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Organises Online

Winter School (Certificate Course- 01 Credit)

On

Patent, Trade Secret, Biodiversity & Industrial Design

Date: 30th Oct – 5th Nov., 2025; **Time:** 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM; **Platform:** MS Team Application

Last date of Registration: 28th Oct., 2025 (5:00 PM)

FREE Registration

Registration Link: <https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/557dad1e-a049-45f1-a815-386ef2c33f0d@60c982bd-2bea-4257-83ea-27b3c7bd3bd7>

Eligibility:

- Young law professionals
- LL.B/LL.M/ Ph.D. scholars
- Advocates
- Students of science/engineering Professionals from industries/Start-ups/ business
- Professionals/Students from any discipline

Why this course is important?

- In-depth understanding of global IPR system
- Practical insights through case studies and workshops
- Networking opportunities with experts and peers
- Ideal for thesis research, startups, and IP careers

Course Outline

- Patent Law and Innovation.
- Trade secrets in the knowledge economy: Comparative law (India & International)
- Biodiversity and Access to Genetic Resources.
- Industrial Design Rights: emerging trends in Design Law

Concept Note

In today's knowledge-driven economy, Intellectual Property Rights (IPRs) play a vital role in fostering innovation, protecting creativity and facilitating technology transfer. As nations and industries increasingly rely on intangible assets, understanding the legal, economic, and policy dimensions of IP becomes essential for professionals across disciplines.

These areas are critical not only to inventors and businesses but also to academic researchers, startups, indigenous communities, and policymakers.

The contemporary innovation landscape is increasingly defined by the strategic use of Intellectual Property Rights (IPRs) to protect and commercialize knowledge assets. Among the most critical components of this ecosystem are patents, trade secrets, biodiversity laws, and industrial design protections—each playing a distinct yet interrelated role in fostering creativity, safeguarding investments, and ensuring fair access to resources. Patents grant exclusive rights to inventors for novel and useful inventions, encouraging technological progress. In contrast, trade secrets protect confidential business information, offering perpetual protection without disclosure, provided secrecy is maintained. Biodiversity laws, shaped by international frameworks like the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) and the Nagoya Protocol, regulate access to genetic resources and ensure equitable benefit-sharing, especially for indigenous and local communities.

Meanwhile, industrial design rights safeguard the aesthetic aspects of products, which are increasingly valuable in consumer-driven markets. Together, these four pillars of IPR provide a robust framework to balance innovation, commerce, environmental sustainability, and cultural integrity.

The Winter School aims to: Build foundational and advanced understanding of selected IP domains; Equip participants with the legal tools to identify, protect, and commercialize innovations; Highlight real-world case studies on patenting, design protection, and misappropriation of biodiversity; Examine comparative and international legal frameworks, including TRIPS, the Nagoya Protocol, and WIPO treaties; and Promote interdisciplinary and practice-oriented learning.

Certification:

At the end of the winter school, only the participants attending minimum 12 classes will receive E-certificates. Organisers shall not be responsible for network failure.