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It hosts advanced research centres in areas like Intellectual Property, Maritime Law, and Arbitration, and holds the prestigious DPIIT IPR Chair. Guided by distinguished leadership, MNLU Mumbai fosters advocacy skills, legal scholarship, and values of justice, equality, and social responsibility.

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ABOUT VINDEX MANASAH

Vindex Manasah: Intellectual Property Journal, MNLU Mumbai is the flagship, blind peer-reviewed biannual journal of Maharashtra National Law University Mumbai. Dedicated to advancing intellectual property scholarship, the Journal seeks to foster interdisciplinary dialogue and encourage critical engagement with contemporary developments in intellectual property law and policy.

The name Vindex Manasah draws inspiration from the Latin word *vindex*, meaning a defender, champion or protector, and the Sanskrit word *manasah*, associated with the mind, intellect and thought. Together, the words embody the Journal's vision of safeguarding intellectual endeavour and advancing knowledge through law, research and innovation.

Published twice a year, the Journal aims to provide a rigorous academic platform for examining emerging legal challenges, evolving regulatory frameworks and the intersection of intellectual property with technological advancement, creativity and socio-economic development. It seeks to facilitate meaningful engagement among academicians, researchers, legal practitioners, policymakers and students on contemporary legal and policy questions. Through its commitment to scholarly excellence and original research, the Journal aspires to enrich intellectual property discourse and contribute to the development of a balanced, inclusive and forward-looking intellectual property ecosystem in India and beyond.

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The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India, launched the Scheme for Pedagogy and Research in IPRs for Holistic Education and Academia (SPRIHA) in 2016 to strengthen intellectual property education and research across the country. In line with the National IPR Policy, 2016, the initiative envisages the establishment of IPR Chairs in select institutions to enhance teaching, develop specialised curricula, and promote high-quality research in the field of intellectual property. Maharashtra National Law University, Mumbai, has been selected as one of the institutions for establishing an IPR Chair, functioning in accordance with the norms prescribed by DPIIT under the SPRIHA scheme.

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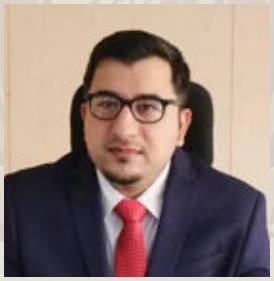


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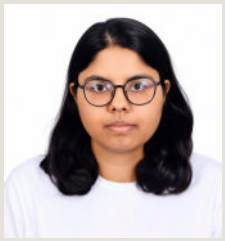
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