

One-Day Workshop on Intellectual Property Rights: International and National Perspective

Organized under IQAC Quality Initiative

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Venue: Panini Sabhagar, AKDC

Organised by: Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) & Department of English

As part of the quality enhancement measures proposed and approved during the previous meeting of the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), the IQAC, in collaboration with the Department of English, successfully organized a one-day academic workshop titled "**Intellectual Property Rights: International and National Perspective**" on **November 11, 2025**. The programme was held at **Panini Sabhagar** and witnessed active participation from faculty members, research scholars, and students across disciplines.

The workshop was conceived as a significant academic initiative aligned with the institution's **NAAC-oriented goals** of strengthening academic integrity, encouraging ethical research practices, and fostering legal awareness within the academic community. In the contemporary knowledge-driven academic environment, awareness of Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) has become increasingly vital, particularly in the context of originality, authorship, innovation, and responsible knowledge production. The event thus served as a timely and relevant intervention toward enhancing institutional quality.

Objective

The primary objective of the workshop was to build capacity and awareness among students and faculty regarding the **concept, scope, and legal framework of Intellectual Property Rights at both international and national levels**. The programme sought to familiarize participants with issues related to ethical authorship, plagiarism prevention, copyright compliance, digital security, and legal safeguards for creative and scholarly work.

By foregrounding these aspects, the workshop directly contributed to several **NAAC quality parameters**, particularly those related to **Teaching-Learning and Evaluation (Criterion II)**, **Research, Innovations, and Extension (Criterion III)**, and **Institutional Values and Best Practices (Criterion VII)**. The initiative reflected IQAC's sustained commitment to promoting research ethics, legal literacy, and responsible academic conduct within the institution.

Keynote Address by Prof. Adesh Kumar

The keynote address was delivered by **Prof. Adesh Kumar**, Dean, Faculty of Law, **University of Allahabad**, a distinguished academician and legal expert in the field of Intellectual Property Rights. Drawing upon his extensive academic and professional experience, Prof. Kumar provided a comprehensive and lucid overview of the various forms of intellectual property, including **copyrights, patents, trademarks, geographical indications, industrial designs, and trade secrets**. He elaborated on their relevance and growing importance in academic, creative, and entrepreneurial contexts.

Prof. Kumar offered valuable insights into the **international IPR framework**, highlighting key mechanisms such as the **WTO-TRIPS Agreement** and the pivotal role played by the **World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)** in establishing standardized global norms for the protection of intellectual property. He further contextualized these global frameworks within the **Indian legal system**, discussing important legislations such as the **Copyright Act, 1957, Patent Act, 1970, Trademark Act, 1999**, and the **Geographical Indications of Goods (Registration and Protection) Act, 1999**.

Addressing contemporary challenges, Prof. Kumar drew attention to issues such as **plagiarism, digital piracy, intellectual theft, and the emerging legal complexities surrounding AI-generated content**. These discussions were particularly relevant in the context of higher education and research, resonating strongly with NAAC's emphasis on **research ethics, transparency, and originality**. He urged students and researchers to uphold ethical citation practices, respect intellectual labor, and maintain the highest standards of academic honesty—values that remain central to IQAC's quality mandate.

Guest of Honour and Interactive Session

The programme was further enriched by the presence of **Shri Pankaj Jaiswal**, President of the Governing Body, who graced the occasion as the **Guest of Honour**. An interactive session followed the keynote address, during which Shri Jaiswal engaged participants by raising thought-provoking questions on the **entrepreneurial dimensions of IPR**, its role in **brand creation and identity**, and the importance of safeguarding **indigenous and traditional knowledge systems**.

The interactive segment witnessed enthusiastic participation from students, who responded with well-articulated views and queries. In recognition of their active engagement and insightful contributions, several students were awarded **certificates of participation**, further encouraging a culture of academic involvement and critical thinking.

Programme Highlights

- The overall conception and coordination of the programme were undertaken by **Prof. Nilanjana Jain**, IQAC Coordinator.
- The workshop was effectively conducted by **Dr. Priyanka Srivastava**, ensuring smooth organization and academic rigor throughout the event.
- **Mrs. Pooja** formally welcomed the dignitaries and participants and introduced the keynote speaker, outlining the objectives and academic relevance of the workshop.
- The programme concluded with a formal **vote of thanks delivered by Dr. Shivani Vishwakarma**, who expressed sincere gratitude to the resource person, Guest of Honour, faculty members, and students for their valuable presence and cooperation.

Outcome

The one-day workshop proved to be **highly informative and impactful**, significantly enhancing participants' understanding of Intellectual Property Rights and their practical implications within academia and beyond. The deliberations reinforced the importance of originality, innovation, and ethical scholarship, while also equipping students and faculty with essential legal awareness.

By integrating such capacity-building and awareness-oriented programmes into its annual quality calendar, the IQAC continues to strengthen the institution's alignment with **NAAC quality benchmarks**. The workshop reaffirmed the institution's commitment to nurturing a culture of **integrity, excellence, and legally responsible academic practice**, thereby contributing meaningfully to holistic academic development.

