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Chanakya National Law University organises

International conference on TRIPS and Sustainable Development Goals 2030: Global South Perspectives

21st & 22nd March, 2026

Mode: Hybrid

21st March: Online (MS Teams)

22nd March: Offline (CNLU Campus)



About Bihar

Bihar is one of the world's oldest living civilisations and a land of rich historical, cultural, and spiritual heritage. For centuries, it has been a centre of learning, philosophy, and democratic traditions. Hosting this conference in Bihar offers participants a unique opportunity to engage in meaningful academic discussions while experiencing a region that has shaped important ideas related to education, peace, and social development.

Bihar is globally recognised as the land of Lord Buddha and Lord Mahavira. Bodh Gaya, where Lord Buddha attained enlightenment, is located about 110 km from Patna and is a UNESCO World Heritage Site visited by pilgrims and tourists from across the world. Other major heritage destinations include Nalanda (about 95 km from Patna), the site of the ancient Nalanda University; Rajgir (about 100 km), an important Buddhist and Jain centre surrounded by scenic hills; Vaishali (about 55 km), known as one of the earliest republics in world history; and Pawapuri (about 90 km), a sacred Jain pilgrimage site.



Patna, the capital city of Bihar, blends ancient history with modern urban life. Important attractions within the city include Takht Sri Patna Sahib Gurudwara, Golghar, Gandhi Maidan, the Bihar Museum, and the Patna Museum. The city also offers a range of hotels, conference facilities, local cuisine, and shopping options, making it comfortable and welcoming for national and international delegates.

For nature and wildlife enthusiasts, the Valmiki Tiger Reserve, located about 260 km from Patna, offers forests and rich biodiversity. Bihar is also well known for its traditional art forms such as Madhubani painting, handloom textiles, folk music, and vibrant festivals like Chhath Puja, which reflect the state's close connection with nature and cultural traditions.

Patna serves as a convenient base for exploring Bihar, with good road and rail connectivity to all major tourist destinations. Many important sites can be visited as day trips or short excursions, allowing conference participants to combine academic engagement with cultural and heritage tourism.

How to Reach Patna

By Air:

Patna is served by Jay Prakash Narayan International Airport (PAT), which has regular domestic flights from major Indian cities such as Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata, Bengaluru, and Chennai. In addition, Gaya International Airport (GAY), located about 110 km from Patna, operates international and charter flights, particularly from East and Southeast Asian countries, and serves as a key gateway for visitors to Bodh Gaya. International delegates can conveniently arrive via Delhi, Kolkata, or Gaya, and travel onward to Patna by road or rail.

By Rail:

Patna is a major railway hub in eastern India. Patna Junction, Rajendra Nagar Terminal, and Danapur Station are well connected to all major cities across the country through express and superfast trains.

By Road:

Patna has good road connectivity through national and state highways. Comfortable bus services and taxis are available from nearby cities and major tourist destinations within Bihar.

About Chanakya National Law University

In the state of Bihar, where the seeds of the earliest republic were sown and the crop of democracy cultivated, a need was felt by the government for a university which would provide quality legal education and strive to raise the national legal standards to competitive international level and promote legal awareness in the community, which will lead to realisation of goals embodied in the Constitution of India. Thus, on July 15th, 2006 came into being Chanakya National Law University (CNLU) at Patna by the Government of Bihar (Bihar Act No. 24 of 2006) as a public university dedicated to the field of legal education. The Hon'ble Chief Justice, Patna High Court is the ex-officio Chancellor of the university. Prof. Dr. Faizan Mustafa is the Vice-Chancellor of CNLU, Patna. The CNLU is running five years B.A.-LL.B., B.B.A.-LL.B., LL.M., PG Diploma and Doctoral programs. CNLU has also started 3 Years LL.B. course in 2025. This is one of the Premier Academic and Research University in India.



