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# MASTER'S CONFERENCE ON INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

6TH EDITION

EXPLORING THE  
INTERDISCIPLINARY CONTEXT OF  
IP FOR GLOBAL PROGRESS

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# ABOUT RGSoIPL



Established in 2006 as the pioneering institution of its kind within the IIT system, RGSoIPL has been a trailblazer in integrating technology and law. While other institutions have also ventured into this domain, RGSoIPL proudly stands as the sole law school with an unwavering focus on technology.

Our primary goal is to cultivate lawyers who possess legal expertise and a profound interdisciplinary understanding, particularly in the intersection of technology and law. We are committed to fostering holistic growth, with research at the heart of our educational mission.

The remarkable achievements of our students and alumni in a relatively short span are a testament to the exceptional pool of skills and abilities that RGSoIPL has fostered. As a premier law school of the nation, we continue to set the standard for excellence in technology-focused legal education and research.

# ABOUT MCIP 6.0

Building upon the success of MCIP 1.0 up to 4.0 and 5.0, both nationally and internationally, we are pleased to introduce MCIP 6.0 in 2026, themed "Exploring the Interdisciplinary Context of IP for Global Progress". The theme highlights how intellectual property interacts with technology, media, business, traditional knowledge and various other fields of study to shape contemporary societies and economies. It emphasizes understanding IP not only as a legal tool but as a driver of innovation, cultural expression, and equitable development at a global level. Within this broad framework, the conference will encompass a broad range of sub-themes that aim to showcase how interdisciplinary and all-encompassing IP discourse can be.

Our objective is to offer a platform for master's students, scholars and aspiring professionals from various domains, including law, engineering, science, philosophy and any field related to the theme to engage in fruitful discussions, present their perspectives and participate in the wonderful array of events we have planned.

## WHAT SETS US APART

MCIP is a conference tailored for Masters level students focusing on Intellectual Property and related areas. The conference offers invaluable insights into the practical aspects of the expansive field of Intellectual Property. Participants have the opportunity to network with industry practitioners and esteemed academicians.

MCIP is open to all Postgraduate students, Academicians, and Practitioners, welcoming both national and international participants. The conference provides a unique exposure to the expertise of IIT Kharagpur in the realms of intellectual property, science, humanities and management, as well as their interconnected fields.

# SUB-THEMES

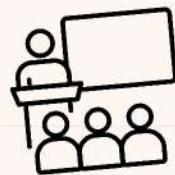
- 1. IP, Equity and Public Interest
- 2. Global Institutions and shaping policies on IP
- 3. Cross border IP Disputes and Global Cooperation
- 4. IP and Access to Knowledge
- 5. IP, Climate Change and Sustainable Development
- 6. IP and Human Rights
- 7. IP and Data Protection
- 8. IP and New Technologies
- 9. IP and Competition Law
- 10. IP and Technology Transfer
- 11. IP and Sports
- 12. GI, Traditional Knowledge and Cultural Expression-Community IP, policy and law



Papers are broadly invited from the above themes and related areas.

## LIST OF EVENTS

- 1. Paper Presentation and Conference
- 2. Short video making competition on the WIPO 2026 theme: IP and Sports
- 3. Policy Drafting competition on the theme: Intellectual Property and Climate Change



# ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

The Conference is open to all PG Students, Research Scholars, Industry Professionals and Academicians. PG Students refers to those pursuing Masters in Law, Science, Humanities, Business and Masters any other relevant discipline.

- ✓ **Paper Presentation and Conference**- The Conference and its events are also open to International Post Graduate students. UG Students can participate in the paper presentation only if their co-author and co-presenter meets the above-mentioned eligibility criteria.
- ✓ **Short video making competition and Policy Drafting competition**- This is open to all UG and PG students.

# REGISTRATION FEES

Common Registration fee for all events (only one fee for any combination of events):

- **Students and Research Scholars:** Rs. 3000
- **Faculty:** Rs. 4000
- **Industry:** Rs. 5000
- **International Students:** 50\$
- **Students only attending without presentation or paper submission:** Rs. 2000

Upon registration, a participant can participate in more than one event in any combination, provided their schedules do not coincide with one another. All registered participants will be eligible for a free e-copy of the Conference proceedings.

**Only Individual Registrations per participants are permitted. In case of co-authorship, each participant has to register separately and pay the fee individually.**

# **SUBMISSION GUIDELINES**

## **I. ABSTRACT**

The submission shall be made in doc/docx file by 5<sup>th</sup> February, 2026. The word limit for the abstract is 400 words, including five keywords. The abstract should mention the following aspects of the paper:

- Problem Statement
- Objective
- Methodology
- A brief outline of the paper (tentative).

The document should also contain Author details: Name, Institution, Designation (Year), Contact number, Email ID.

The font shall be Times New Roman, Font Size - 12, Line Spacing - 1.5, and in justified format. AI-Generated content will not be accepted and the authors have to give an undertaking mentioning that the content is not AI generated.

## **II. EXTENDED ABSTRACT**

The submission of the extended abstracts for selected abstracts is to be made on 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2026. The manuscript should be original and unpublished. The maximum word limit for the extended abstract is 8000 words, including footnotes.

The extended abstract should follow the following formatting guidelines:

- The submission shall be in a doc/docx file.
- The font shall be Times New Roman, Font Size - 12, Line Spacing - 1.5, and in Justified format.
- All citations will be made using the Harvard referencing style (author-date).
- References should be provided only at the end of the extended abstract.

All authors must use a similarity index tool, such as Turnitin, and submit a similarity report of the extended abstract. In case words are excluded while checking the report, a maximum of 5 words would be excused. Acceptable plagiarism limit is 10%. AI-generated content will not be accepted.

The authors at the end of the extended abstract have to give an undertaking mentioning that the content is original and not AI-generated.

### **III. SHORT VIDEO MAKING COMPETITION**

The submissions must be made by 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2026, and must adhere to the theme: "IP and Sports". The duration of the video must not exceed 3 minutes and it must not include any obscene language, words, remarks, gestures.



### **IV. POLICY DRAFTING COMPETITION**

The policy drafting competition will be on the theme: "Intellectual Property and Climate Change". The policy submission will be in two phases: The first for a brief or abstract that explains the basic features and objectives of the policy at the time of registration. The final submission will be as per the date announced.

The participants will have to submit the elaborate policy brief of not more than 4000 words by 1st March 2026. The draft must be clear, concise and target the specific agenda.

The final presentation shall be conducted on 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2026 and the panel's decision will be based on the written and oral submissions of the participants (60% and 40% respectively). Each team will be given 10 minutes to present their policy to the panel.

# **TIMELINE**

## **FOR PAPER PRESENTATION:**

- Last Date for Registration: 15th February 2026
- Last Date for Submission of Abstract: 5th February 2026
- Confirmation of selected Abstracts: 8th February 2026
- Last date for submission of Extended Abstract: 28th February 2026
- Paper presentation (in person): 14th and 15th March, 2026

## **SHORT VIDEO MAKING COMPETITION**

- Last Date for Registration: 10th February 2026
- Last Date for Submissions: 15th February 2026

## **POLICY DRAFTING COMPETITION**

- Last Date for Registration: 10th February 2026
- Submission of the full Policy document: 1st March 2026

Result Declaration for all events shall be on 15th March, 2026 during the Valedictory ceremony.



## **VALEDICTORY SESSION**

All participants shall receive a Certificate of Participation on 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2026, during the Valedictory ceremony. Additionally, the top three presenters and papers will be given a Certificate of Merit and awards. The Best Short Video and the Best Policy Paper will receive a Certificate of Merit and award.

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