

# CII INDUSTRIAL IP AWARDS 2026

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**Special Recognition of Law Firms**



**To Apply: [www.ciiipr.in/IP-award](http://www.ciiipr.in/IP-award)**

## BACKGROUND

The **CII Industrial Intellectual Property (IP) Awards 2025** aims at recognition and celebration of enterprises, which have championed IP generation and protection to fuel their business and economic growth. Since 2014, these awards have played a pivotal role in encouraging innovation-led growth across sectors by recognizing excellence in IP creation, protection, and commercialization.

Building on this legacy, **CII has introduced a dedicated category for 'Law firms'** under the CII Industrial IP Awards 2025, aimed at honouring outstanding contribution of law firms that have demonstrated exceptional performance in the field of **IPR**. The purpose of these awards is to encourage Law firms and support India's journey towards a strong and robust IP-driven economy.

## HIGHLIGHTS

The CII Law Firm IP Awards for Patents recognizes:

- Foster best practices in patent filing, prosecution, litigation, and advisory.
- Celebrate law firms demonstrating excellence in client service and outcomes.
- Promote visibility of legal leaders in India's evolving IP ecosystem.

## AWARD CATEGORIES

### Type of IP – Patents

<u>Category</u>	<u>Eligibility Criteria</u>
Large Law Firm	More than 50 Cr
Mid-Size Law Firm	20 to 50 Cr
Boutique/Small Law Firm	Less than 25 Cr

We will be Recognizing the applicants in the following **3 bands**:

PLATINUM
GOLD
SILVER

## ELIGIBILITY

Indian law firms (boutique or full-service) that provide patent-related services are eligible.

Eligibility includes:

- Any law firm practicing in India is eligible.
- Only achievements in patent-related legal services will be considered.
- Applicants must submit data for the period April 2022 to March 2025, including:
  - Number and types of patent filings (domestic/international)
  - Litigation, opposition and enforcement experience
  - Sector-specific leadership and innovation examples
  - Contributions to IP awareness, policy or research
  - Collaboration with academia, startups, or public institutions

## JURY



**Dr Raghunath Anand  
Mashelkar**

Former Director General,  
CSIR and Chair of Jury for  
CII Industrial IP Awards –  
2025



**Professor Ashutosh  
Sharma**

Institute Chair Professor &  
INAE Visvesvarya Chair  
Professor & Coordinator



**Dr V.C. Vivekanandan**

Vice Chancellor, Hidayatullah  
National Law University



**Mr. Arvind Thakur**

Member, Board of  
Management at NIIT  
University



**Mr. Amit Rastogi**

(Retd), Chairman &  
Managing Director, National  
Research Development  
Corporation



**Prof. Dr. Thammaiah  
Ramakrishna**

Chair Professor, DPIIT Chair  
on IPR, Chairperson, Post-  
Graduate and Doctoral  
Council, National Law School  
of India University,  
Bangalore



**Dr R R Sonde**

Professor Dept. of Chemical  
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CSIR-NEERI  
Formerly Executive Vice President  
& Now Advisor (Research,  
Technology & Innovation Centre) &  
Member on Board of Executive  
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**Dr. Shirshendu Mukherjee**

Managing Director - Wadhvani  
Innovation Network



**Mr R Saha**

Senior Advisor, Confederation of  
Indian Industry



**Mr. Anil Wali**

CEO, BITS BioCyTIH Foundation;  
Former MD, IIT Delhi



**Dr. Santosh Mohanty**

VP and TCS IP Head (Retd)

## EVALUATION PROCESS

Evaluation process will include:

- ❖ Application Review & Validation - Assessment of firm's performance via structured questionnaire
- ❖ Expert Panel Assessment - Review by senior jurists, IP professionals, technical and legal experts
- ❖ Jury-based scoring across multiple parameters
- ❖ Client Feedback - Independent assessment of submitted client references.
- ❖ Shortlisting and validation
- ❖ Final selection by the CII Awards Committee

## HOW TO APPLY

- Register online: [www.ciiipr.in/IP-award](http://www.ciiipr.in/IP-award)
- Submit filled application form with supporting documents
- While submitting the application, the applicant also needs to share/upload the relevant documents.
- Pay applicable fees
- Deadline: 25 February 2026

## WHY TO PARTICIPATE

### All Participants Receive:

- Participation Certificate
- Performance benchmarking feedback
- Access to CII IP capacity-building programs

### Winners Receive:

- Trophy & Certificate of recognition from CII
- Detailed feedback report on the firm's patent practice
- Feature on the CII IPR website and official communications
- Winner's Logo use rights (valid for 2 years)
- National exposure through CII's IP network & media
- Opportunity to be showcased as a case study

## APPLICATION FEES

<u>Firm Type</u>	<u>Participation Fee</u>	<u>+ 18% GST</u>	<u>Total (INR)</u>
Large Law Firm	₹1,00,000	₹18,000	₹1,18,000
Mid-Size Law Firm	₹75,000	₹13,500	₹88,500
Boutique/Specialist Firm	₹50,000	₹9,000	₹59,000

## SCHEDULE

<u>Milestone</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Announcement of Awards	16-17 <sup>th</sup> December 2025
Last Date for Submission (with Fee)	25 <sup>th</sup> February 2026
Jury Evaluation & Shortlisting	March – April 2026
Results & Award Ceremony	26 <sup>th</sup> April 2026

*\*Schedule subject to change\**

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