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on

Intellectual Property Litigation in India: Strategies, Judicial Trends and Emerging Challenges

Hybrid Mode (Online + Offline)

Organised By

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ABOUT RMLNLU, LUCKNOW

Dr. Ram Manohar Lohiya National Law University (RMLNLU), established by an Act of the Government of Uttar Pradesh in 2005 and operational since January 2006, was founded to address evolving challenges in legal education and equip students with the skills required in a globalized legal landscape. Initially named Dr. Ram Manohar Lohiya National Law Institute, the institution gained its university status in late 2006 to align with other premier National Law Universities in India. Among its significant contributions is the advancement of Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) studies, demonstrated by the establishment of the DPIIT IPR Chair under the leadership of Prof. Manish Singh, a renowned academician and registered Patent Agent. The university actively fosters IPR research through initiatives such as national conferences, workshops, seminars and offers a Post Graduate Diploma in Intellectual Property Rights (PGDIPR) to empower graduates and professionals. By integrating robust academic programs, seminars, and workshops, RMLNLU not only upholds its commitment to high-quality legal education but also positions itself as a leader in bridging legal frameworks with emerging technological challenges in the domain of IPR.

ABOUT THE DPIIT IPR CHAIR, RMLNLU

The Department for Promotion of Industries and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Ministry of Commerce and Industry, launched the SPRIHA scheme in 2016 to establish IPR Chairs in select universities and academic institutes. This aligns with the National IPR Policy's goal to strengthen IP Chairs in higher education for quality teaching, research, and curriculum development. RMLNLU Lucknow was selected as one of the institutions to host an IPR Chair under the leadership of Professor Manish Singh. Presently, under the guidance of Mr. Girdhari Singh, the Chair promotes IPR education, research, and outreach, offering courses at all levels and fostering policy-relevant research. It aims to create an IPR knowledge database, case study repository, and gather insights from industry and academia to aid policymakers. The initiative supports IPR application filings and encourages collaboration between industry and academia, addressing technology sharing and research gaps. Scholarships will also be provided for emerging IPR areas.

ABOUT THE WORKSHOP

As IP disputes grow in number and complexity, litigation has become central to protecting innovation, whether you are a right-holder seeking an injunction, a start-up defending an infringement claim, or a lawyer navigating the commercial courts.

This workshop combines expert-led lectures, interactive exercises, and real-world case studies to help participants master both the legal principles and the practical strategies that define effective IP litigation.

Key Features at a Glance:

- Expert Faculty & Practitioners: Leading IP litigators, members of the judiciary, academics, and industry experts.
- Hands-on Learning: Drafting of pleadings and injunction applications, simulation exercises, and detailed case analyses.
- Judicial Trends: Discussion of recent Supreme Court and High Court decisions shaping IP jurisprudence.
- Networking & Collaboration: Opportunities to engage with a diverse group of professionals, scholars, and innovators.
- Career Impact: Practical insights for law firms, in-house legal teams, R&D departments, start-ups, and policy organisations.

Why This Workshop Matters:

Intellectual property rights are only as strong as their enforcement. From pharmaceutical patents to trademark disputes in digital marketplaces, IP litigation shapes commerce, culture, and technology. Understanding litigation strategy and judicial trends gives you the ability to:

- Plead infringement and passing-off actions with precision.
- Secure and resist interim reliefs effectively.
- Navigate jurisdiction, invalidity challenges, and commercial courts procedure.
- Address emerging issues such as online infringement, intermediary liability, and artificial intelligence.

This workshop equips you not only with theoretical understanding but also the practical skills and professional confidence to excel in diverse roles, whether as a litigator, corporate counsel, entrepreneur or policy maker.

WORKSHOP THEMES AND OBJECTIVES

Session I- Strategic Dimensions of IP Litigation: Jurisdiction, Institution and Procedure

Choosing the right forum and procedural route is often as important as the merits of an IP dispute. This session examines the options available to parties, including the role of civil courts, High Courts and specialised commercial and IP divisions, and the questions of jurisdiction that arise in online and cross-border infringement.

It will also look at the procedural framework that shapes litigation strategy, from pre-institution mediation to interim reliefs and case management. Participants will gain a practical understanding of how early procedural decisions can influence the course and outcome of a dispute.

Session II- Adjudication of IP Disputes: Judicial Trends and Emerging Developments

Indian courts have developed a rich and evolving body of IP jurisprudence that seeks to balance the protection of innovation with the public interest. This session surveys key judicial trends across trade marks, patents, copyright and designs, with a focus on how courts approach infringement, interim relief and the scope of protection.

It will also engage with emerging questions, such as the liability of online intermediaries, personality rights and the impact of artificial intelligence on IP law. Speakers will reflect on where the law is settled, where it remains uncertain, and what this means for practitioners.

Session III- Evidence, Experts and Enforcement in IP Litigation

IP disputes are often decided on the strength of the evidence led and the credibility of the experts relied upon. This session explores the evidentiary challenges in IP litigation, including proof of use and reputation, electronic evidence, and the role of court-appointed commissioners in search and seizure.

It will also address the use of expert testimony and the mechanisms available to enforce IP rights, including injunctions, damages and customs and criminal remedies. The focus will be on securing outcomes that are effective in practice and not merely on paper.

Session IV- Mediation, Arbitration and Alternative Dispute Resolution in IP Disputes

Alternative dispute resolution is playing an increasingly important role in resolving IP disputes, offering confidentiality, speed and flexible, commercially sensible outcomes. This session considers the role of mediation in IP matters, including court-annexed and pre-institution mediation, and its value in preserving business relationships.

It will also examine the arbitrability of IP disputes under Indian law, the drafting of effective dispute resolution clauses in licensing and technology agreements, and the interface between ADR and court-ordered interim relief. Participants will gain a clear sense of when ADR offers a strategic advantage and when litigation remains the better route.

SCHEDULE

DAY 1 - 19th December

Inaugural Ceremony
High Tea
Technical Session 1
Lunch
Technical Session 2
End of Day 1

DAY 2 - 20th December

High Tea
Technical Session 3
Technical Session 4
Lunch
Valedictory Ceremony
End of Day 2

Time: 10 AM onwards

Venue: Video Conferencing Hall, Madhu Limaye Library, Dr. Ram Manohar Lohiya National Law University, Lucknow

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

This workshop is designed for a broad spectrum of participants whose work intersects with creativity, innovation, and law:

- Legal Professionals & Advocates
- Academicians & Research Scholars
- Industry Professionals & Entrepreneurs
- Scientists & Technologists
- Students
- Policy Enthusiasts & Government Officials

Registration Fees :

- INR 1000/- for working professionals.
- INR 750/- for Research Scholar and Students.
- INR 500/- for students of RMLNLU.

HOW TO ENROLL FOR THE WORKSHOP :

1. Payment of Registration Fees as mentioned above. (pdf/jpeg of payment receipt has to be uploaded on google forms for proof)
2. Process for Registration Fee Payment:-
   - Click Here or **scan QR** code to pay the registration fees.
   - Select Payment Category **"REGISTRATION FEE"**
   - Select Event/Academic Activity **"Seminar/Workshop"**
   - Write **"DPIIT IPR Chair Workshop December 2026"** in remark.
   - Fill-up your details and complete payment process
3. Registration for the workshop has to be done through Google Form with the help of following link:

   https://forms.gle/fShm3iupLHATsD3i7
4. Last date of Registration is 17th December 2026.

All participants shall receive an e-certificate for their participation.

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