promote Geographical Indications (GI) as instruments of socio-economic empowerment, brought together policymakers, academicians, legal experts, producers, and IP professionals from across the country.

As a recognized academic voice in the field of Intellectual Property Rights, Prof. Singh's participation in the Samagam underscored the growing academic engagement with the GI ecosystem and its alignment with grassroots development and cultural preservation. The platform enabled dialogue on how GI tags can be harnessed not only for preserving traditional knowledge and skills but also for enabling sustainable livelihoods through structured branding, market access, and legal protection.


Prof. Singh's presence at the GI Samagam reflects the proactive role played by academic institutions in shaping intellectual property policy and promoting IP literacy among stakeholders. The event offered valuable exposure to successful case studies, best practices, and policy innovations, further strengthening the DPIIT IPR Chair's commitment to integrating research with real-world impact in the area of geographical indications and traditional product protection.

Following his participation at the prestigious GI Samagam, Prof. Manish Singh conducted a session at the university to share key insights and experiences gained from the national forum. Drawing from the discussions and case studies presented at the GI Samagam, he discussed the evolving role of GIs as tools of economic empowerment, cultural preservation, and export promotion. He highlighted successful GI models from different states and discussed how GI registration has enhanced the market identity of several rural and artisanal products.

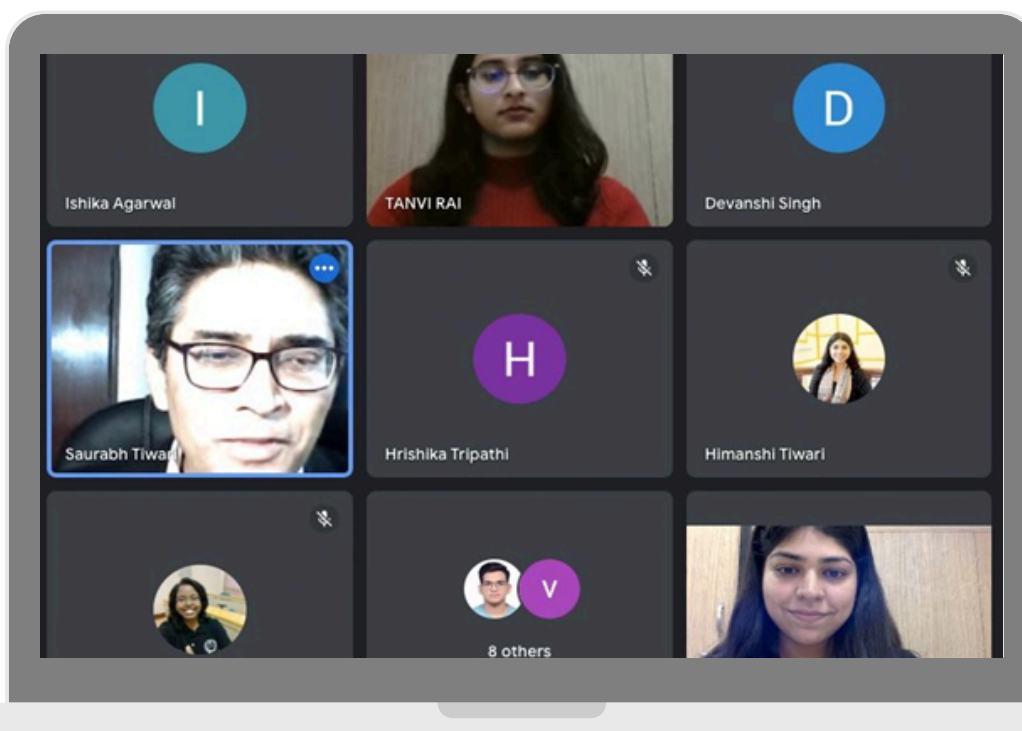
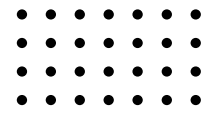
Importantly, Prof. Singh linked these national-level learnings with the ongoing empirical research being undertaken by the DPIIT IPR Chair at RMLNLU on the interface of GI and ODOP in Uttar Pradesh. He discussed preliminary findings from field surveys conducted in districts like Varanasi, Moradabad, Lucknow, and Jhansi, noting how GI-tagged products were benefiting from increased recognition but still faced constraints in terms of value chain integration and market penetration.

Prof. Singh encouraged students to view GIs not just as legal instruments but as catalysts for sustainable and inclusive development, urging them to actively engage in research and fieldwork that bridges law with livelihoods.

This post-Samagam session demonstrated the Chair's commitment to translating policy engagement into academic enrichment and community outreach.



ONLINE LECTURE ON COPYRIGHT CONUNDRUMS: USE OF COPYRIGHTED MUSIC AT INDIAN WEDDINGS AND OTHER RELATED ASPECTS BY MR. SAURABH TIWARI, ADVOCATE, SUPREME COURT OF INDIA ON 25TH JANUARY, 2025



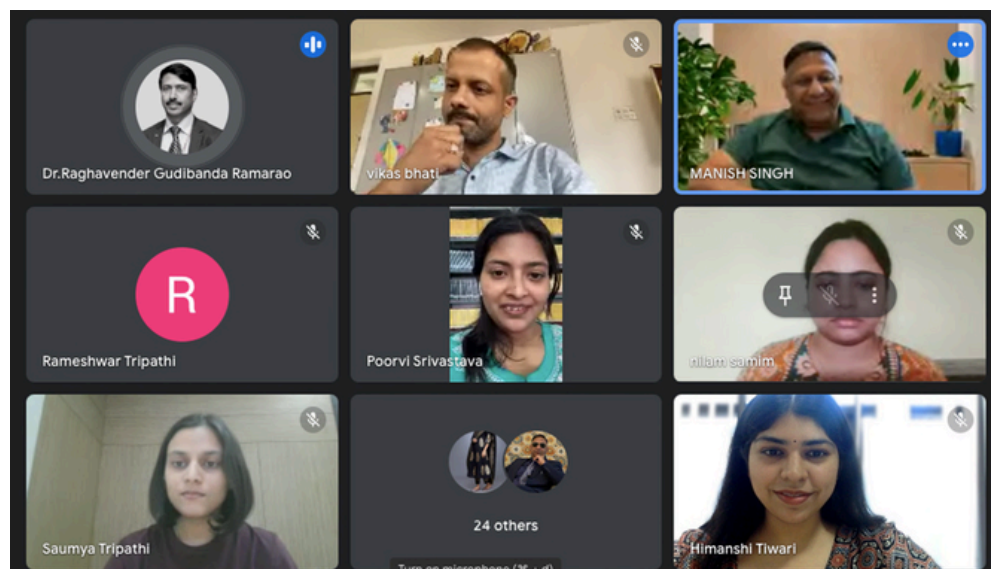
The DPIIT IPR Chair, RMLNLU successfully organized an insightful online lecture on **“Copyright Conundrums: Use of Copyrighted Music at Indian Weddings and Other Related Aspects”**. Mr. Saurabh Tiwari, Advocate at the Supreme Court of India and the High Court of Delhi, delivered an in-depth session on the legal considerations surrounding the use of copyrighted music at private events. His expertise in Intellectual Property Law provided participants with valuable perspectives on licensing, fair use, and the broader implications of copyright compliance.

