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PhD. Fellow position under SPRIHA, DPIIT, GoI

Applications are invited under the sponsored project. The details of the project are as under:

Position	PhD. Fellowship
Number of Position (s)	01 (One)
Tenure of the Post	03 Years The position is purely temporary/contractual, initially for one year (can be extended upon satisfactory performance) or co-terminus with the project.
Title of The Project	IPR Chair Professor, Scheme for Pedagogy and Research in IPRs for Holistic Education and Academia (SPRIHA)
Tenure of Project	60 months, effective from 20.11.2023
Principal Investigator	Prof. Alok Kumar Das
Job Description (in maximum of 100 words)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The selected candidate will undertake research across the IP value chain under the supervision of the DPIIT–IPR Chair Professor, Dr. Anindya Roy Chowdhury, contributing to scholarly outputs aligned with the objectives of the DPIIT–SPRIHA Scheme.• The position is a full-time PhD Fellowship, and the selected candidate will be required to register for a PhD program as per Institute norms and DPIIT–SPRIHA guidelines.• In addition to the research work, the candidate shall assist the DPIIT–IPR Chair Professor in the preparation of research, consultancy, and other assignments commissioned by DPIIT, Government of India.
Essential Qualification	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Master’s Degree in any field (Science, Technology, Engineering, Law, Management, Humanities and Social Sciences, Languages and Literature, Arts and Culture, or other related fields) from a UGC recognized University or AICTE approved with a minimum first class in UG and PG.• UGC/CSIR-NET (JRF /Assistant Professor/PhD only.)
Desirable Qualification	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Experience/Knowledge in IPR domain
Age and Relaxation (if any)	No age limit

Fellowship/Salary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rs. 37,000 per month plus annual contingency as laid down in the scheme of UGC for UGC/CSIR-NET JRF qualified candidate. Rs. 28,000 per month plus annual contingency of Rs. 25,000 plus HRA (20% of basic pay) as admissible for UGC/CSIR-NET Qualified Assistant Professor or PhD Only. <p>Note: <i>The grant of fellowship from this scheme is admissible only in case UGC/CSIR-NET grant is not claimed.</i></p>
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Last Date & Time	May 10, 2026(Sunday); 11.59 PM
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Candidates are required to submit Concept Note on any type of Intellectual Property* ecosystem. <p>I. A structured research concept note (1000 words) covering:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Research questions and gap in literature Title & Abstract Proposed contribution and research outputs <p>II. A brief publication roadmap for the first two years, indicating target journals and tentative timelines. Below are some indicative topics. You are free to choose your own topic in the area of IPR.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Introduction of a utility model regime in India Reform of design protection for virtual/GUI/spatial designs Comparative copyright reform in the age of AI Strengthening trade secret protection in the absence of standalone legislation GI & Trademark conflict resolution Enforcement gaps under SICLD or PVP&FR frameworks <p>*Intellectual property includes Patents, Designs, Trademarks, Geographical Indications, Trade Secrets, Copyright, Semiconductor Integrated Circuit Layout-Design (SICLD), Biodiversity, and Protection of Plant Varieties & Farmers' Rights (PVP&FR).</p> <p><i>Submissions will be assessed rigorously for analytical depth and structural clarity. The work must be original and capable of being defended at the interview stage. All entries will undergo screening for plagiarism and the use of AI-generated content. Based on the evaluation of the concept note, shortlisted candidates will be invited for an interview.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Candidates are required to send concept note along with resume, photograph, and supporting documents, including qualifications, UGC/CSIR award letters, and relevant experiences, to spriha@iitism.ac.in by May 10, 2026 (Sunday); 11.59 PM.</i> <i>Applications submitted without the UGC/CSIR award letters will not be considered.</i> <i>Meeting the minimum qualifications does not guarantee an invitation to the interview. Candidates will be shortlisted based on merit and submission of concept note.</i> <i>The interview will be conducted online. A link will be shared with shortlisted candidates in due course.</i> <i>The Institute reserves the right to fill or not to fill the post without giving any reason whatsoever.</i>
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(Prof. Alok Kumar Das)
Principal Investigator