

PROPOSAL

1st National Article Writing Competition on Intellectual Property Rights by RGNUL

(1) About the University

The Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law is a National Law University located in Patiala, Punjab, India. It was established in 2006 by the Punjab Government as a university dedicated to Legal Education.

(2) About the Organizers

The Centre for Innovation and Intellectual Property Rights at RGNUL, Punjab, has been established to promote students and researchers' interest in Innovation and Intellectual Property. The scope of IPR has only widened, including Agriculture, Sports, Health, Entertainment, Technology, Industries and Education. CIIPR endeavors to promote and develop IPR as a socio-economic and political justice vehicle. It aims to create an enabling environment by modernizing the IPR infrastructure and implementing various programs to raise awareness. The ultimate objective of the Centre is to encourage innovation and research in the country by emerging as a platform for students to further their interests in the field. A strong team of teachers and students is working towards achieving this end. CIIPR also organizes multiple editions of various events dedicated to achieving this goal. These events are often marked by association with household names and premier institutions in the field of law.

(3) Objective

The Article writing competition intends to provide young writers a platform to test their adroitness for writing and explore a wide range of challenging and interesting questions beyond the routine college curriculum. The students are expected to analyze and suggest ways to encourage innovation and strengthen the current IPR regime. The organizers aim to promote research and writing while contributing to an innovative future leading to sustainable development.

(4) Format and Tentative Topics

The competition format would include a mandatory registration, and participants must submit a final draft, which must be between 1500 and 2500 words, on the themes mentioned below. Winners will be announced after the blind peer review process is completed. The paper presentations will be conducted in a hybrid mode. It should be noted that the university does not offer accommodation for participants who choose to present offline. Therefore, these participants will have to be responsible for making their own arrangements. Tentative prizes:

- Top 3 rankers/teams will be awarded cash prize.
- 1st prize-Rs. 7000
- 2nd Prize- Rs.5000
- 3rd Prize -Rs.3000
- Internship opportunity would be provided to top two ranks
- Top 10 ranked articles to be published on the official CIIPR-RGNUL website and merit certificates will be awarded to these participants.
- Participation certificates will be awarded to individuals whose abstracts are selected.

Potential Themes (The list is non-exhaustive; students are free to choose any other allied topic related to the broad themes of Innovation and Intellectual Property Rights):

1. *Intellectual property and AI: The tussle of ownership*
2. *Exercise of Intellectual property rights and barriers to competition law*
3. *The growth of Non-traditional trademarks and restrictions in functionality.*
4. *Intellectual property rights and Human rights: Paving the path for the future.*
5. *Intellectual property rights and developments in the Aviation and space sector.*
6. *The role of IPR and Innovation in the domain of Artificial intelligence: Issues and Challenges.*

7. *Analysis of the Legal and Ethical Aspects of Posthumous Intellectual Property Rights and Celebrity Rights.*
8. *The role of international organizations in safeguarding the Intellectual Property Rights.*
9. *The evolving role of Arbitration in resolving Intellectual Property Rights disputes.*
10. *Metaverse and IP: Exploring the challenges and Issues in the virtual world.*

(5) Aimed Audience

The competition aims to reach students, professionals, and industry persons interested in Intellectual property. The registration fee will be Rs. 500 for a single author and 750 for co-authorship. This fee will contribute to covering the cash prize money and further enhance the quality of the competition. A submission form will be created in this regard, with the option of attaching the payment receipt of the registration fee and the blog submission. A cap on registrations may be explored after due consultation among the members and Faculty Co-Ordinators of CIIPR.

(6) Potential Partner and Collaborator

CIIPR, being the organizers, would be keen to partner with some IP law boutique firms. Any other organizations may be added, with respect to the approval and mutual decision of both the chief organizers.

(7) Scope of Collaboration

The partners would assist the Editorial Board, CIIPR-RGNUL, to review, edit, and mark the submitted blogs. Further, the partners are also responsible for helping brainstorm to develop more themes and sub-themes for the competition (if required). Moreover, lastly, they will have to sponsor the award for the competition in cash or kind (internship slot).

As an esteemed sponsor of the Article Writing Competition, we would like to offer you the opportunity to review and evaluate half of the blogs submitted to the competition. Your expert insights and feedback will play a crucial role in identifying outstanding entries and contributing to the selection of winning blogs. This collaboration will also showcase your organization's commitment to promoting thought leadership within the law community.

CIIPR-RGNUL will be responsible for organizing the event and, to such extent, will cover

- Registration & short-listing of participants;
- Communication with participants & any other resource persons;
- Overall management of the competition

(8) Proposed Dates

Opening of Registration - Last week of October

Submission of Abstract - Second week of November

Paper presentation - Third week of November

Number of participants: