



# IPTSE QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER – JANUARY 2026

**IPTSE – An Initiative of IPETHICON (An Educational Academy) – 4th Newsletter**

As we close out 2025, the IPTSE 4th Quarter Newsletter recaps the monumental success of the 8th Edition Intellectual Property Talent Search Examination and the prestigious Awards & IP Conclave. Record participation and inspiring achievements underscore IPTSE's mission to build an IP-savvy India.

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- Message from the directors
- Comprehensive coverage of the 8th Edition's nationwide exam participation and top performer spotlights
- Key moments and insights from the Awards & IP Conclave on January 7, 2026
- Impact of sensitization webinars by experts like Dr. Sheetal Chopra and Nimesh Patel
- Milestone achievement: Cumulative registrations surpassing 50,000 since 2018



## ◆ From the Directors

Over the years, IPTSE has emerged as a strong national platform for IP awareness and capacity-building. The 8<sup>th</sup> edition received an overwhelming response by receiving approximately 60,000 sign-ups and 35,000 exam registrations. IPTSE today has signed 80+ MoUs with educational institutions across India. Its outreach is further strengthened through 300+ educational videos, on YouTube, 400+ awareness programmes, and around 1,000 IP-focused digital content across social media platforms

This year marking the 8<sup>th</sup> anniversary (edition) of IPTSE, IPTSE Awards & IP Conclave was held on 7 January 2026 at the India International Centre, New Delhi. The conclave brought together policymakers, industry leaders, academicians, IP professionals, creators, and students to deliberate on the theme “IP for Sharing – Promoting Collaborative Innovation”.

The conclave featured two thought-provoking panel discussions on collaborative innovation through IP and protecting creativity in the digital age, addressing open innovation models, licensing frameworks, copyright challenges, and fair remuneration for creators in the era of digital platforms and AI.



## ◆ From the Directors

The event culminated with the IPTSE Awards Ceremony, recognising outstanding students, faculty members, professionals, and startups for excellence in IP knowledge and application. The 8th Edition reaffirmed IPTSE's sustained commitment to nurturing future-ready IP talent and positioning Intellectual Property as a dynamic tool for innovation, collaboration, and inclusive economic growth.

As IPTSE moves forward, it remains committed to strengthening engagement with students, professionals, institutions, and industry to nurture innovation and creativity through effective IP systems.



## ◆ 8th Edition Highlights

Launched in August 2025 with registrations closing October 20, the national-level exams ran November 19-22, 2025, drawing thousands of students, faculty, professionals, and startups across engineering, law, design, research, and more. Participants faced 60-question online tests on patents, trademarks, copyrights, and trade secrets, requiring 40% to qualify, with rankings based on scores, speed, and engagement—pushing cumulative registrations past 50,000 since 2018.

Pre-exam mock tests and sensitization webinars by experts like Dr. Sheetal Chopra and Nimesh Patel provided career-focused IPR guidance.



## ◆ 8th Edition Highlights

### **GUJCOST & CED Gujarat: Key Supporters of IPTSE**

GUJCOST (Gujarat Council on Science and Technology) supports IPTSE through its Intellectual Property Facilitation Centre (IPFC), which promotes IPR awareness, provides legal/technical assistance, patent/trademark searches, and filing support for MSMEs—aligning with IPTSE's educational mission.

CED Gujarat (Centre for Entrepreneurship Development) contributes by fostering entrepreneurship and skill development programs, complementing IPTSE's focus on innovation and IP careers among students and young professionals in the state.

Both organizations bolster IPTSE's ecosystem, particularly in Gujarat, through sensitization events, training, and collaborative initiatives that enhance IP knowledge and practical application nationwide.



# ◆ 8th IPTSE Awards & IP Conclave 2026:

## IP for Sharing, Promoting Collaborative Innovation

IPTSE successfully hosted the 8th IPTSE Awards & IP Conclave 2026 in New Delhi, bringing together over 200 participants from MSMEs, exporters, law firms, manufacturing and healthcare companies, startups, educational institutes, students, and government entities. Centred on the theme “IP for Sharing – Promoting Collaborative Innovation”, the conclave highlighted how robust IP frameworks can drive economic growth, enable collaborative models, and protect creativity in an increasingly digital and interconnected world.

The Inaugural Session featured Mr. Patrick Hofkens (Head of IPR Policy, Ericsson), Dr. G.R. Raghavender (Senior Consultant, IPR, DPIIT), and IPTSE Directors Ms. Hitaishi Trivedi and Ms. Purvi Pandya, who emphasized IP as a legal tool for innovation, the importance of India’s National IPR Policy 2016, and the need to balance sharing with fair rewards for creators.

Chief Guest Shri Aman Sharma (IPOS Joint Secretary, Department of Pharmaceuticals, Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilisers, Government of India) underlined India’s strength in generic pharmaceuticals, the emerging shift towards biologics, and the need to de-risk high-end R&D to build a stronger domestic IP-driven pharma ecosystem.



# ◆ 8th IPTSE Awards & IP Conclave 2026:

## IP for Sharing, Promoting Collaborative Innovation

Two high-impact panel discussions explored “IP for Sharing – Encouraging Collaborative Innovation through IP” and “IP for Protecting Creativity in the Digital Age,” with experts from CSIR, Gujarat Fluorochemicals, SRF Limited, Jindal Global Law School, AAFT, Indian Performing Rights Society, and the music industry. Discussions covered industry-academia collaborations, standard-essential patents, fast-track commercialization initiatives, copyright and royalties in the age of AI, and the evolving rights of creators and performing artists.

The Awards Ceremony celebrated top-performing students, faculty, professionals, and startups from the 8th Edition IPTSE examination, recognizing their creativity and IP acumen in line with IPTSE’s mission to build an ecosystem where 10 million individuals understand and actively engage with intellectual property. Complementing the conclave, IPTSE also conducted a series of thematic workshops in November 2025 on prior art, pharmaceutical IP, economic analysis of IP, generative AI and legislation, data protection, and industrial application of IP laws, further strengthening IP capacity across the country.



## ◆ 8th Edition Award Ceremony

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#### CHIEF GUEST



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JOINT SECRETARY – DEPARTMENT OF PHARMACEUTICALS, MINISTRY OF  
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#### GUEST OF HONOUR



**DR. RAGHAVENDER GR**  
SENIOR CONSULTANT (IPR), DPIIT, GOVT. OF INDIA

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## ◆ **Forward Momentum**

The 8th Edition's comprehensive initiatives have equipped thousands of learners with essential, practical knowledge in core IP principles such as establishing novelty, demonstrating inventive steps, and deploying effective protection strategies for patents, trademarks, copyrights, and trade secrets. This foundation not only empowers participants to safeguard their innovations but also positions them as future leaders in India's burgeoning knowledge economy.

Looking ahead, IPTSE remains committed to excellence with the much-anticipated launch of the 9th Edition, an expanded series of expert-led webinars, and enriched digital resources tailored for students, educators, and professionals. Join this transformative journey to unlock new opportunities, foster groundbreaking ideas, and contribute to a robust national IP ecosystem that drives sustainable growth and global competitiveness.



## ◆ **Attachments**

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