



SEMINAR REPORT

Intellectual Property Rights: Role of IPR in Educational Institution

Organized by Department of ECE and E-Cell, MSIT in association with Sood Law Firm

Seminar Details

Institution	Maharaja Surajmal Institute of Technology (MSIT), New Delhi
Organizer	ECE Department and E-Cell, MSIT
Topic	Intellectual property rights: Role of IPR in educational institution
Speaker	Ms. Pooja Sood
Date	April 20, 2026
Time	10:00 AM – 11:00 PM (1 Hour)
Venue	MSIT Seminar Hall
Mode	Offline / On-Campus

1. Introduction

Department of ECE and E-Cell, Maharaja Surajmal Institute of Technology (MSIT), New Delhi, in collaboration with Sood Law Firm, successfully organized a seminar on the topic of “Intellectual Property Rights (IPR): Role of IPR in Educational Institutions” The event aimed at sensitizing students, faculty, and academic stakeholders to the critical importance of intellectual property in the educational landscape and the legal frameworks that govern it.

Sood Law Firm is a distinguished legal practice with deep expertise in intellectual property law, dedicated to bridging the gap between legal knowledge and real-world application. Their expert-led sessions are designed to inspire students and provide them with practical exposure to the evolving legal frameworks that protect innovation, creativity, and academic integrity in today's knowledge-driven world.

2. About the Speaker

The seminar was graced by the presence of Ms. Pooja Sood, Founder of Sood Law Firm, a highly accomplished legal professional specializing in Intellectual Property Rights. With years of expertise in IPR litigation, advisory, and academia, Ms. Sood has been a driving force in promoting legal awareness among students and emerging professionals across educational institutions in India.

3. Key Topics Covered

The seminar covered a wide range of topics related to Intellectual Property Rights, including:

- What is Intellectual Property Rights and its significance in today's knowledge-driven world
- Types of IPR relevant to educational institutions: patents, copyrights, trademarks, and trade secrets
- Why IPR matters in education and the academic ecosystem
- Patents and their role in protecting technical inventions developed in institutions
- Copyrights in academic work: research papers, thesis, and creative content
- Trademarks and trade secrets in the context of institutional branding and confidential research
- IPR policy framework and governance structure within educational institutions
- Roles and responsibilities of students and faculty in upholding IPR norms
- Technology transfer and commercialization of institution-based research and innovations
- IPR management in research collaborations between academia and industry
- Legal consequences of IPR violations and infringement under Indian law
- Best practices and real-world case studies on IPR in educational settings
- Government initiatives in India promoting IPR awareness and innovation culture
- Building a sustainable IPR culture on campus through awareness and policy
- Summary and key takeaways for students and faculty to implement in their academic journey

4. Seminar Highlights

The session commenced with a brief overview of the historical evolution of Intellectual Property Rights, tracing its origins from early trade and commerce to its pivotal role in today's knowledge-driven world. The seminar was attended by Prof. Neeru Rathee, HOD, ECE, Prof. Puneet Azad and students of 4th and 6th semester of ECE, MSIT. Ms. Pooja Sood engaged the audience with real-world case studies and explained the various types of intellectual property and their relevance to the academic community in a clear and systematic manner.

A significant portion of the seminar was dedicated to the application of IPR within educational institutions. The speaker elaborated on how patents protect technical inventions developed on campus, how copyrights safeguard academic publications and creative content, and how institutions can commercially benefit through technology transfer and research collaborations.

Students showed keen interest in the discussion surrounding legal consequences of IPR violations and the Government of India's National IPR Policy — a critical aspect for students, researchers, and faculty looking to protect and responsibly leverage their intellectual work within the country.



5. Student Interaction & Q&A Session

An interactive Q&A session was held in the latter part of the seminar. Students raised several thought-provoking questions, including:

- What is the process for filing a patent for a project developed during an academic course?
- Can a student retain ownership of intellectual property created using institutional resources?
- How does plagiarism differ from copyright infringement in academic work?
- What are the career opportunities available in the field of Intellectual Property law?

Ms. Pooja Sood addressed each query with clarity, supplementing her answers with relevant legal provisions and real-world case examples. The interaction reflected the strong enthusiasm among students towards understanding IPR as an essential and empowering tool in their academic and professional journeys.

6. Learning Outcomes

Participants of the seminar were expected to gain the following:

- A foundational understanding of Intellectual Property Rights and their relevance to educational institutions
- Insight into the legal framework and government initiatives governing IPR in India
- Awareness of the rights and responsibilities of students and faculty in protecting academic and research output
- Motivation to explore IPR filing processes and build an innovation-driven mindset within the campus community

7. Conclusion

The seminar on Intellectual Property Rights organized by Sood Law Firm at MSIT was a highly successful and enriching event. Ms. Pooja Sood's expert guidance provided students with a comprehensive overview of one of the most essential and evolving areas of law impacting academic and professional life. The session reinforced MSIT's commitment to providing students with industry-relevant knowledge beyond the classroom curriculum.

Department of ECE, MSIT extends its sincere gratitude to Sood Law Firm and Ms. Pooja Sood for their valuable contribution to the student community. Such initiatives play a pivotal role in nurturing legally aware and innovation-driven engineers who are well-equipped to protect and leverage their intellectual contributions in the evolving knowledge landscape.

Prof. Puneet Azad

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Prof. Neeru Rathee

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