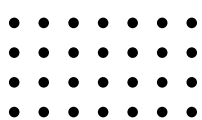
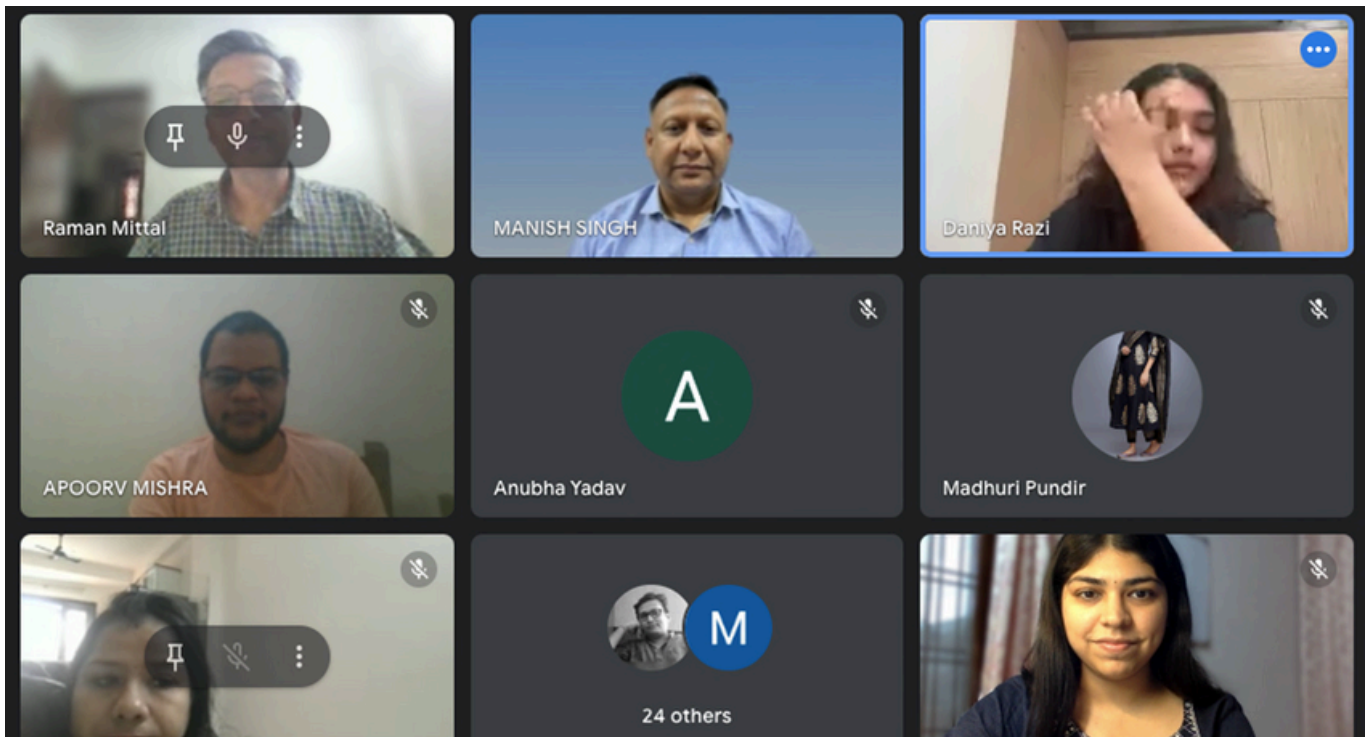
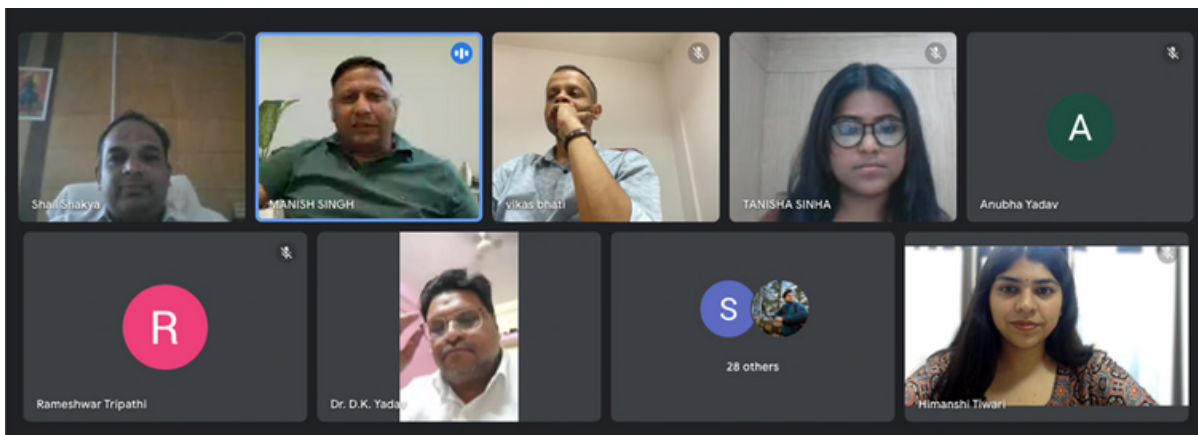
The session saw active participation from attendees, leading to meaningful discussions on the intersection of law, culture, and digital rights. The engagement and thoughtful questions enriched the discourse and encourage all in fostering greater awareness and understanding of intellectual property rights.

