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**CONTROLLER GENERAL OF PATENTS, DESIGNS & TRADE MARKS
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Jointly Organising

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

On
**IDEAS TO
INNOVATION :
IP Eco-System in
Empowering
Start-Ups to Strive
आत्मनिर्भर भारत**



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ABOUT CITY

Located on the banks of the Sabarmati, **Ahmedabad** is one of India's fastest-growing metros, known for its rich heritage and modern innovation. The city has become a major industrial hub with strong sectors like textiles, pharmaceuticals, chemicals, biotechnology, automobiles, and startups. With leading universities, research institutions, incubators, -

and MSMEs, Ahmedabad generates continuous technological and creative output. This has led to a rising focus on patents, trademarks, copyrights, and design protection. Supported by initiatives like iCreate and GUSEC, the city's startup ecosystem encourages strong IP creation and commercialization. Overall, Ahmedabad is emerging as a key contributor to India's knowledge economy and sustainable IP-led growth.



आत्मनिर्भर भारत

The **आत्मनिर्भर भारत Abhiyan** places a strong IPR framework at the heart of India's self-reliance, encouraging innovation and boosting domestic R&D. Government initiatives such as fee rebates, fast-track patent examination, and awareness drives like NIPAM are strengthening the culture of IP protection. Launched in 2020 with a ₹20 lakh crore package, the Mission promotes "Vocal for Local" and supports MSMEs and startups through schemes like PLI and ECLGS. By linking IP creation, protection, and commercialization to its core pillars, it fosters a knowledge-driven and globally competitive economy. The focus on indigenous IP enables technology transfer, high-value manufacturing, and commercialization of research outputs. Ultimately, the Mission aims to make "Invented in India" a global symbol of innovation and excellence.





ABOUT GUJARAT UNIVERSITY

Gujarat University, conceived in the 1920s and established in 1949, emerged as a major teaching and affiliating institution after the reorganization of higher education in the Bombay Province. It serves more than two lakh students through over 235 colleges, 15 recognised institutions, 24 approved institutions, 34 postgraduate departments, and 221 P.G. Centres. Despite the creation of seven separate universities from its original jurisdiction, it remains the largest in Gujarat. The University offers undergraduate education through affiliated colleges and postgraduate teaching at the University level, supported by a coordinated instructional system. Its external examination scheme enhances access for working professionals and non-regular students. Today, Gujarat University stands as a leading institution in India, with NAAC A+ accreditation reflecting excellence, innovation, and inclusive academic growth.

ABOUT SCHOOL OF LAW & CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE

The **School of Law**, established in 1977, has built a strong reputation for quality legal education and producing skilled professionals. It balances theory with practical exposure through moot courts, research activities, and academic visits to institutions like the Supreme Court and High Court. Fieldwork with NGOs enhances students' social and professional learning. Equipped with smart classrooms, computer labs, Wi-Fi, and experienced faculty, the school offers a modern learning environment. Known for its specialization in Intellectual Property Rights, it also provides courses in Environmental Law, Constitutional Law, Human Rights, and a newly introduced five-year B.Com LLB program.

The **Centre of Excellence** aims to transform legal education by adopting global standards and fostering innovation and holistic development. It introduces modern approaches to legal learning while promoting critical thinking, research capability, and strong professional ethics. Guided by principles of justice, excellence, and professionalism, it has built a culture of high-quality legal training. Over the years, the Centre has produced accomplished lawyers, leaders, and policymakers who continue to contribute significantly to the legal field.

ABOUT CONTROLLER GENERAL OF PATENTS, DESIGNS & TRADE MARKS (CGPDTM)



The Office of the **Controller General of Patents, Designs & Trade Marks** (O/o CGPDTM) is the apex body responsible for administering India's intellectual property (IP) systems, including patents, designs, trademarks, geographical indications, copyrights, and semiconductor layout designs. Operating under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), the O/o CGPDTM ensures a robust, transparent, and efficient IP ecosystem that supports innovation, creativity, and entrepreneurship.

