



**NATIONAL LAW
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BHOPAL**



NATIONAL BLOG WRITING COMPETITION

2026

REGISTRATIONS OPEN

THEME:

**CONTEMPORARY ISSUES IN INTELLECTUAL
PROPERTY LAW**

DPIIT-IPR CHAIR

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ABOUT NLIU BHOPAL

The National Law Institute University, Bhopal

The National Law Institute University (NLIU), Bhopal, established in 1997, is a premier institution for legal education and research in India. Recognised by the University Grants Commission (UGC) and the Bar Council of India (BCI), NLIU is committed to shaping legal minds through an interdisciplinary and innovative approach.

With a focus on preparing students for the dynamic landscape of modern law, NLIU's curriculum and research initiatives reflect the intersection of traditional legal principles with contemporary challenges.

In an era defined by innovation and digital transformation, NLIU remains at the forefront of legal education, exploring crucial areas like copyright protection and intellectual property rights. The University provides a platform for students and researchers to navigate the complexities of evolving legal frameworks, ensuring they are well-equipped to address the policy and practical issues arising from technological advancements.

Through a blend of rigorous academics and practical insights, NLIU contributes to the discourse on how law can effectively govern and shape our digital future.

Established
1997

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Focus
Legal Education • Research
• IPR



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ABOUT NLIU DPIIT-IPR CHAIR

The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India, has established an Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) Chair at the National Law Institute, which aligns with the National IPR Policy. University, Bhopal. This initiative is a part of the Scheme for Pedagogy & Research in IPRs for Holistic Education and Academia (SPRIHA), which aligns with the National IPR Policy.

The Chair's primary objective is to foster a vibrant intellectual property ecosystem within the academic and legal communities. It serves as a dedicated platform for promoting excellence in IPR education, research, and outreach. By conducting cutting-edge studies and organising various events like seminars and workshops, the NLIU-DPIIT IPR Chair aims to bridge the gap between academia and industry. It plays a crucial role in building human capital and creating a conducive environment for innovation, while raising public awareness about the benefits of IP rights.



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ABOUT THE COMPETITION

The First edition of the National Blog Writing Competition, 2026, organised by the NLIU-DPIIT IPR Chair, invites law students, academicians, researchers, and professionals from all fields of law to move beyond merely describing established laws, doctrines, and institutional practices, and to critically examine the assumptions underlying them.

The competition aims to foster critical research, innovative thinking, and engagement with emerging IPR issues, including artificial intelligence, copyright, patents, biotechnology, traditional knowledge, and digital technologies. It will also promote IP awareness and provide participants with opportunities for publication, recognition, cash prizes, and internships.

It provides a platform for developing legal research, analytical and writing skills, while making complex IP issues accessible to a wider audience. This initiative also supports objectives of promoting IP awareness, research, knowledge dissemination and meaningful public discourse on emerging IP issues.

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE

Law students • Academicians • Researchers
• Legal professionals

WHAT WE SEEK

Critical analysis • Research • Originality



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THEME & SUB-THEMES

THEME:

Contemporary Issues in Intellectual Property Law

SUB-THEMES:

- Artificial Intelligence and Intellectual Property Rights
- Copyright in the Digital and Generative AI Era
- Emerging Issues in Patent Law and Innovation
- Trademarks, Branding and Digital Markets
- Traditional Knowledge, Cultural Expressions and Biodiversity
- Geographical Indications and Community Rights
- Intellectual Property, Public Health and Access to Medicines
- Intellectual Property, Climate Change and Sustainable Development
- Intellectual Property, Technology and Emerging Digital Technologies
- Global Intellectual Property Governance and Emerging Challenges



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AWARDS & RECOGNITION

FIRST PRIZE	₹5,000	Prize Money and Certificate of Participation
SECOND PRIZE	₹3,000	Prize Money and Certificate of Participation
THIRD PRIZE	₹1,000	Prize Money and Certificate of Participation
ALL PARTICIPANTS	Certificate	Certificate of Participation



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REGISTRATION & TIMELINE

REGISTRATION FEE

CATEGORY	FEE
SINGLE AUTHOR	₹300

REGISTRATION SHALL BE COMPLETED THROUGH THE
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TIMELINE

MILESTONE	DATE / TIME
SUBMISSION DEADLINE	18 OCTOBER 2026, 11:59 PM
DECLARATION OF RESULTS	LAST WEEK OF NOVEMBER



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SUBMISSION GUIDELINES FOR THE COMPETITION

A. WORD LIMIT:

1,000-2,500 words (inclusive of footnotes).

B. NATURE OF MANUSCRIPT:

Manuscripts must be of a highly analytical nature wherein the author arrives at a definite conclusion on the subject matter at hand.

C. ORIGINALITY:

- All submissions must be original and unpublished works of the author.
- Submissions must not have been previously published or be under consideration for publication elsewhere.
- Plagiarism in any form will result in immediate rejection.

D. CITATIONS:

- Citations must conform to the standards laid down in the **OSCOLA 4th Edition**.
- Submissions must use only footnotes as a form of citation.
- Substantive footnoting in the manuscripts is not permitted.
- The word limit is inclusive of footnotes. Strict adherence to the word limit is highly advised.



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PUBLICATION ETHICS

Plagiarism: All manuscripts will be checked for plagiarism using appropriate software. Manuscripts with significant plagiarism will be rejected immediately. Plagiarism below 10% is permitted.

AI Content: Submissions must contain 0% AI-generated content and must be entirely original and written by the participant.

Data Fabrication and Falsification: Authors must ensure the accuracy and integrity of their data. Data fabrication or falsification will result in rejection and potential reporting to the author's institution.

Conflict of Interest: Authors must disclose any potential conflicts of interest that could influence their research or its interpretation.

Authorship Credit: All authors must have made substantial intellectual contributions to the research. Proper credit must be given to all individuals who contributed to the work.

Acknowledgement: Authors must acknowledge all individuals and organisations that provided support for the research



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REGISTRATION AND SUBMISSION LINK





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