ONE WEEK ONLINE FACULTY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (FDP) ON VARIOUS ASPECTS OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS AND RELATED ASPECTS ORGANISED FROM 21ST TO 27TH MARCH, 2025

The DPIIT-IPR Chair, RMLNLU successfully organized a One Week Online Faculty Development Programme (FDP) on the “Various Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights and Related Aspects” from 21st to 27th March, 2025. The program was aimed at equipping faculty members and researchers from across disciplines with in-depth knowledge and interdisciplinary perspectives on contemporary IPR issues. Conducted through an online platform, the FDP witnessed enthusiastic participation from academics, legal professionals, and policy enthusiasts from all over India.

The inaugural session held on 21st March 2025 featured a welcome address and formal opening of the program. This was followed by the keynote lecture by Dr. Raghavender GR, Senior Consultant, DPIIT, Government of India, who delivered a session on “Patent Strategies in India Start-Up Ecosystem.” The second session of the day, led by Dr. Shail Shakya, explored “Understanding IP Divergence in the Context of Technology Transfers,” laying the groundwork for nuanced legal and policy debates.



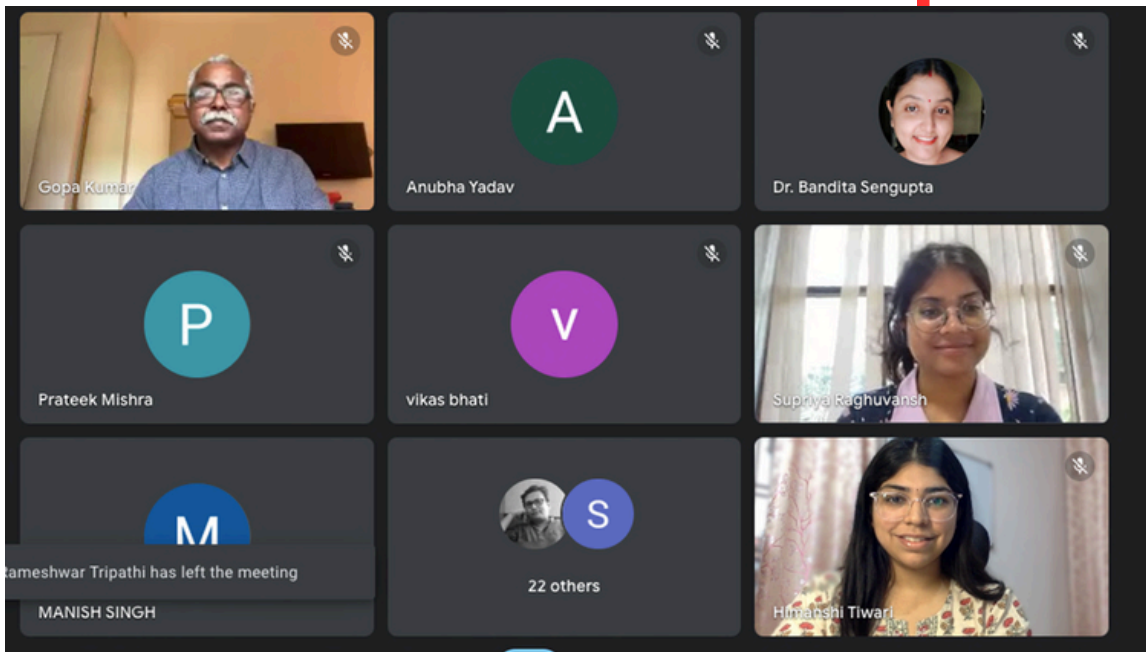
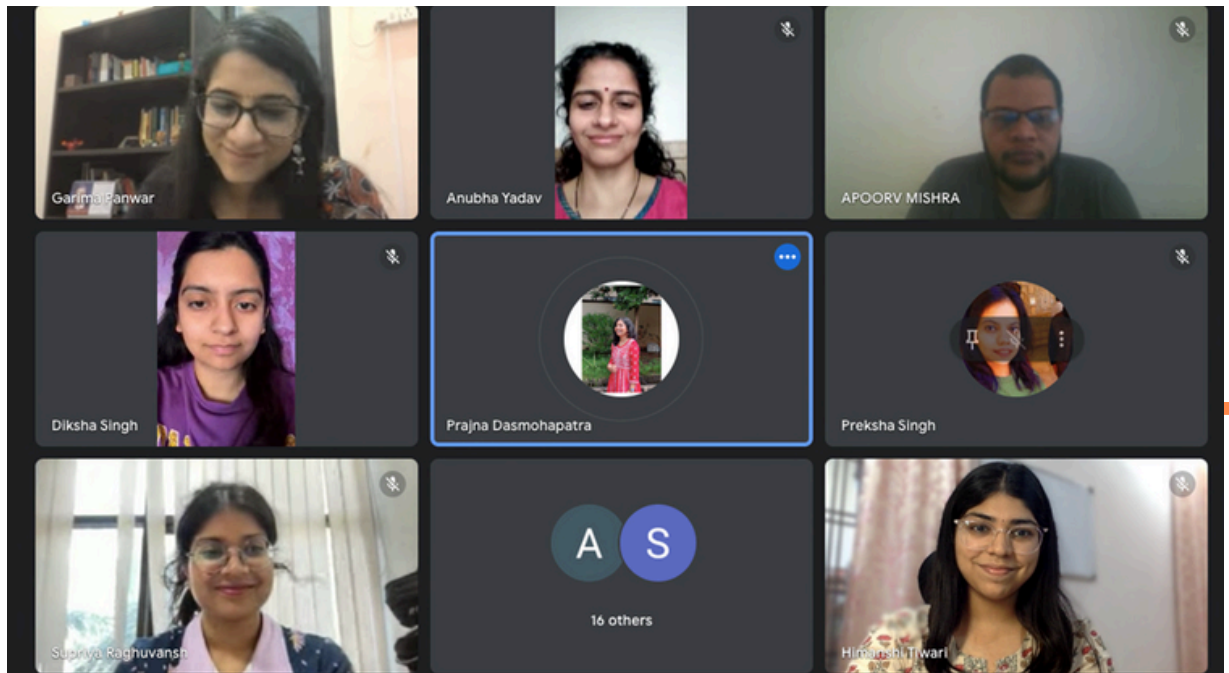