The O/o CGPDTM performs a wide range of critical functions such as examination and grant of IP rights, safeguarding legal certainty, modernizing IP operations, enhancing e-governance, and promoting awareness through outreach and capacity-building initiatives. By strengthening IP laws and streamlining digital processes, it reduces pendency and enhances the ease of securing IP protection in India.

O/o CGPDTM plays a vital role in India's innovation economy by enabling researchers, start-ups, industries, MSMEs, and creators to protect and commercialize their ideas. This fosters R&D investment, technology transfer, industrial competitiveness, and a culture of creativity.

As India progresses towards Viksit Bharat @2047, a strong IP regime is central to driving high-value innovation, global competitiveness, and knowledge-led economic growth. Through continuous reforms and service excellence, O/o CGPDTM stands as a key enabler of India's transition into a global IP leader.

ABOUT CONFERENCE

In an era where creativity fuels economies and innovation defines national progress, intellectual property has emerged as the sovereign currency of growth. This international conference aspires to serve as a grand confluence of visionary thinkers, legal architects, policymakers, entrepreneurs, and academic pioneers who are shaping India's transformative journey toward आत्मनिर्भर भारत – a self-reliant and globally competitive nation. Through enlightened discourse, idea exchange, and collaborative dialogue, the conference seeks to illuminate how a robust Intellectual Property (IP) ecosystem can cultivate entrepreneurship, accelerate Start-up India's momentum, and convert ideas into scalable, sustainable enterprises.

CALL FOR PAPERS

Research papers are invited in English from all stakeholders including academicians, researchers, legal practitioners, industry experts, innovators, policymakers, and students who are working in the domain of Intellectual Property and innovation.

THEMES & SUB-THEMES OF THE CONFERENCE

Patents and Innovation in Emerging Technologies

- Patentability Challenges in Biotechnology & Genomics
- IP Protection in Quantum Computing and
- Space Technologies
- Role of Patents in Accelerating 5G/6G Innovations
- Patent Pools & Technology Transfer in Semiconductor Development
- Balancing National Security & Patent Rights in
- Defence Technologies

Copyright and the Creative Economy

- Digital Piracy & Rights Management in Streaming Industries
- Copyright Challenges in User-Generated Content
- Folk Arts & Traditional Knowledge in Modern Copyright Regimes
- Moral Rights vs. Commercial Exploitation in Creative Industries
- AI-generated Works: Authorship, Ownership & Revenue Models

Start-ups and IP Commercialization: Legal Pathways

- Licensing and Franchising Models for Start-ups
- IP Valuation in Investment and Fund-raising
- Open Innovation vs. Proprietary IP: A Strategic Choice
- University-Industry Collaboration for Start-up Growth
- IP Litigation & Enforcement Challenges for Early-Stage
- Start-ups

IPR and Policy Reforms For Startup & Innovation India

- Government Incentives for IP Creation & Filing
- Impact of DPIIT Schemes on Start-up Ecosystems
- Ease of Doing Business Reforms in IP Compliance
- Strengthening Enforcement: Role of Police & Customs in IP Protection
- India's Global IP Ranking: Achievements & Gap
- Gender-inclusive IP Policies & Start-up Ecosystem

Intellectual Property Rights in the Age of Artificial Intelligence

- Data Ownership, Patents & the AI Training Dilemma
- Autonomous Inventorship: Can AI be an Inventor?
- Ethics & Accountability in AI-enabled IP Decisions
- Algorithmic Bias vs. IP Protection Mechanisms
- Cross-border Jurisdiction in AI-driven Technology Disputes
- Gender-inclusive IP Policies & Start-up Ecosystem

Green Innovation and Sustainable IP Governance

- Patent Incentives for Climate-smart Technologies
- IP & Carbon Credit Innovation Markets
- Traditional Environmental Knowledge: Protection vs. Open Access
- Sustainable Licensing Models for Renewable Energy Solutions
- Clean Technology Transfer & Global South Opportunities

Indian Knowledge System (IKS) and IPR

- Traditional Knowledge Digital Library (TKDL) and global patent challenges
- Bio-piracy and safeguarding traditional medicinal practices
- Role of communities in preserving oral traditions and knowledge
- Legal recognition of traditional healers and knowledge holders
- IP and Community Rights of Indigenous people
- Common property resources vs. IP protection

Note:

The above subthemes are suggestive and not exhaustive. Any other scholarly contributions that align with the core theme of the conference and address relevant dimensions of Intellectual Property, innovation, start-up empowerment, or the vision of आत्मनिर्भर भारत are warmly encouraged and will be duly considered.

