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Microsoft Establishes IPR Chair at GNLU

In a major boost to research mission of GNLU, Microsoft has established a dedicated Chair in Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) Chair at GNLU. This is first ever chair by Microsoft in any Law University in the country.

The Microsoft Chair, in long-term aims to capacity creation and development of thought leadership in IPR Law and Policy research, education and awareness through a multidisciplinary approach. In the short-term, within five years, the Chair will develop suitable academic research projects, as agreed between Microsoft India and GNLU; provide a framework for analyzing the impact of IPR Law and Policy on development and growth of the Indian economy and disseminate knowledge and information on IPR Law and Policy through outreach programmes.

The Chair will have one full-time Professor, one Research Associate at Assistant Professor Level and Administrative Secretariat along with an Administrative Assistant. The Chair will have significant funds for (a) undertaking policy-relevant cutting edge research, (b) organizing training workshop to deliberate on research and research outcomes, (c) augmenting GNLU library with IPR related books, latest research reports, databases and (d) participating in national and international workshops/seminar by members of the Microsoft Chair. Scholars as well as practitioners with high qualifications and experience who can contribute to the aims of the Chair will be appointed.

GNLU is consolidating its research eminence gradually with the assistance of national and international corporate houses, law firms, public sector undertakings, government departments. This latest availability of funding and phenomenon of increasing academic partnership with the institutions of governance, judiciary, executive, economy and civil society enable GNLU to carry out quality applied legal and interdisciplinary research in various areas.

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