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ASSOCHAM IP Facilitation Centre

5th IP Excellence Awards 2026

Honouring and Celebrating IP Change Makers of India

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New Delhi

2026 AWARDS

The Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India

INTRODUCTION

India has embarked on a journey towards creating an enabling environment by putting in place an ecosystem that breeds innovation. The Government of India has launched several significant initiatives for propelling innovation, such as the Start-up India initiative, Accelerating Growth of New India's Innovations (AGNII), Atal Tinkering Labs, and the new Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) policy. All these initiatives, coupled with phenomenal research and innovation from institutions, industry, and society, are cementing India's position as an innovation and knowledge hub.

The ASSOCHAM National Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) Council has been working to promote a culture of creativity & innovation in the country. Over the years, the Council has initiated many recognitions—such as the ICT Startups Awards, Intellectual Property Talent Search Examination Awards, and IPRISM Awards—alongside customized capacity-building programs for startups, MSMEs, enforcement agencies, technical and non-technical universities, individual innovators, and innovation centers.

IP facilitation centers have also been established in association with the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME), Government of India, to provide handholding services to innovators. The prime objective is to boost the Intellectual Property (IP) culture by guiding and assisting in the identification, protection, and management of Intellectual Property Rights (IPRs).

ABOUT THE AWARDS

ASSOCHAM, under the National Council on Intellectual Property Rights, introduced the IP Excellence Awards in 2021. Through successful past editions, these prestigious awards have highlighted the invaluable contributions made by IP Changemakers who have revolutionized the Indian IP ecosystem.

The ASSOCHAM IP Excellence Awards aim to bestow recognition and rewards upon exceptional enterprises and enablers within the industry ecosystem. These entities have been instrumental in fostering innovation, creating groundbreaking products, and exhibiting tangible social impact.

IMPORTANT TIMELINE

Applications Open

25th May 2026

Submission Deadline

15th July 2026

CATEGORIES & FOCUS SECTORS

ELIGIBLE SEGMENTS

- Large Enterprises
- MSMEs
- Start-ups
- Legal Firms
- IP Service Providers
- R&D Institutes
- Academic Institutes

FOCUS SECTORS

Engineering/ Manufacturing Sector: Instrumentation, Automobile, Chemicals, Metals and Metallurgy, Textile, Food & Beverages, Machinery, Engines, Electrical and Electronic equipment, and other sectors.

ICT & Services: Software development; Telecommunications activities; Publishing activities, including software publication; motion picture and sound recording activities; radio and TV broadcasting and programming.

Life Sciences: Pharmaceuticals and Biotechnology.

MSMEs: Definition of MSME will be as per the revised Classification.

R&D Institutes: Public funded laboratories (under CSIR, DRDO, ISRO, DAE, DST, DBT, Meity etc.), private sector research labs, and autonomous labs set up by Trusts/Societies.

IP Facilitators: IP Firms, IP Service Providers, Incubation Centers, and individuals.

EVALUATION PROCESS

The ASSOCHAM IP Excellence Awards follow a three-stage funnel process:

STAGE 1
VALIDATION OF DATA

This is done by cross-checking each patent / trademark / design number provided by the applicant with the website of the Indian Patent Office and other relevant agencies.

STAGE 2
PRESENTATION TO JURY

All eligible entries will be presented to the jury panel.

STAGE 3
VIRTUAL/PHYSICAL INTERACTION

Experts may seek a physical or virtual interaction with any applicant to request information on specific points.

NOMINATION FEES

(Subject to 18% GST)

Category Segment	Fee (Excluding GST)
Large Enterprises	Rs. 40,000
Small, Medium & Micro Enterprises (MSMEs)	Rs. 20,000
Legal Firms	Rs. 15,000
R&D Institutes	Rs. 10,000
University / Academic Institutes	Rs. 10,000
IP Service Providers	Rs. 10,000
Incubation Centers	Rs. 10,000
Start-ups	Rs. 2,000

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