



National Conference

On

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS: INNOVATION, ACCESS AND SOCIETY



Organised By
LEGAL AID CLINIC & PRO-BONO CLUB
School Of Law, Justice & Governance
Gautam Buddha University, Greater Noida

In Collaboration With
JOTWANI ASSOCIATES, NEW DELHI

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(Hybrid Mode)

1. ABOUT THE LEGAL AID CLINIC & PRO-BONO CLUB

The Legal Aid Clinic & Pro-Bono Club, School of Law, Justice & Governance, Gautam Buddha University, Greater Noida, is committed to promoting access to justice, legal awareness and social responsibility. It provides students with opportunities to engage in legal aid, legal literacy, community outreach, research, and pro bono activities, fostering practical legal skills and a commitment to constitutional values and public service.

2. ABOUT THE SCHOOL

The School of Law, Justice & Governance, Gautam Buddha University is committed to excellence in legal education, research, and professional development. The school promotes an interdisciplinary approach to law and encourages research, clinical legal education, moot courts, legal aid, debates and other experiential learning activities. It seeks to develop competent, analytical and socially responsible legal professionals and researchers equipped to address contemporary challenges in law, justice and governance.

3. ABOUT THE JOTWANI ASSOCIATES

Jotwani Associates is a New Delhi-based law firm with an international clientele, specialising in Intellectual Property Rights, Corporate Laws, Litigation, Cyber Laws and Government Relations & Policy. The firm provides technology-enabled legal services across India and international jurisdictions.

4. ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) have emerged as a critical legal, economic and social instrument for promoting creativity, technological advancement and innovation. In an increasingly knowledge-driven and digital economy, intellectual property plays a vital role in protecting inventions, creative works, brands, traditional knowledge and technological developments. At the same time, the exercise of intellectual property rights raises important questions concerning access to knowledge, medicines, technology, education and other resources essential for public welfare.

The National Conference on “Intellectual Property Rights: Innovation, Access and Society” seeks to provide a multidisciplinary platform for academics, researchers, legal practitioners, policymakers, innovators, industry professionals and students to deliberate upon contemporary developments and emerging challenges in the field of intellectual property law and policy.

The Conference will critically examine the relationship between IPR and innovation, including emerging technologies such as Artificial Intelligence, biotechnology and digital technologies; the need to ensure equitable access to knowledge, medicines, technology and educational resources; and the wider social implications of intellectual property protection. Particular attention will be given to the need for maintaining an appropriate balance between private intellectual property rights and broader public interest.

The Conference also aims to facilitate discussion on the adequacy of the existing Indian and international IPR framework in responding to rapidly evolving technological, economic and societal realities. It will encourage exchange of ideas on legal reforms, effective enforcement mechanisms, technology transfer, commercialisation of innovation, protection of traditional knowledge and cultural expressions, public health, competition, digital piracy and inclusive development.

Through scholarly deliberations and interdisciplinary engagement, the Conference seeks to contribute towards developing a balanced, innovative, accessible and socially responsive intellectual property regime capable of promoting innovation while advancing public interest and sustainable development.

Against this backdrop, the **Legal Aid Clinic and Pro-Bono Club, School of Law, Justice & Governance, Gautam Buddha University**, in collaboration with Jotwani Associates, New Delhi, proposes to organise this National Conference to facilitate meaningful academic and professional dialogue on the evolving dimensions of Intellectual Property Rights.

5. ELIGIBILITY TO PARTICIPATE

The Conference is expected to bring together:

- Undergraduate and Postgraduate Students
- Research Scholars
- Faculty Members
- Legal Professionals and Practitioners
- Academicians
- Researchers and other stakeholders

6. THEMES

Papers are invited on the following broad themes and sub-themes, including but not limited to:

Theme I: Intellectual Property Rights and Innovation

- A) Patents & Emerging Technologies
- B) AI, Machine Learning & IP
- C) Copyright & Digital Economy
- D) Biotechnology & Pharmaceutical IP
- E) Technology Transfer & Commercialisation

Theme II: Intellectual Property Rights, Access and Public Interest

- A) IPR & Access to Justice
- B) IP & Access to Medicines
- C) Copyright & Education
- D) Traditional Knowledge & Community Rights
- E IPR, Competition & Public Interest

Theme III: Intellectual Property Rights, Society and the Future

- A) IPR & Social Justice
- B) Generative AI & Copyright
- C) Digital Piracy & IP Enforcement
- D) Data, Privacy & Intellectual Property
- E) Future of IP Law & Policy

7. SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Abstract (300-500 words). Abstract should include objectives, methodology, data sources, and keywords. Submissions must be original and unpublished. Plagiarism should be below 10% and No Artificial Intelligence written content will be accepted. Abstract should be typed in MS Word using Times New Roman font, 12-point size and 1.5-line spacing. Abstracts are to be submitted with the registration form. Each paper should have a cover page containing the title of the paper, name of the author, Institution, name, email id and phone number. The full paper has to be submitted via the following Google Form.

8. IMPORTANT DATES

- **Last Date for Submission of Abstract and Registration:** 31 October 2026
- **Last Date of Acceptance for Presentation:** 10 November 2026
- **Last Date of Submission of Full Paper:** 18 November 2026
- **Date of Conference:** 20 November 2026 (Friday)

9. REGISTRATION FEE

Category	Registration Fee
GBU UG & PG Students	₹200/-
All Research Scholars/ Other UG and PG Students	₹300/-
All Faculty Members and other professionals	₹500/-

Registration Fee Includes

- Conference Kit
- High Tea
- Lunch
- Participation/Presentation Certificate
- Registration fee does not include accommodation charges

The registration fee (non-refundable) will be deposited into the account mentioned below:

- **Account Name:** Gautam Buddha University, Greater Noida
- **Bank:** Punjab National Bank
- **Account No.:** 6660000100000672
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- **Account Type:** Savings Account

10. REGISTRATION FORM

After depositing the registration fee, please complete the following Registration Form and upload the soft copy/screenshot of the payment details. **No other mode of registration will be accepted.**

Google Form:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSftE8V_WlSYvhA3drk77nzKX8LvJv5LeT-dzCxLYzXnpDPYvg/viewform

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11. MODE OF PRESENTATION

Abstract may be presented physically or online in accordance with the hybrid format of the Conference.

12. ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation may be available at the university's National Guest House on a chargeable basis, subject to room availability. If rooms are unavailable, the Organising Committee will recommend suitable nearby hotels. In both cases, participants shall visit the accommodation facility, make their own booking, and pay the charges directly.

13. WEATHER & PLACES TO VISIT IN GREATER NOIDA

As the Conference is scheduled in Greater Noida in November, participants are advised to carry a light sweater, jacket, or blazer, particularly for early morning and evening hours. Daytime weather is generally pleasant and comfortable. Participants may consider visiting prominent attractions, including Rashtriya Dalit Prerna Sthal and Green Garden, Noida; India Gate, Qutub Minar, Red Fort, Lotus Temple and Humayun's Tomb in Delhi; and the Taj Mahal, Agra Fort and Fatehpur Sikri in Agra. Agra is approximately 190 km, and Delhi is 40 km from Greater Noida. Participants should independently verify visiting hours, entry requirements, and transportation arrangements.

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