On 22nd March, the FDP featured three sessions. Prof. Raman Kumar Mittal initiated the day with a comprehensive lecture on “Licensing of Intellectual Property,” followed by Ms. Apanjot Kaur, who discussed the “Interface between Intellectual Property Laws and Competition Law.” The third speaker, Dr. Vikas Bhati, focused on “Understanding the Basics of Brand Management,” bridging legal doctrines with commercial practices.

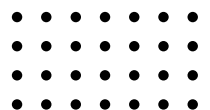


The sessions on 23rd March centred around global and public-interest dimensions of IPR. Mr. K.M. Gopakumar delivered an impactful talk on “20 Years of Pharmaceutical Product Patent Regime in India: Implication for Access,” reflecting on access to medicines. This was followed by Ms. Garima Panwar, who spoke on “Protecting Folklore and Traditional Performance in Digital Age: A Copyright Perspective.” The day concluded with a futuristic discussion by Ms. Aditi Bharti on “Generative AI and Patent Laws: Policy Consideration for the Future.”

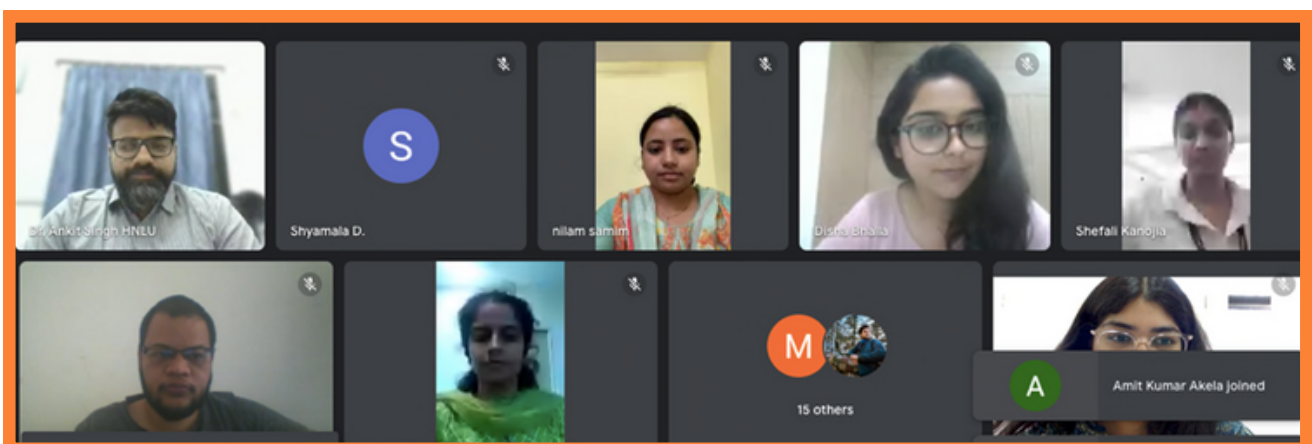
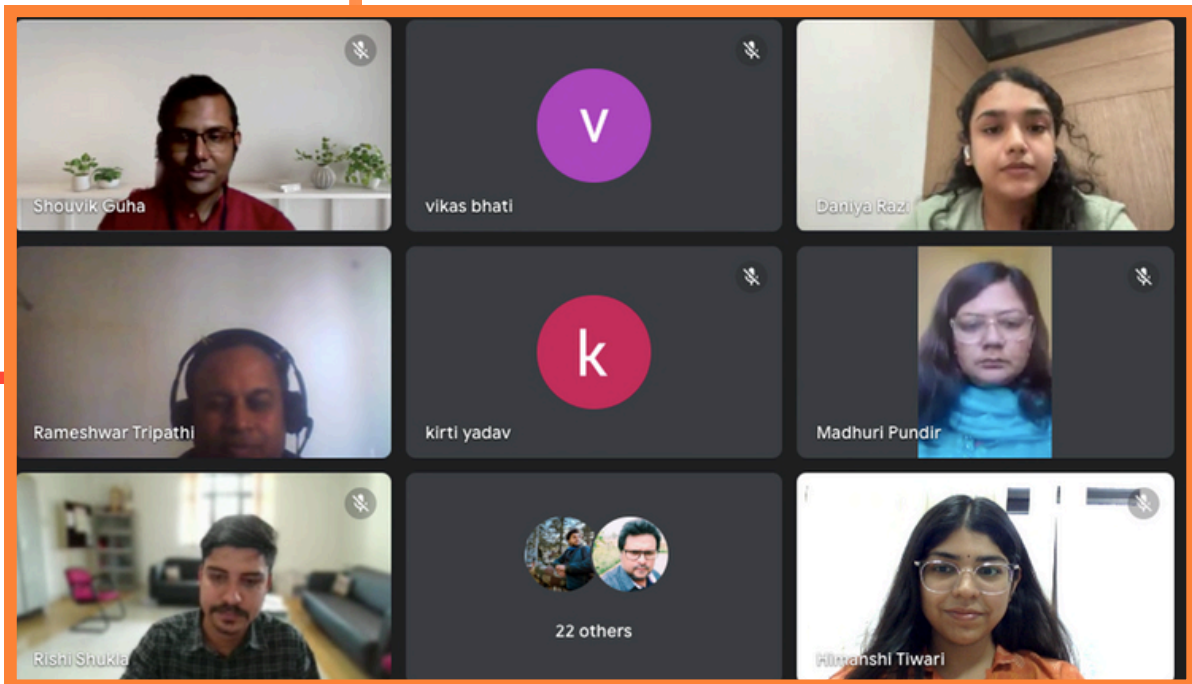




On 24th March, the sessions brought forth issues of biodiversity, trademarks, and cyberspace. Dr. Ashish Kumar Srivastava opened the day with his lecture on “Biodiversity, Traditional Knowledge and ABS: Challenges in Intellectual Property Management.” Later, Dr. Vijay Awana elaborated on “Protection of Trademark in India,” especially focusing on well-known trademarks and trans-border reputation. Dr. Aman Deep Singh wrapped up the day with an insightful presentation on “Intellectual Property Rights in Cyberspace: Legal Challenges and Emerging Issues.”

