THE IPU-IPR CELL

The Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) vision of Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University is “to be on the forefront of knowledge creation by stimulating innovations and creativity in emerging areas of higher professional education”.

OBJECTIVES:

1. To make aware the faculty, non-teaching employees, Librarians and students about importance and economic benefits of IPR.
2. Sensitizing all stakeholders about diverse aspects of Intellectual Property Rights.
3. Actively promoting faculty and student research by providing support for effective patenting and other forms of IPR protection
4. Developing a performance related accountability, incentives and rewards mechanism for faculty to disclose, protect and exploit their inventions and help in enhancing knowledge base of the University
5. Creating an Enabling Environment for commercialization of university knowledgebase.
6. Leveraging synergistic alliances externally with other constituents of the knowledge chain nationally and internationally
7. To provide consultancy in patents registration and another branches of IPR.
8. To provide mediation and redressal of IPR disputes.

IPR POLICY: IPU-IPR policy is placed at Appendix A

STRUCTURE:

The IPU-IPR cell shall be part and parcel of the Directorate of Research & Consultancy Cell.

1. Chairperson (to be nominated by Vice Chancellor)
2. Two members out of faculty of USS/staff (not below AR)
3. One external expert from academia
4. One external expert from Industry

The Cell shall co-ordinate all the IPR related activities.

This policy is subject to review and revision in view of evolving technology protocols and emerging legal norms.
FINANCIAL COMMITMENT:

1. Payments to the resource persons who may contribute to legal and scientific support to the cell from time to time
2. To organize workshop/conference/invited talks/sensitization programme
3. Pay honorarium to external members (If any) of IP Assessment Committee (IPAC)
4. Financial requirements for filings patents and other forms of IPR’s (as per IPU-IPR Policy)

Appendix-A

IPU - IPR POLICY

The aim of the IPR Policy is to sustain and grow innovation and creativity, foster institute-industry linkages and entrepreneurial culture for the betterment of the society.

Universities and other public research organizations are increasingly protecting their intellectual property — from patenting of genetic inventions to software use. The rise in university focus on IPRs, in particular, patents has occurred against a broader policy framework aimed at fostering a greater interaction between public research and industry in order to meet stakeholder’s expectation from R&D and innovations. The general strengthening of intellectual property protection worldwide as well as the passage of Patents (Amendment) Act 2005 aimed at improving technology transfer is additional factors that have facilitated the awareness about significance of patenting and other forms of intellectual asset protection.

The Role of IPU-Intellectual Property Rights Cell (IPRC):

IPU-Intellectual Property Rights Cell (IPRC) at GGS IP University Delhi provides guidance, support and resources to all GGSIP University Delhi personnel and facilitates protection and deployment of intellectual property. In achieving this goal, IPRC creates awareness of the importance and role of IP Rights, implements the IP policy, ensures transparency and fairness of the IP policy to encourage compliance, solicits feedback regarding the fulfillment of the IP policy and periodically reviews the Policy to improve upon any shortcomings, strengthens the infrastructure and resources for protection and exploitation of IP and makes available expert inputs.

Issues of ownership, confidentiality, disclosure, patentability, technology transfer, revenue sharing, and conflict of interest among others play a very important role in any IP management. IPRC conducts workshops to enhance awareness on related issues. IPRC also provides templates and guidelines for the contracts, agreements and MOUs governing the effective exploitation of the IP produced by GGSIP University Delhi. All such agreements and matters relating to
confidentiality, infringements, damages, liabilities and compliance are administered by IPRC.

The IP Policy:

This policy is applicable to all GGSIP University Delhi personnel, as well as non-GGSIP University Delhi personnel associated with any activity of GGSIP University Delhi and covers all classes of Intellectual Property - Patent, Copyright, Trade Mark / Service Mark, Design Registration, Trade Secret, Confidential Information and Integrated Circuits Layout.

(f) Ownership:

1 (a) Invention(s), Designs, Integrated Circuit Layouts and other creative works:

1. GGSIP University Delhi shall be the owner of all invention(s) including software, designs and integrated circuit layouts created by teams faculties, students or visiting faculties of GGSIP University Delhi individually or in collaboration with non-GGSIP University Delhi personnel, or industry / association associated with any activity of GGSIP University Delhi.

2. Non-GGSIP University Delhi personnel, who create invention(s) including software, designs or integrated circuit layouts at GGSIP University Delhi but without intellectual contribution of GGSIP University Delhi personnel or significant use of GGSIP University Delhi resources, shall be the owner of such invention(s).

3. Invention(s) including software, designs and integrated circuit layouts, created by GGSIP University Delhi personnel without the use of significant GGSIP University Delhi resources and not connected with the profession for which employed at GGSIP University Delhi, shall be owned by the creator(s).

