

## “GNLU selected for the establishment of IPR Chair by the Government of India” GNLU will now have three chairs dedicated to research in IPR

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**Gandhinagar, October 20, 2018:** Gujarat National Law University (GNLU) has been selected by the Government of India [Ministry of Industry and Commerce, Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP)] for establishment of an IPR (Intellectual Property Rights) Chair under the Scheme for Pedagogy & Research in IPRs for Holistic Education & Academia (SPRIHA).

The subject of Intellectual Property Rights has been a center of focus since the launch of National IPR Policy in 2016. The policy highlights the importance of strengthening teaching and research initiatives under IPR at various educational institutes. In order to achieve this mandate, DIPP has been working on the creation of schemes to encourage and promote outreach of IPR. Thus, SPRIHA is developed to encourage the study of, education in, and research on IPRs.

Under the scheme, apart from the emoluments of the IPR Chair Professor and Research Assistants, DIPP will also fund the expenses on the purchase of books and journals, travel and organizing workshops, seminars & conferences for a period of five years extendable for further two years.

GNLU already has two fully funded Research Chairs in IPR - through **Microsoft** and **GUJCOST** (Gujarat Council on Science & Technology, Department of Science & Technology, Government of Gujarat). With the selection for the establishment of DIPP IPR Chair, GNLU will now have three Chairs dedicated to research in IPR.

At GNLU, the GNLU Centre for Intellectual Property Rights was established in July 2016 with an aim to promote research, extension and training in the field of IPR. The Centre also aims to incentivize innovative and cutting-edge academic research in the field of IP Laws.

Congratulating the Centre Director Dr Nidhi Buch, GNLU Director Dr Bimal N. Patel said “This comes as a formal recognition of the GNLU’s contribution towards teaching, research and training in the field of IPR. This is also proof of the faith reposed by the Government and industry in the GNLU. I am sure the dedicated GNLU faculty will rise up to their expectations.”

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