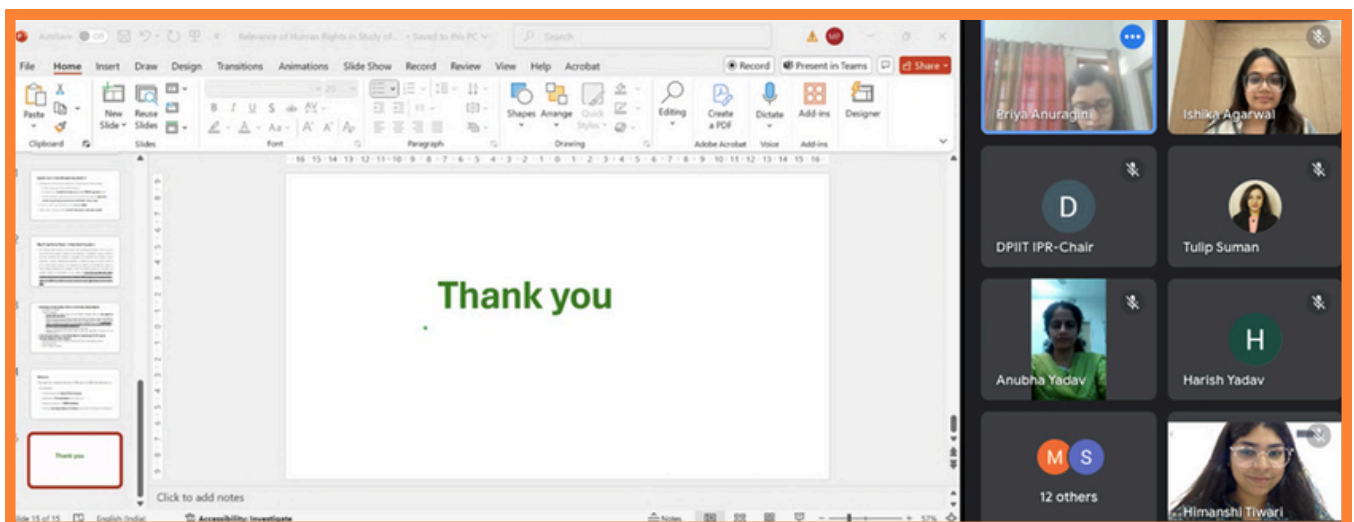


The 25th March sessions included discussions on access and benefit sharing, artificial intelligence, and pharmaceutical innovation. Dr. Dristirupa Patgiri spoke on “Issues and Challenges of Access and Benefit Sharing,” while Dr. Shouvik Kumar Guha analyzed “Generative AI and Intellectual Property Litigation - A Global Overview.” Dr. Indra Dwivedy concluded the day with a detailed session on “Patentability Criteria: Innovations in the Pharmaceutical and Biotech Sector.”

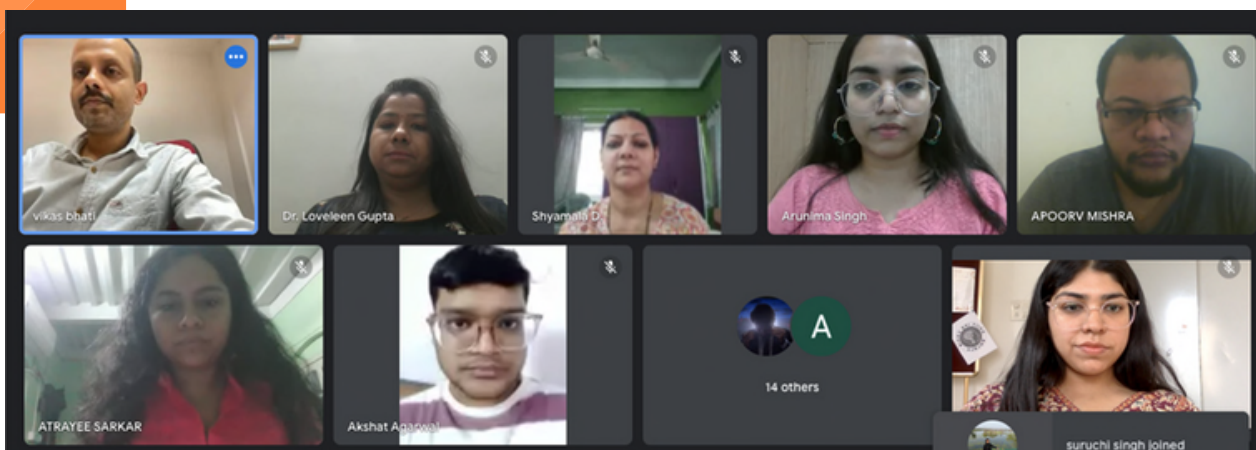




On 26th March, participants were introduced to practical and theoretical developments in patent law and trade secrets. Dr. Pankaj Kumar discussed the “Patent Journey: Practical Aspects from Pre-Filing to Grant,” while Dr. Ankit Singh provided a “Critical Overview of the Proposed Trade Secret Law of India.” The last session of the day by Dr. Priya Anuragini examined the “Relevance of Human Rights in the Study of Intellectual Property.”



The final day, 27th March, featured forward-looking themes linking IP with local economic growth and copyright challenges. Mr. Lalit Ambastha presented on “Intellectual Property and One District One Product: A Pathway for Local Economic Growth,” and Dr. Sufiya Ahmad concluded the lecture series with her talk on “Emerging Challenges and Developments in Copyright Law.” The program concluded with an examination followed by a valedictory session, where the efforts of the organizing committee and the active participation of attendees were formally recognized.



