

3 MONTHS PG-DIPLOMA (IPR) COURSE 2025-26

Starting from December 15, 2025 – March 15, 2026



CENTRE FOR INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS & DPIIT-IPR CHAIR MAHARASHTRA NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY, NAGPUR

ABOUT THE MNLUN

Maharashtra National Law University, Nagpur was established by the Government of Maharashtra in 2015. The University started its academic activities from August 1, 2016 and is currently in its tenth year of academic pursuits with batches of Undergraduate Degree Course viz., B.A.LL.B.(Hons.) Five-Year Degree Course; B.A.LL.B. (Honours in Adjudication and Justicing) Five-Year Degree Course; B.B.A.LL.B. (Hons.) Five-Year Degree Course; One-Year LL.M. (Postgraduate) Degree Course; and Ph.D. programme. The University is recognised by the University Grants Commission (UGC) and the Bar Council of India (BCI), New Delhi. It is also a member of Association of Indian Universities (AIU), New Delhi and Consortium of National Law Universities. The University is making rapid progress towards the dream of achieving excellence in the field of legal and justice education with its dedicated faculty members, research associates, research scholars, students and staff.

ABOUT THE CENTRE

The Centre for Intellectual Property Rights was established in the year 2016 to promote Human, Social and Commercial values through exclusive socio-legal research in the field of Intellectual Property Rights. The DPIIT-IPR Chair was allotted to the University in the year 2020 under the Scheme for Pedagogy & Research in IPRs for Holistic Education & Academia (SPRIHA) under the Ministry of Industry and Commerce. Since its inception both the CIPR and DPIIT-

IPR chair of the university are working towards the fulfilment of the objectives set out in the scheme by taking various initiatives in the field.

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) has, in recent years, emerged as one of the most significant and dynamic branches of law, shaped by its inherently multidisciplinary character. Its scope and relevance have expanded rapidly, influencing a wide range of industries and sectors. With the advent of advanced technologies such as artificial intelligence, the Internet of Things, block-chain, and other transformational tools, understanding the legal and policy frameworks governing these developments has become more critical than ever.

From students and aspiring entrepreneurs to legal practitioners, researchers, and scientists, intellectual property intersects with almost every professional domain. Its importance continues to grow as innovation accelerates across fields. Although India stands among the world's leading emerging economies and possesses one of the largest pools of scientific and technical talent globally, it continues to lag in generating intellectual property assets and achieving strong international visibility in high-technology innovation and global branding. This gap is reflected in India's relatively low position on the Global Innovation Index. Several factors contribute to this performance, including limited awareness about IPR, an insufficient number of trained IP professionals, and inadequate institutional capacity for high-quality education and training in the field. Intellectual property law is a complex and evolving discipline that presents unique conceptual and practical challenges.

This Post Graduate Diploma in Intellectual Property Rights is designed to equip students with a comprehensive understanding of all major areas of IP law. Throughout the program, students will engage deeply with contemporary issues, develop the ability to navigate the legal dimensions of innovation and creativity, and gain specialized knowledge relevant to industry needs. The course has been structured to reflect the current challenges of intellectual property practice and will be delivered through close collaboration between leading academics and experienced practitioners, ensuring both theoretical grounding and practical insight.

AIMS AND EXPECTED OUTCOMES OF THE PROGRAMME

This programme is designed to build comprehensive awareness, knowledge, and practical competence in the field of Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) among a diverse group of stakeholders, including students from various disciplines, early-career researchers, practising

professionals, government officials, litigators, scientists, IP managers, and policymakers. It seeks to foster a deeper understanding of the socio-economic significance of intellectual property, especially in the context of emerging technologies and evolving global practices. Participants will gain practical training on the procedures and requirements involved in securing various forms of intellectual property, along with opportunities for multidisciplinary dialogue through engagement with experts such as lawyers, judges, practitioners, attorneys, and academics. The programme aims to serve as a platform for meaningful exchange of ideas, thereby strengthening the intellectual and professional ecosystem surrounding IPR.

By the end of the programme, participants are expected to:

- Acquire a strong foundational and practical knowledge base across all major areas of IPR.
- Recognize the rationale behind protecting IP and the broader social and economic objectives of IPR frameworks.
- Understand the end-to-end process of IP protection from creation and registration to management and commercialisation.
- Recognize the role of IPR as a strategic business tool capable of enhancing competitiveness and fostering innovation.
- Develop awareness of India's legislative landscape and global IP protection mechanisms, along with the significance of judicial developments in shaping IP jurisprudence.
- Identify recurring challenges posed by technological advancements to conventional IP doctrines and evaluate emerging responses and potential solutions.

Overall, the programme aims to equip participants with the knowledge, analytical skills, and practical insights required to navigate contemporary IPR issues and contribute meaningfully to policy, practice, and innovation ecosystems.

ELIGIBILITY

1. Bachelor's Degree or equivalent in any discipline from any recognized University.
2. Candidates appearing for the final year examination of Graduation are also eligible to apply, or Candidates who completed three years of their 5-year integrated LL.B. Degree programme in Law are also eligible to apply.

3. The course will be open for all persons from anywhere in India or abroad, having the above qualification, and may include students, professionals from various public and private industry sectors, academic personnel, legal professionals, Government officials, persons from the R & D sector, media personnel, etc.

Assessment, Examination & Certification

All the participants are obliged to timely submit completed assessment assignments (during the programme, usually after every module) and appear for an online exam at the end of the programme. The final exam for this course is comprised of a series of multiple choice questions and short notes. A fixed amount of time is allocated for participants to complete and submit the exam on-line. Participants are contacted regarding modalities for accessing the final exam approximately one week prior to the deadline for completion of the course.

After successful completion, the participants will be awarded Diploma in Intellectual Property Rights by DPIIT-IPR Chair MNLU Nagpur. For all the above-mentioned modules the classes will be held in Online live mode.

FEES STRUCTURE

- Rs. 5000/- per person

DURATION OF THE COURSE

- 3 months (Sat-Sun) every week for 2 hours.
- From December 15, 2025 to March 15, 2026.

ADMISSION PROCEDURE

- Apply Now: <https://forms.gle/CFBykcRtiKHQLym49>
- Payment Link: <https://onlinesbi.sbi.bank.in/sbicollect/icollecthome.htm>
- Last Date for Application – December 13, 2025

COURSE MODULES:

COURSE CODE	TITLE OF THE COURSE CREDITS (2)
01	General Introduction to IPR
02	International Approach to IPR
03	Copyright and Related Rights
04	Trademarks, Domain Names, Geographical Indications
05	Law of Patents and Innovation
06	Licensing and Commercialization of IP: Students will learn about the commercial aspects of intellectual property, including licensing and monetization.
07	Plant Varieties Protection, Biotechnology and Traditional Knowledge
08	Industrial Design and Layout Designs of Integrated Circuits and