

**Policy Document**

**Of**

**Intellectual Property Rights Cell (IPR cell)**

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## **1. Introduction**

Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) encompass a set of legal rights granted to individuals or entities over creations of the mind, providing exclusive rights to use, control, and benefit from their inventions or creations. This umbrella term covers a range of intangible assets, including patents, copyrights, trademarks, and trade secrets. Patents protect novel inventions or discoveries, granting their creators exclusive rights for a limited period. Copyrights safeguard original literary, artistic, or creative works, ensuring creators' control over reproduction, distribution, and adaptation. Trademarks protect distinctive signs, symbols, or expressions used to identify goods or services, distinguishing them from others in the market. Additionally, trade secrets safeguard confidential information, providing a competitive advantage. Intellectual Property Rights serve as vital tools, incentivizing innovation, creativity, and economic growth while striking a balance between rewarding creators and fostering knowledge dissemination for societal benefit.

Intellectual Property Rights Cell has been established to create awareness and offer assistance to academicians, researchers, entrepreneurs and innovators to identify, protect and manage IPR effectively. It is actively involved in educating the importance of IPR.

## **2. Aim**

The Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) Cell aims to foster an environment of awareness, understanding, and respect for intellectual property among faculty and students within Pragjyotish College. This cell endeavors to promote the creation, protection, and utilization of intellectual property for the benefit of the institution and society at large.

## **3. Objectives**

The objectives of the IPR Cell are as follows:

### **a. Awareness and Education:**

- i. To organize seminars, workshops, and training sessions on various aspects of intellectual property rights, including patents, copyrights, trademarks, and trade secrets.
- ii. To conduct awareness campaigns to familiarize faculty and students with the significance of protecting intellectual property and its role in innovation and creativity.

- iii. To disseminate information and resources regarding IPR laws, regulations, and best practices through various mediums such as newsletters, websites, and informational materials.

**b. Support and Guidance**

- i. To provide guidance and assistance to faculty, researchers, and students in understanding the process of protecting and commercializing their intellectual property.
- ii. To facilitate the filing of patent, copyright, and trademark applications by offering support in documentation, legal requirements, and liaising with relevant authorities.
- iii. To offer advice and support in negotiating licensing agreements, collaborations, and technology transfers involving intellectual property.

**c. Collaboration and Networking**

- i. To establish collaborations with industry partners, research organizations, and legal experts to enhance the understanding and utilization of intellectual property rights.
- ii. To foster a network of professionals and experts in the field of intellectual property to facilitate knowledge exchange and collaboration opportunities for faculty and students.

**d. Policy Formulation and Compliance**

- i. To assist in the development of institutional policies and guidelines related to the creation, ownership, and management of intellectual property.
- ii. To ensure compliance with national and international intellectual property laws and regulations within the institution.

**4. Implementation**

- a. The IPR Cell shall comprise members representing diverse expertise, including legal professionals, faculty members, research scholars, and administrative personnel.
- b. The Cell will meet regularly to plan and execute initiatives aimed at achieving its objectives.
- c. A designated coordinator shall oversee the activities of the Cell and liaise with relevant stakeholders, authorities, and organizations.

**5. Review and Evaluation**

- a. Periodic assessments and evaluations of the IPR Cell's activities and their impact shall be conducted to gauge the effectiveness of the initiatives.
- b. Feedback from faculty, students, and stakeholders will be solicited to improve the functioning and relevance of the Cell's activities.

## **6. Conclusion**

The Intellectual Property Rights Cell is committed to promoting a culture of innovation, creativity, and ethical practices in the creation, protection, and utilization of intellectual property within Pragjyotish College. Through its various initiatives and collaborations, the Cell aims to empower individuals to realize the value of their intellectual endeavours while contributing to the advancement of knowledge and technology.