In conclusion, the FDP successfully met its objectives of creating a robust platform for learning and interaction on diverse aspects of intellectual property. The carefully curated sessions delivered by a distinguished group of academicians, practitioners, and policy experts enriched the participants' understanding and sparked interest in further academic and policy-oriented research. The DPIIT-IPR Chair at RMLNLU reaffirmed its commitment to fostering intellectual and policy discourse in the realm of IPR through such meaningful engagements.

INAUGURAL EDITION OF THE INTRA INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY MEDIATION COMPETITION IN COLLABORATION WITH ANAND & ANAND, A LEADING IP LAW FIRM ORGANISED ON THE 30TH AND 31ST OF MARCH, 2025

The DPIIT IPR Chair at Dr. Ram Manohar Lohiya National Law University, Lucknow, in collaboration with Anand and Anand, a leading intellectual property law firm in India, successfully organized the inaugural edition of the Intra Intellectual Property Mediation Competition on the 30th and 31st of March, 2025. This first-of-its-kind initiative was conceptualized to provide law students with a practical understanding of the alternative dispute resolution (ADR) mechanisms in the intellectual property (IP) domain, combining the principles of negotiation, mediation, and IP law.



The two-day competition was designed to simulate real-world IP disputes that required participants to demonstrate not only a sound grasp of legal knowledge but also negotiation tactics, problem-solving acumen, and collaborative skills. The event featured carefully curated problem statements based on emerging and complex IP issues such as trademark conflicts, licensing disagreements, and patent-related negotiations involving cutting-edge technologies.

These scenarios were crafted to reflect the dynamic and often sensitive nature of IP disputes in commercial settings.

The competition witnessed active participation from pre-selected teams of students from RMLNLU, who took on the roles of disputing parties and their counsel in mediated sessions. Each round was evaluated by a panel of seasoned IP professionals, mediators, and senior faculty members. The judging criteria focused on legal articulation, negotiation strategy, ethical conduct, teamwork, and outcome effectiveness.



A highlight of the event was the presence and involvement of expert mentors and evaluators from Anand and Anand, who brought invaluable industry perspectives into the simulation. Their guidance and feedback helped bridge the gap between classroom learning and real-world application of dispute resolution in intellectual property matters. The sessions served not only as a competition but also as a learning laboratory for participants to understand the nuances of resolving IP disputes through consensual and structured dialogue.



The final round, held on 31st March 2025, was a closely contested negotiation between two top-performing teams and was adjudicated by a distinguished panel comprising senior associates from Anand and Anand and experienced professionals. The problem statements, created by senior associates from Anand and Anand, tested not only the participants' understanding of IP law but also their ability to think critically, collaborate effectively, and communicate persuasively. Participants assumed the roles of disputing parties and mediators, demonstrating a nuanced understanding of IP conflicts and dispute resolution techniques.

The Valedictory Ceremony held on 31st March 2025 was graced by Hon'ble Mr. Justice Vivek Chaudhary, Judge at the High Court of Judicature, Lucknow Bench, who presided as the Chief Guest. In his address, Justice Chaudhary eloquently emphasized the growing importance of intellectual property in a knowledge-driven economy and the emerging role of mediation as a constructive alternative to litigation in IP disputes. He highlighted key advantages of mediation—confidentiality, cost-efficiency, flexibility, and preservation of business relationships—making a strong case for its wider adoption in the Indian legal system.



Also addressing the gathering were Prof. Amar Pal Singh, Vice Chancellor of RMLNLU, and Prof. Manish Singh, DPIIT IPR Chair Professor, who reflected on the university's growing emphasis on experiential legal education, particularly in the areas of technology, innovation, and IP rights. Representatives from Anand and Anand, including Ms. Sampurnaa Sanyal and Ms. Imon Roy, who also served as problem drafters, shared their insights and encouraged students to actively engage with the evolving field of IP mediation.

The ceremony included the announcement and distribution of awards in various categories, recognizing exceptional performances in negotiation planning, mediation technique, and overall teamwork. The winners were also offered the opportunity to intern at Anand and Anand, granting them valuable exposure to high-stakes IP practice. Additionally, the event saw the launch of the official newsletter and logo of the DPIIT IPR Chair at RMLNLU, marking a significant milestone in the university's academic and institutional identity in the field of intellectual property law.

The competition was made possible through the collective effort of faculty coordinators, student volunteers, and administrative staff. Special appreciation was extended to Prof. Manish Singh, Chairperson of the DPIIT IPR Chair, and Dr. Vikas Bhati, Director of IP-PRECISE, for their vision and dedication.

In conclusion, the inaugural edition of the Intra Intellectual Property Negotiation and Mediation Competition marked a landmark initiative in promoting alternative dispute resolution within the field of intellectual property. By integrating academic learning with real-world simulation, it nurtured a new generation of legally astute, ethically grounded, and solution-oriented professionals. As echoed in the words of Justice Nani Palkhivala, "The greatness of a legal system lies not in its capacity to win battles, but in its ability to resolve conflicts with justice, dignity, and mutual respect." This competition took a significant step in that direction, laying the foundation for future editions that will continue to uphold these values.



LAUNCH OF THE OFFICIAL LOGO OF THE DPIIT- IPR CHAIR, RMLNLU ON 31ST MARCH, 2025



The DPIIT IPR Chair at Dr. Ram Manohar Lohiya National Law University, Lucknow, marked a significant institutional milestone with the launch of its official logo during the Valedictory Ceremony of the Inaugural Intra Intellectual Property Mediation Competition, held on 31st March, 2025. The event was graced by the presence of Hon'ble Mr. Justice Vivek Chaudhary, Judge, High Court of Judicature at Allahabad (Lucknow Bench), who presided as the Chief Guest, along with Prof. (Dr.) Amar Pal Singh, Vice Chancellor, RMLNLU, and faculty members, students, and guests from the renowned IP law firm Anand and Anand.

The unveiling of the logo was more than a ceremonial gesture — it symbolized the Chair's emergence as a vibrant hub of intellectual inquiry, innovation, and policy engagement in the domain of Intellectual Property Rights. The logo represents the core values of the Chair: legal integrity, academic excellence, and commitment to fostering a robust IP culture in India. It also reflects the Chair's vision to bridge the gap between law, technology, and creativity, and to serve as a national thought leader on IP issues. The moment was met with resounding applause and marked a proud turning point for the IPR ecosystem.

