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Colloquia on Progress and Policy

Standard Essential Patents in Emerging Technologies

(Towards Inclusive SEP Frameworks)

The Office of the Controller General of Patents, Designs and Trademarks

Co-hosted with

Centre of Law and Critical Emerging Technologies at ASIA

In collaboration with

National Law University, Delhi

26th June 2025 (04:00 pm - 05:30 pm)

AGENDA

Building on the previous two roundtable discussions on SEPs, this roundtable, organised by the Office of the Controller General of Patents, Designs, and Trade Marks, co-hosted with Advanced Study Institute of Asia in collaboration with the National Law University, Delhi, aims to explore how India can develop a more inclusive, adaptive, and innovation-orientated approach to Standard Essential Patents (SEPs) across emerging sectors such as electric vehicles, artificial intelligence, and clean energy technologies. As these industries increasingly rely on shared standards and complex licensing structures, and as software- and algorithm-driven innovation

grows, the roundtable will also examine the implications of the updated Computer-Related Inventions (CRI) guidelines on patentability and licensing strategies. The conversation will bring together legal experts, policymakers, industry leaders, and academics to reflect on institutional readiness, sector-specific needs, and possible frameworks for equitable and transparent SEP governance. By facilitating open and cross-disciplinary dialogue, the roundtable seeks to identify pathways for reform that balance technological advancement with public interest and domestic innovation priorities.

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Date and Time	26th June 2025 04:00 pm - 05:30 pm IST
Venue	National Law University, Golf Course Rd, Pocket 1, Sector 14 Dwarka, New Delhi, 110078
03:45 PM – 04:00 PM	Arrival of Speakers and Attendees
04:00 PM – 04:05 PM	Welcome and Opening Remarks
04:05 PM – 04:15 PM	Keynote Address
04:15 PM – 05:25 PM	<i>Session: Reimagining SEP Licensing for Inclusive Innovation and Equitable Access</i>
Panel Discussion (04:15 PM – 05:10 PM)	Chair: Prof. Unnat P Pandit Controller General of Patents, Designs & Trademarks (CGPDTM), RoC, GI & SICLDR
Q&A Session and Concluding Remark of the Chair (05:10 PM – 05:25 PM)	Moderator: Tentative topics to be touched upon: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What does licensing accessibility look like across emerging sectors like EVs, AI, and clean energy? • Is it time for differentiated royalty models and sectoral SEP frameworks? • How can small innovators and startups navigate global licensing regimes? • What are the unresolved tensions between courts, CCI, and industry on FRAND obligations? • Are there institutional gaps that can be addressed through ADR, joint licensing, or negotiation guidelines? • What forms of state support, like patent funds or capacity-building, might meaningfully shift the balance?

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are innovators and courts speaking the same language? • What kind of flexibility or adaptation is needed in standard-setting and licensing? • How do the latest CRI guidelines impact patentability, licensing strategies, and innovation in AI- and software-driven sectors? <p><i>Speakers:</i></p> <p>Rajesh K Pathak <i>Director General, Bharat 6G Alliance</i></p> <p>Santosh Kumar Gupta <i>Assistant Controller of Patents and Designs, OSD (IT Process Re-Engineering and IP Impact Group), IPO</i></p> <p>Dr. Archana Shanker <i>Senior Partner and Head – IP, Anand and Anand</i></p> <p>Nishant Sharma <i>Lead Counsel, Patent Licensing and Litigation, Dolby Laboratories</i></p>
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