

# National Intellectual Property Awards 2017

## 1. Objective

National Intellectual Property (IP) Awards are conferred each year by the Office of Controller General of Patents, Designs and Trademarks to recognize and reward individuals and enterprises who are best achievers in the field of IPRs in terms of creation and commercialization of IP. Thus, National IP Awards are intended to encourage creativity and innovation and management of intellectual property portfolio that influences the success of business in different industry segments.

The awards will be presented this year to the awardees at an event to be organized in Delhi on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2017, coinciding with World IP Day, by the Office of Controller General of Patents, Designs and Trademarks in collaboration with Confederation of Indian Industry (CII).

## 2. Categories of IP Awards (Patents, Trademarks & Design)

This year, the following ten (10) categories are included in the **National Intellectual Property Awards programme 2017**:

- i. **Top Individual for Patents & Commercialization**
- ii. **Top Indian Academic institution for Patents & Commercialization**
- iii. **Top R & D Institution/Organisation for Patents & Commercialization**
- iv. **Top Public Limited Company / Private Limited Company for Patents & Commercialization in India**
  - 4(a). **Indian owned company**
  - 4(b). **MNC/Foreign owned company**
- v. **Top Indian MSME for Patents & Commercialization**
- vi. **Top Start-up for IP Commercialization**
- vii. **Top Indian Company /Organization for Designs and Commercialization**
- viii. **Top Indian Company for creating Global Brand (s)**
- ix. **Top Individual / organization for Best facilitation of Registration of GI and Promotion of Registered GI in India.**
- x. **Best Police Unit (Police District / Zone in a commissionerate) for Enforcement of IP in the Country.**

**Each award (including categories under 4 (a) and 4 (b) separately) will carry a cash prize of Rs. 1,00,000/- and citation .**

**Note:** The awardees of the National Intellectual Property Awards 2015 & 2016 in the particular category are not eligible for the award in 2017 in that category.

### 2.2 Linking of National IP Awards with WIPO Awards :

Three Awards given annually by the World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO) under the WIPO Awards Program will be linked to the appropriate categories of National IP Awards 2017 and the same will be conferred along with National IP Awards on the

occasion of World Intellectual Property Day, 2017.

The WIPO awards which are proposed to be linked with the National IP Awards 2017 are as follows:

1. **WIPO Medal for Inventors** - Top Individual for Patents & Commercialization
2. **WIPO IP Enterprises Trophy** - Top **Indian** Public Limited Company/ Private Limited Company
3. **WIPO Users Trophy** - Top Indian Company for creating Global brand

**Separate application/s for the WIPO Awards is not required, since these awards will be conferred upon the awardees selected in the respective categories of National IP Awards 2017.**

### 3. Broad parameters for selection :

These awards will not be given solely on the basis of number of Intellectual Property Rights registered/ granted. The utilization of such IPRs as a strategic tool in commerce & industry, along with their contribution to the society at large, will be taken into consideration. For the purpose of National IP Awards 2017, the performance in the last 3 calendar years i.e. 2014-2016 will be taken into consideration.

***The following parameters will be considered as relevant:***

- I. Number of IPRs filed / granted / registered.
- II. Growth in IPR portfolio in the last three calendar years.
- III. Leveraging of IPRs for achieving commercial goals (manufacturing, licensing, launching of new products / processes associated with granted / registered IPRs marketing / export etc.)
- IV. For Enforcement of IPR by police, actions such as IPR- related FIR filed, raids/seizures made, and charge-sheets filed for IP infringements.
- V. In case of Top Indian Company for creating Global Brand (s), brand value, turnover outside India under the brand where it has worked, number of such global brands and global acceptance will be the parameters for the award.

### 4. Eligibility

- An applicant for IP Award should be either Individual or Legal Entity as provided under the respective IP Act.
- An Applicant may be private or public sector Indian industry (MSME /Startup/ major industries), as well as firms and societies registered in India; Indian subsidiary of a transnational corporation; Indian Academic institutions and R&D institutions registered as a legal entity in India; and individuals who have IPRs granted / registered by the Indian Intellectual Property Office, during the last three calendar years are eligible for applying for this award.

- It has been decided that an organization applying for award under the category, **“Top Indian MSME for Patents & Commercialization”**, should be a standalone enterprise and it should state the details of patent applications filed / granted **in its own name only**. Any details in respect of applications filed/patents granted belonging to a subsidiary company or the company under which it is a subsidiary company or a group of companies, where the applicant is a part of the said group of companies, shall not be taken into consideration.
- For the category, **“Top Public Limited Company / Private Limited Company for Patents & Commercialization in India “**, it is necessary that the applicant should have the patents granted/patents applied for the research and development conducted in India and subsequent first filing should be in India for the said developed inventions.
- **Best Police Unit** (Police District or Zone in a Commissionerate) **for IP Enforcement** which will be based on the actions taken by such police unit for IP enforcement in terms of IPR- related FIR filed, raids/seizures made, and charge-sheets filed for IP infringements.
- In case an enterprise is claiming the National IP Award for **Best Start-up for IP Commercialization**, it is mandatory to enclose the proof for being a startup
- For fulfilling commercialisation criteria in any of the awards, it is necessary that patents/designs should have been filed and published and granted/registered in India and commercialised in India.
- Details of granted patents/patents should be provided in the application if the commercialization of product/process is claimed.

## 5. Jury

Awardees will be selected by a jury comprising professionals from diverse fields such as:

- i. IP professionals.
- ii. Industry Association.
- iii. Academia.
- iv. R&D professionals.
- v. Representative(s) of the Government of India.

The Jury will have the right to co-opt a suitable person as a special invitee in case any specific issue comes up.

## 6. How to Apply ?

Eligible applicants will have to file the Part- I of the Application Form compulsorily. Other parts i.e .Part II to VII & details in excel sheet may be filled as applicable, depending upon the categories in which an application for award is made.

**It is clarified that the application (with annexures) is required to be submitted both in electronic and physical format.**

***If the detailed information, as may be applicable, is not filled in the excel sheet, the application for IP award shall not be considered. Prescribed excel sheet (attachment with application form) may be sent by e-mail (soft copy) only.***

Application along with the applicable annexures and supporting documents, complete in all respects shall be sent at the following address so as to reach on or before **25<sup>th</sup> February, 2017**, and also to be sent by e-mail to [ipawards.ipo@nic.in](mailto:ipawards.ipo@nic.in) / [ipawards.ipo@gov.in](mailto:ipawards.ipo@gov.in) before **25<sup>th</sup> February, 2017**.

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Mumbai-400037.**

**Important Note:** In case an applicant fails to submit soft copy of the application along-with the details in the prescribed excel sheet, the application will be rejected.

**Note:**

1. If an applicant wishes to apply for more than one award, a separate application should be filed for each award.
2. The Application Form available on the website [www.ipindia.nic.in](http://www.ipindia.nic.in) only should be used by the applicants.

**3. Timelines should be strictly adhered to:**

**The last date for submission of hard copy : 25.02.2017**

**The last date for receiving soft copy : 25.02.2017**

3. An envelope containing the application must be subscribed with **“National IP Awards 2017”** and e-mail sent to the above mentioned e-mail ID must have **“National IP Awards 2017”** as the subject line.
4. Applications incomplete in any respect or received after the last date will not be considered.
9. All applications will be received and processed at the office of CGPDTM, Mumbai

**5. Contact:**

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