About DPIIT IPR CHAIR & CIRF



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The DPIIT–IPR Chair of Chanakya National Law University (CNLU), Patna, was instituted under the visionary initiative of the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India. The Chair plays a pivotal role in advancing high-quality research, academic discourse, policy formulation, and capacity-building in the domain of Intellectual Property Rights (IPR). It serves as a crucial bridge between academia and policymaking, enabling the development of informed, pragmatic, and future-ready IP frameworks that respond to emerging technological and creative challenges.



The Centre for Innovation, Research and Facilitation (CIRF) stands as one of CNLU's flagship research and development hubs, dedicated to fostering excellence in interdisciplinary scholarship, innovation, and academic advancement. CIRF provides an enabling environment that supports research incubation, entrepreneurial exploration, policy-driven inquiry, and knowledge dissemination across diverse fields of law and allied disciplines. Through workshops, capacity-building initiatives, collaborative research projects, and student-faculty mentorship platforms, the Centre promotes a vibrant ecosystem of creativity and critical inquiry.

Concept Note



The Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS) and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are two key global frameworks that shape development outcomes worldwide. As the 2030 deadline for achieving the SDGs approaches, there is a growing need to examine how TRIPS supports or constrains sustainable development, particularly in the Global South.

TRIPS establishes international standards for the protection of intellectual property, including patents, copyrights, trademarks, and industrial designs. Its objectives include encouraging innovation, promoting technology transfer, supporting international trade, and providing legal certainty. At the same time, TRIPS recognizes the need to balance private intellectual property rights with public interests such as public health, education, and development, an issue of particular importance for developing and least developed countries.

The SDGs aim to end poverty, improve health and education, reduce inequality, promote sustainable economic growth, protect the environment, and strengthen global partnerships by 2030. They emphasize inclusive, equitable, and people-centered development.

The relationship between TRIPS and the SDGs is critical. Intellectual property rules affect access to medicines, climate technologies, digital knowledge, and innovation systems that are essential for achieving the SDGs. While strong IP protection can encourage innovation and investment, rigid application can limit access to essential goods in developing countries. TRIPS therefore includes flexibilities such as compulsory licensing and measures to support technology transfer that allow countries to safeguard public interests and advance development goals.

This conference provides a platform to explore these issues from Global South perspectives. It brings together diverse stakeholders to share experiences, discuss challenges, and reflect on how TRIPS can be aligned more effectively with the SDGs to promote equitable, inclusive, and sustainable development as the world moves toward and beyond 2030.

Themes and Sub – themes of conference

TRIPS, Public Welfare, and Human Development

1. TRIPS Rules and Access to Medicines (SDG 3: Good Health)
2. Copyright, Education, and Access to Knowledge (SDG 4: Quality Education)
3. TRIPS Flexibilities and Public Welfare (SDG 10: Reduced Inequality)

TRIPS, Innovation, and Economic Growth

1. IP Protection and Technology Sharing (SDG 9: Industry and Innovation)
2. Digital Technologies, Data, and IP (SDG 8: Decent Work and Growth)
3. Patents, Competition Law, and Fair Economic Growth
4. IP, Start-ups, and Inclusive Innovation in South Asia

TRIPS, Agriculture, and Biodiversity

1. Agricultural Patents, Farmers' Rights, and Plant Variety Protection (SDG 2: Zero Hunger)
2. Traditional Knowledge, Biodiversity, and TRIPS (SDG 15: Life on Land)
3. Seed Patents, Access to Agricultural Inputs, and Sustainable Farming (SDG2 & SDG 12)

TRIPS, Climate Change, and Sustainable Production

1. Green Technologies, Patents, and Climate Action (SDG 13: Climate Action)
2. IP and Access to Clean Energy Technologies (SDG 7: Affordable and Clean Energy)
3. Patent Rules and Local Manufacturing (SDG 12: Responsible Production)

Global IP Governance and North-South Dialogue

1. North-South Cooperation on IP and Development (SDG 17: Partnership for the Goals)
2. Impact of TRIPS-Plus Rules on Sustainable Development
3. South Asian Use of TRIPS Flexibilities for Affordable Innovation
4. IP Governance, Transparency, and Strong Institutions (SDG 16: Peace Justice and Strong Institutions)
5. Gender Equality in Innovation and IP Systems (SDG 5: Gender Equality)

PUBLICATION OPPORTUNITY

Selected high-quality papers presented at the conference after a rigorous double-blind peer review will be published in a special issue with an ISBN/ISSN No.