This launch not only gave the Chair a visual identity but also reaffirmed its presence and leadership in the evolving landscape of intellectual property education and research in India.

LAUNCH OF THE INAUGURAL EDITION OF THE DPIIT-IPR CHAIR, RMLNLU NEWSLETTER ON 31ST MARCH, 2025

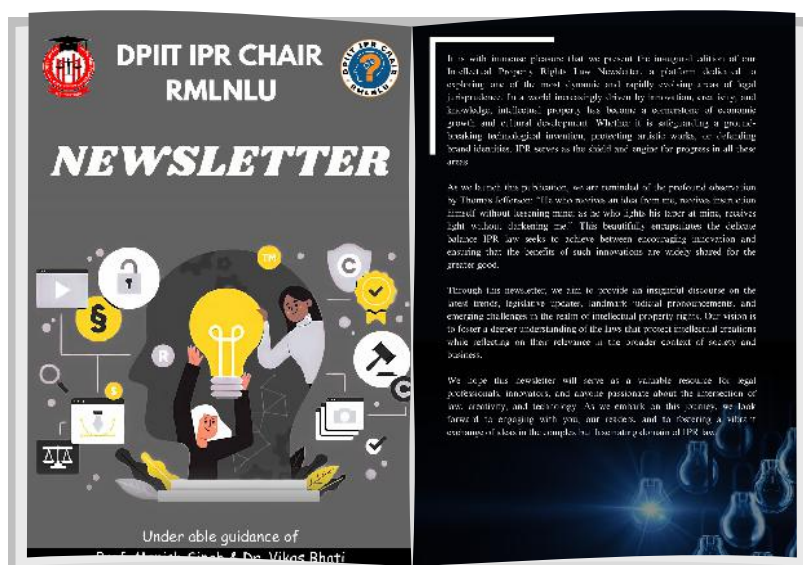


The DPIIT IPR Chair at Dr. Ram Manohar Lohiya National Law University, Lucknow, proudly launched the inaugural edition of its official newsletter during the Valedictory Ceremony of the Intra Intellectual Property Mediation Competition held on 31st March 2025. The launch was graced by the presence of Hon'ble Mr. Justice Vivek Chaudhary, Judge at the High Court of Judicature at Allahabad (Lucknow Bench), and Prof. (Dr.) Amar Pal Singh, Vice Chancellor of RMLNLU. The moment marked a significant step forward in institutionalizing the outreach, documentation, and academic initiatives of the DPIIT-IPR Chair, RMLNLU.

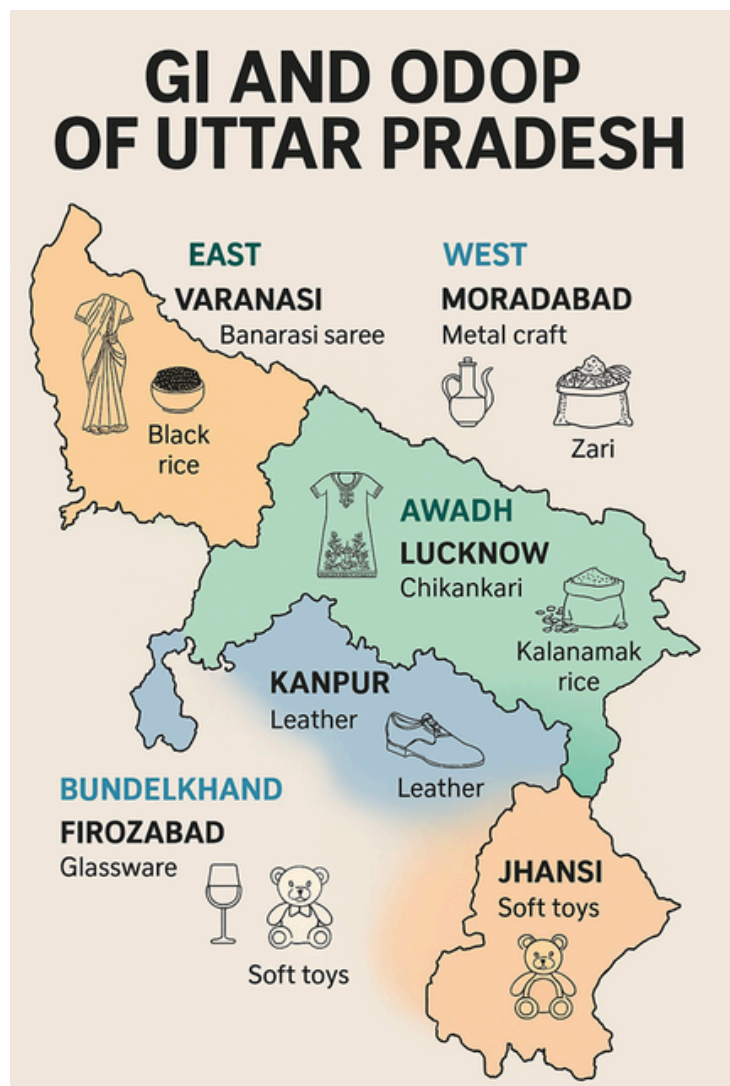
The newsletter was formally unveiled as a platform to showcase the Chair's academic, research, and outreach activities, while also highlighting contemporary developments in the field of intellectual property law. It aspires to serve not merely as a periodic update but as a vibrant repository of ideas, reflections, and student-led contributions in the IP ecosystem. The inaugural edition includes summaries of lectures, thought pieces, interviews, and reports on events conducted under the aegis of the Chair.

Under the able guidance of Prof. Manish Singh and Dr. Vikas Bhati, and spearheaded by Himanshi Tiwari, Tejaswini Kaushal, Jaivardhan Goyal, Ishika Agarwal and Daniya Razi Ansari, the newsletter reflects the collaborative effort of faculty and students who worked with passion and precision to translate the Chair's vision into a tangible publication. The initiative also aligns with the Chair's commitment to fostering legal scholarship and promoting IP awareness in academic and policy circles.