RESEARCH PAPER SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Abstract Submission: Authors are required to submit an abstract of 250–300 words, clearly stating the purpose, methodology, key findings, and conclusions of the study.

Full Paper Submission: Upon acceptance of the abstract, authors will be invited to submit their full paper (3,000–5,000 words) in MS Word format. All manuscripts must follow the Bluebook Citation Style (21st Edition).

Originality: Submissions must be original and should not have been published or submitted elsewhere. Similarity index will be considered up to maximum 15%, including AI generated content.

Review Process: All submissions will undergo a peer review to ensure quality and academic integrity.

Submission Portal : Full papers should be submitted via email to: solacademia@gujaratuniversity.ac.in

Publication Opportunity : All the papers will be published in ISBN book/ conference proceedings/ Peer Reviewed Journal, subject to peer-review.

POSTER COMPETITION

THEME: "AATMANIRBHAR BHARAT – FROM IDEAS TO INNOVATION"

The Poster Competition, organized as part of the International Conference on "Ideas to Innovation," invites participants to visually portray India's journey toward self-reliance through innovation, entrepreneurship, and intellectual property. It encourages creative expression of how ideas transform into impactful innovations supporting the nation's economic and social development under Aatmanirbhar Bharat. The event aims to promote artistic thinking, policy awareness, and engagement among students and researchers. All entries will be displayed during the conference and will receive certificates and special recognition.

Poster Making Competition – Guidelines

- The competition is open only to students and research scholars.
- A3-sized drawing sheets will be provided by the institute.
- Participants must bring their own stationery, colours, writing pads, and decorative materials.
- The total time allotted for poster making is 120 minutes.
- Posters must be original and strictly based on the given theme.
- This is an individual event – group entries are not permitted.
- Participants are required to carry their valid Institute ID card for verification.
- All participants will receive a Certificate of Participation.

IMPORTANT DATES

Event	Event
Last Date for Abstract Submission & Registration	5th January 2026
Last Date of Registration – Poster Competition	20th January 2026
Last Date for Full Paper Submission	20th January 2026

For Poster Making Competition

Category	Registration (Without Accommodation)
Research Scholars/ Student(s)	1,000/-

REGISTRATION DETAILS:

Participants can register through the following [link](#) or the provided QR code:

FOR POSTER MAKING COMPETITION

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Registration Fee Structure For Paper Presentation & Participation

Category	Registration (Without Accommodation)
Academicians / Working Professionals	2,500/-
Research Scholars	1,500/-
Students Participants / Attendees (Without Paper)	1,000/-

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Participants can register through the following [link](#) or the provided QR code:

FOR PAPER PRESENTATION / PARTICIPATION

In case of Co-Authorship, both the authors have to complete Registration/ Fees Payment process separately.

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IFSC Code: SBIN0002651

NOTE:

- Registration includes a conference kit, access to all sessions, lunch, dinner (6th February only), and high tea.
- TA/ DA will not be provided.
- For **Accommodation**, an additional fee of ₹ 2,000/- per participant (twin-sharing basis) will be charged. Accommodation will be allotted on a first-come, first-served basis and is subject to limited availability. Participants are requested to inform the organizers well in advance regarding accommodation requirements to facilitate better arrangements.



BEST PAPER POSTER AWARD

The best three Paper(s)/Poster(s) will be Awarded



CERTIFICATE OF PARTICIPATION



All participants will receive a Certificate of Participation.

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