Paper Submission Guidelines

- Submission must include the followings:
 - i. Cover page
 - ii. Abstract (word limit : not more than 500 words & 5 keywords)
 - iii. Full paper (word limit : 6000 – 10000 words)
 - iv. The Abstract and Full paper must be submitted in MS WORD / Docx format.
- The main text of the full paper & the abstract should be in Times New Roman with font size 12, heading font size 14 and line spacing of 1.5
- The footnotes should be in Times New Roman, font size 10 with spacing of 1.0 (Endnotes are not permitted).
- One inch margins should be maintained on all four sides of the pages.
- Citation style: Bluebook, 20th Edition
- All submissions must be made in the English language only.
- The paper should be original and unpublished work of the author(s) and any form of plagiarism is strictly prohibited.
- Plagiarism criteria: The maximum permissible limit will be 10% similarity (excluding footnotes). AI content will be strictly rejected.
- Copyright : The contribution presented to and accepted for publication and the copyright therein shall be the DPIIT- IPR Chair, CNLU Patna.
- The cover page shall consist of the following details:

Title of the paper , name of the author(s) and co-author(*if any*), official designation, institution details, email-id, contact details of the author(s). [It is mandatory to mention email-id as all future correspondence will be through it.]
- Acceptance of Abstract shall be communicated separately via mail.

NOTE TO PARTICIPANTS

- Paper presenters (author & co-author if applicable) must pay registration fees.
- Once registration fees is paid NO refunds will be issued.
- All participants will be provided a certificate of participation.
- The best paper presenter from each theme track will be given a certificate of merit.
- **Please note that the online paper presentation session will be conducted only for the participants residing outside Patna.**
- All presenters and participants must fully cover their travel related & accommodation expenses of offline sessions.

Registration Details

TARGET AUDIENCE:

- Academicians, Researchers and Students of Law, Business, Technology etc.
- IP Attorneys, Lawyers and Legal Practitioners.
- Inventors, Startups, Innovators and Entrepreneurs and others.

REGISTRATION FEES (Paper Presentation)

OFFLINE	ONLINE
Foreign Nationals: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Academicians : USD \$50• Researchers & Students : USD \$40	Foreign Nationals: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Academicians : USD \$40• Researchers & Students : USD \$30
Indian Nationals: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Academicians : ₹ 2000 (Co-Author ₹ 2500)• Researchers: ₹ 1500 (Co-Authors ₹ 2000)• Students : ₹ 1000 (Co- Authors ₹ 1500)	Indian Nationals: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Academicians : ₹ 1000 (Co-Author ₹ 1500)• Researchers: ₹ 750 (Co-Authors ₹ 1000)• Students : ₹ 500 (Co- Authors ₹ 750)

REGISTRATION FEES (Participation only)

OFFLINE	ONLINE
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Foreign Nationals - USD \$20• Indian Nationals - ₹ 500	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Foreign Nationals – USD \$10• Indian Nationals - ₹ 300

IMPORTANT INSTRUCTION

- Co- Authorship is limited to 2 persons only.
- Registration is mandatory for offline & online attendees.

MODE OF PAYMENT

Account Holder's Name : IPR Chair Professor

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SCAN TO PAY

Important Dates



Last Date of Abstract submission
15th February 2026




Confirmation of Abstract Acceptance
20th February 2026



Last Date of Full Paper Submission
15th March 2026



Last Date for Registration
18th March 2026



Conference (Online MS Teams)
21st March 2026, 11:00am – 6:00pm (IST)



Conference (Offline CNLU, Campus)
22nd March 2026, 11:00am – 6:00pm (IST)

IMPORTANT LINKS

- Registration & Abstract Link :
<https://forms.gle/gmbUFtv5EFv4LDPC6>



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