4. For invention(s) including software, designs and integrated circuit layouts, produced during the course of sponsored and/or collaborative activity, specific provisions related to IP made in contracts governing the collaborative activity shall determine the ownership of IP.

5. Invention done by students during the course of studentship/scholarship with the help of university assistance should be owned by the University.

6. The University shall be the sole assignee of IP created through sponsored research where the sponsor does not claim IP rights. Any IP generated as a work for hire will belong to the University.

7. In case the University explores and exploits any traditional knowledge, the benefit sharing shall be as per the norms and standards of Govt of India, Ministry of Environment and Forest, worked out under the enabling provisions of Bio-diversity Act, 2002 and Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers Right Act, 2001.
8. University, by way of its policy would promote technology transfer and its market exploitation on terms and conditions fixed mutually by the University and the stakeholder(s) in the market system.

9. Except as stipulated above, GGSIP University Delhi shall be the owner of all invention(s) including software, designs and integrated circuit layouts created at GGSIP University Delhi. Joint ownership with industry or Researcher.

(b) Copyrightable Work:

Ownership of copyright of all copyrightable work shall rest with the author(s) with the following exceptions:

a. If the work is produced during the course of sponsored and/or collaborative activity, specific provisions related to IP made in contracts governing such activity shall determine the ownership of IP.

b. GGSIP University Delhi shall be the owner of the copyright of work, including software, created by GGSIP University Delhi personnel with significant use of GGSIP University Delhi resources.

c. GGSIP University Delhi shall be the owner of the copyright on all teaching material developed by GGSIP University Delhi personnel as part of any of the academic programs at GGSIP University Delhi. However, the authors shall have the right to use the material in her/his professional capacity. As the traditional exception, GGSIP University Delhi shall not claim ownership of copyright on books and publications authored by GGSIP University Delhi personnel.

d. GGSIP University Delhi shall be the owner of copyright of work produced by non-GGSIP University Delhi personnel associated with any activity of GGSIP University Delhi with the intellectual contribution of GGSIP University Delhi personnel. However, the authors shall have the right to use the material in her/his professional capacity.

e. The student and his/her supervisor(s) will jointly have the ownership of copyright in the thesis / dissertation / project report written by a student. Any copyrightable work generated as a work for hire will belong to the University.

f. In case the University utilizes the open source materials and develops its own models of working in the given area, the ownership of such IP shall be in accordance with the norms prevailing in the market system.

h. Joint ownership shall be permitted.

i. Open and distance education material: Education material created printed or electronically generated by regular or contractual faculty member of the University for Distance Education – copyright ownership should vest with the university. University shall have the right to use the study material for Universities' own educational, research, and other purposes. In case the study materials are licensed, sold or otherwise conveyed to a third party, the royalties will be fixed time to time by GGSIP University.
I(c) Trade Mark(s) / Service Mark(s):

Ownership of trade mark(s) / service mark(s) created for GGSIP University Delhi shall be with GGSIP University, Delhi. In cases of all IP produced at GGSIP University Delhi, it shall retain a non-exclusive, free, irrevocable license to copy/use IP for teaching and research activities, consistent with the confidentiality agreements.

II) Disclosures, Confidentiality and Assignment of Rights:

1. For sponsored and/or collaborative work the provisions of the contract pertaining to disclosure of creative work are applied.

2. For all other invention(s) produced at GGSIP University Delhi, if the inventor(s) wish to protect the invention(s) they produce, then they are required to disclose the creative work to the IPRC at the earliest date.

Disclosure is a critical part of the IP protection process and it formally documents claims of inventorship, the date of the invention and other details of the invention. The inventor(s) shall assign the rights of the disclosed invention to GGSIP University Delhi.

All GGSIP University Delhi personnel and non-GGSIP University Delhi personnel associated with any activity of GGSIP University Delhi shall treat all IP related information which has been disclosed to the IPRC and/or whose rights are assigned to GGSIP University Delhi, or whose rights rest with GGSIP University Delhi personnel, as confidential. Such confidentiality shall be maintained till the date as demanded by the relevant contract, if any, between the concerned parties unless such knowledge is in the public domain or is generally available to the public.

Unauthorized disclosure of Confidential information shall be treated as serious misconduct.

III) Assessment of Innovation(s) for Protection:

To facilitate assessment, an IP Assessment Committee (IPAC) consisting of a chairperson (to be nominated by the Vice Chancellor), the IPRC members and at least three additional members with domain expertise or familiarity/experience in areas related to the creative work will be formed.

Note: On joint ownership between University and industry / other research organization and on joint ownership between University, researcher, industry or research organization shall be decided on the basis of agreement signed by all the stake holders.

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