The launch of this inaugural edition marks not just the beginning of a publication, but the establishment of a platform dedicated to celebrating intellectual curiosity, sharing legal insights, and amplifying the voice of young scholars. It affirms the Chair's resolve to continue engaging with the ever-evolving world of IP law through academic transparency, innovation, and dialogue.



ONGOING EMPIRICAL STUDY ON 'GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATIONS AND THE ONE DISTRICT, ONE PRODUCT INITIATIVE: A SOCIO-LEGAL STUDY IN THE STATE OF UTTAR PRADESH'



The DPIIT IPR Chair at Dr. Ram Manohar Lohiya National Law University, Lucknow had proposed an empirical study titled 'Geographical Indications and the One District, One Product Initiative: A socio-legal Study in the state of Uttar Pradesh' as one of the activities to be conducted by it in the Financial Year 2024-25. an extensive empirical research project aimed at examining the interplay between Geographical Indications (GI) and the One District One Product (ODOP) scheme in the state of Uttar Pradesh. This field-based research, currently underway, seeks to assess the level of awareness, access to benefits, economic impacts, and challenges associated with the convergence of GI tags and ODOP-marked products among producers, artisans, and stakeholders at the district level.

The Chair has completed the preliminary research required for the study and is now in the phase of data collection for the empirical study. For the empirical study, the team/research assistants are visiting the following districts of the state of Uttar Pradesh under the following four zones:

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| 1 | East | Varanasi, Chandauli |
| 2 | West | Moradabad, Bareilly |
| 3 | Awadh | Lucknow, Lakhimpur Kheri, Kanpur |
| 4 | Bundelkhand | Firozabad, Jhansi |

The data collection has already been completed in the districts of Lucknow, Varanasi and Chandauli and shall be continued in the upcoming Financial Year from 2025-26 in line with the objectives of the Chair. To guide this data collection, the research team has designed a comprehensive Hindi-language questionnaire, ensuring accessibility and relevance to the local respondent base. The questionnaire captures both qualitative and quantitative insights and is structured into six key sections: awareness of ODOP and GI; preservation and promotion of traditional crafts; economic impacts on household income and employment; marketing and branding outcomes; changes in production processes; and the overall influence of GI certification on regional development and intellectual property valuation.

Respondents are asked about their familiarity with the ODOP scheme launched in 2018 and whether their district-specific product has received a GI tag. The survey explores if beneficiaries are aware of the Common Facility Centres (CFCs), have received any formal training, or have experienced improvements in income, production quality, or demand post-certification. It also evaluates the role of GI in enhancing market credibility and checks whether the products have reached national or international markets.

A distinctive feature of this study is its focus on the grassroots experience, examining how artisans and producers perceive changes brought by these policy interventions. The research also investigates whether GI and ODOP

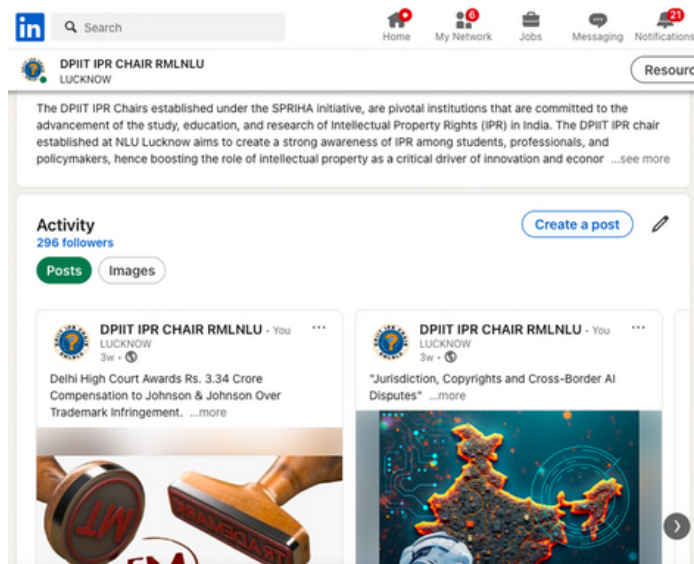
convergence has led to any visible rise in tourism, district-level branding, or the emergence of collective entrepreneurship. Importantly, it probes the demand for additional training, government support, and institutional facilitation to sustain and upscale the gains from GI recognition.

The ongoing study aspires to generate evidence-based policy recommendations for improving the integration of GI with ODOP and enhancing the socio-economic outcomes for traditional product communities. It reflects the DPIIT IPR Chair's commitment to localized IP research that bridges academic inquiry with developmental policymaking, especially in a culturally rich and economically diverse state like Uttar Pradesh.

With data collection underway across selected districts in the East, West, Awadh, and Bundelkhand regions of Uttar Pradesh, the findings are expected to offer valuable insights into both the successes and challenges of these initiatives. A detailed analytical report, capturing the socio-economic effects, legal implications, and policy recommendations drawn from this research, shall be prepared and officially released soon by the DPIIT IPR Chair, RMLNLU. The report will serve as a resource for government bodies, IP professionals, academicians, and community stakeholders working at the intersection of law, culture, and development.



Social Media Engagement of the DPIIT-IPR Chair, RMLNLU



In 2024, the DPIIT IPR Chair at Dr. Ram Manohar Lohiya National Law University (RMLNLU), Lucknow, launched its official LinkedIn presence to enhance outreach and foster engagement within the intellectual property rights (IPR) community. This initiative aligns with the Chair's mission to promote IPR awareness, education, and research. As of April 2025, the

LinkedIn page has more than 200 followers, including students, legal professionals, academics, and policymakers.

The Chair regularly shares insightful posts on recent legal developments, case analyses, and educational content related to IPR. The LinkedIn platform has significantly enhanced the Chair's ability to disseminate knowledge, engage with a broader audience, and stay at the forefront of IPR discussions. Moving forward, the Chair aims to: increase follower engagement through interactive content and discussions, collaborate with industry experts for webinars and live sessions and share research findings and publications to contribute to academic discourse. This digital outreach complements the Chair's ongoing efforts to foster a robust IPR ecosystem in India.

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