

Assignment Booklet -1

**POST GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS
(PGDIPR)**

Jan/July-2025

Tutor Marked Assignments (TMA)

For

MIP-101 to MIP 104



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Dear Student,

This booklet contains the assignments for MIP-101 to MIP-104.

Each course has one assignment, which you need to complete and send to your study centre before **April 30, 2025** for the students enrolled in the **January, 2025** session and **31st October, 2025** for the students enrolled in **July, 2025** session. Please note that, you will not be allowed to appear for the Term End Examination for the course, the assignments of which are not submitted before the due date.

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Programme Coordinator, PGDIPR

TUTOR MARKED ASSIGNMENT MIP-101: General Introduction to Intellectual

Property Rights

Course Code: MIP-101

Assignment Code: MIP-101/TMA/2025

Maximum Marks: 100

Note:

- This assignment is based on **Block 1 to 4** of the course.
- All questions are compulsory.
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- Answer any Ten questions**

10X10= 100

1. Whether 'Trade Secret' and Undisclosed Information' are the same or different? Discuss the above in the light of the TRIPS Agreement.
2. Discuss the basic features of Patent Cooperation Treaty, 1970.
3. Discuss the important principle provisions of the Berne Convention for the protection of Literary and Artistic works.
4. Write a note on Collective Marks.
5. What is "passing off"? What are the distinctions between passing off actions and infringement of trade mark?.
6. Discuss the basic features of the Rome Convention.
7. Trace out the evolution of copyright and related rights.
8. Discuss the main provisions of Patent Law Treaty, 2000.
9. Analyse the key aspects of Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD).
10. Discuss the different modes of acquisition of intellectual property.
11. Discuss the purpose, objectives and functioning of Patent Co-operation Treaty.
12. Discuss the salient features of Protection of Plant Variety and Farmers Rights Act.

TUTOR MARKED ASSIGNMENT

MIP-102: Patents

Course Code: MIP-102

Assignment Code: MIP-101/TMA/2025

Maximum Marks: 100

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1. Discuss various types of infringement of patents.
2. Discuss the history of Patent Laws in India.
3. Critically analyse the important limitations or conditions imposed on Patentee with respect to the enjoyment of exclusive right to use or deal with the Patent.
4. Discuss the Powers of the Controller General under the Indian Patent Act, 1970.
5. Discuss in detail various grounds available for revocation of Patents.
6. Discuss the remedies available for infringement of the Patents.
7. What are the main objectives of patent search? How is it useful for development of a technology in a particular field?
8. What is Pre-grant opposition? Explain the procedure of-filing a pre-grant opposition.
9. What is the objective of IPAB (Intellectual Property Appellate Board)? Explain its salient features.
10. What is revocation of patents? Explain the different modes of revoking a patent.
11. Define ‘inventive step’ under the Indian Patent Act.
12. Define the doctrine of pith and marrow.

TUTOR MARKED ASSIGNMENT

MIP-103: Industrial Designs and Layout Designs of Integrated Circuits And Utility Models

Course Code: MIP-103

Assignment Code: MIP-101/TMA/2025

Maximum Marks: 100

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1. What is the criteria for the registration of Industrial Design? Discuss
2. Distinguish between Industrial Design and a Patent with suitable examples.
3. Write briefly on the evolution of Industrial Design.
4. Write a note on the salient features of Designs Act, 2000. Discuss the essential requirements for the registration of 'design' under the Designs Act, 2000.
5. Explain the salient features of Semiconductor Integrated Circuits and Layout Design Act, 2000.
6. What is Utility Model? Discuss the benefits of the rights acquired under the Utility Model Protection.
7. Write a note on infringement of designs. Discuss case laws on infringement of designs.
8. Write a note on right to prevent unauthorized copying or imitation. Also discuss the rights to prevent unauthorized commercial transaction.
9. Illustrate some of the key inventions in IC. Explain your understanding on what is protected as an Intellectual Property?
10. Explain Reasons for protection of Industrial Design. How can Industrial Designs be protected?
11. Discuss the limitation of protections of IC through patents and copyrights. Give reasons.
12. What is the definition of the Semiconductor Integrated Circuit as per the SICLD Act, 2000? Enumerate the criteria for protection of chip lay our design.

TUTOR MARKED ASSIGNMENT

MIP-104: Trademarks, Domain Names and Geographical Indications

Course Code: MIP-104

Assignment Code: MIP-101/TMA/2025

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1. Define trademarks and explain the essential elements of the definition. What are the various kinds of trademarks?
2. How can a trademark be removed from the Register? Explain.
3. Discuss the fundamental principle for the Registration of a Trademark.
4. What are the factors that are instrumental in determining the well-known status of trademarks?
5. What are the types of Disputes that could be brought within INDRP? Also discuss the remedies available under the INDRP proceedings.
6. Explain the concept of 'Passing off' with the help of Case Laws.
7. Discuss the power of the Appellate Board to cancel or vary registration and to rectify the register of geographical indication.
8. What is Trademark Infringement? What does not constitute a Trademark Infringement? What are the different types of remedies available for Trademark Infringement?
9. Discuss the criteria for Protection of Geographical Indication Goods. Give some illustration of GI applications.
10. What is the meaning of well known trademark? Analyse the factors which determine the well known trademark.
11. Describe the Madrid system of registration of marks.
12. What do you understand by the term, "infringement of trademark"? Distinguish it with passing off actions.

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MIP-105 to MIP 108



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MIP-105: Copyright and Related Rights

Course Code: MIP-105

Assignment Code: MIP-101/TMA/2025

Maximum Marks: 100

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1. Explain the term 'Rental Rights'. Discuss the categories of works covered under Rental Rights.
2. Discuss the provisions under the Universal Copyright Convention for securing copyright protection.
3. What are the special provisions regarding reproduction of a sound recording? What are the exceptions provided for computer programmes in the matter of copyright?
4. Explain the powers and functions of the Registrar of copyrights.
5. What are the rights of producers of sound recording under the Copyright Act?
6. Write a note on Compulsory licence.
7. Analyse the provisions under the Copyright Act for Importation.
8. Discuss the composition, power and functions of the copyright Board.
9. Write a note on copyright registration in India.
10. What are the rights available to a performer in his performance in India? What are the civil remedies available to a performer in case of infringement of his performer's right?
11. What is copyright infringement? Explain colorable imitation with example.
12. What are the TRIPS requirements regarding provisions of criminal procedures for copyright infringement?

TUTOR MARKED ASSIGNMENT

MIP-106: Plant Varieties protection, Biotechnology And traditional Knowledge

Course Code: MIP-106

Assignment Code: MIP-101/TMA/2025

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1. How have development in biotechnology contributed to development of plant varieties? Why is the patent regime not considered suitable for protecting plant varieties?
2. What are potential biosafety implications of genetically modified organisms and how does CBD (Convention on Bio-diversity) address it?
3. Explain the Characteristics in DUS testing (Examination of distinctiveness, uniformity and stability) in relation to plant varieties.
4. Write a note on the international regime on access and benefit sharing.
5. Discuss the duties of the standing committee of the PPVFR in the promotion and protection of new plant varieties.
6. Why is there a need for Sui generis framework for the protection of Traditional Knowledge in India?
7. Examine the legal framework regulating biotechnology in India.
8. Discuss the Major issues related to Intellectual Property Right and Biotechnology.
9. What is 'traditional knowledge' and its significance for developing countries in particular. What are the principal objectives of protecting TK and how they can be attained?
10. Write a note on the legal framework in India with respect to Plant Genetic Resources (PGRs).

11. Explain the issue of access and benefit sharing and the provisions on its implementation under CBD.
12. Write short notes on the following:
 - (a) Micro-Organism and Micro-Biological Process.
 - (b) Patenting of Micro-Organisms.

TUTOR MARKED ASSIGNMENT

MIP-107: Trade Secrets, Competition Law and Protection of TCE

Course Code: MIP-107

Assignment Code: MIP-101/TMA/2025

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1. Write a note on essential facilities doctrine.
2. Describe the relationship between unfair competition and undisclosed information as stated respectively in Article 10bis of the Paris Convention and Article 39 of the TRIPS Agreement.
3. Write a note on documentation of Traditional Cultural Expressions (TCEs).
4. What is the need for capacity building of various stakeholders?
5. Distinguish between competition law and competition policy. What are the components of competition policy? How intellectual property law interacts and affects the competition policy?
6. How does unfair competition affect the interests of consumers and producers?
7. What do you understand by intellectual property induced dominance? Explain with an example of abuse of such dominance.
8. When are the third parties liable for using a trade secret? Discuss
9. Discuss section 4 of the Competition Act, 2002 on abuse of dominance.
10. What is Creative Heritage project? What is the aim behind the launch of the Creative Heritage project?

11. What are the essentials of a trade secret as defined in article 39 (2) of the TRIPs Agreement? When does a trade secret loses all protection?

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12. Discuss the essentials of passing off action with the help of case law.

MIP-108: Management of IPRs.

Course Code: MIP-108

Assignment Code: MIP-101/TMA/2025

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1. Discuss the differences between utilitarianism and Non-utilitarianism theories of IPRs.
2. Explain the economic nature of IPR goods. Differentiate between invention and innovation.
3. Write a note on economic nature of IPRs.
4. When should an Intellectual Property Audit be conducted? Discuss.
5. Define open source. Distinguish between freeware and free software.
6. What is Patent Mapping? Discuss the purpose and objectives of patent mapping.
7. What is a sole license and how it is different from exclusive license? Explain the types of intellectual property licenses?
8. Differentiate between income based, cost based and market based method for valuation of patents.
9. Explain the different stages involved before the invention reaches from mind to patent.
10. Write briefly various types of royalty payments.
11. Discuss the determinants of IP Strategy.
12. Distinguish between Open and Closed Standards.