

Report on Academic Engagement of Dr. Hemant Sood under MoU between Government College Sanjauli and JUIT

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1. Introduction

This report is submitted to the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of Jaypee University of Information Technology (JUIT) to document and acknowledge the academic engagement of **Dr. Hemant Sood**, a distinguished faculty member of JUIT, as a **Resource Person** during the **Faculty Development Programme (FDP)** titled “*Redefining Pedagogy: Legal Awareness, AI Integration, and Academic Integrity*”, organized at Government College Sanjauli from **10th May and 13th to 17th May 2025**.

2. Context: MoU Between GC Sanjauli and JUIT

As per the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between **Government College Sanjauli** and **JUIT, Waknaghat**, both institutions committed to the following areas of cooperation:

- Enhancing the academic and research capacities of faculty and students;
- Organizing joint seminars, workshops, and training sessions;
- Facilitating faculty exchange and expert lectures;
- Promoting interdisciplinary engagement in emerging and priority areas of higher education.

In line with these objectives, Dr. Hemant Sood was invited to deliver a specialized session as part of this collaborative initiative.

3. Academic Session Overview

Date of Lecture: 15th May 2025

Topic: *Intellectual Property Rights: Management and Commercialization*

Resource Person: Dr. Hemant Sood, Faculty, JUIT, Waknaghat

4. Highlights of the Session

- Dr. Sood provided a **comprehensive overview** of **Intellectual Property Rights (IPR)** in the academic context, emphasizing the safeguarding of intellectual output through **copyrights, patents, trademarks, geographical indications, and industrial designs**.
- She contextualized the **evolution of IPR in India**, from the colonial-era legal frameworks to the establishment of the Indian Patent Act (1970), and explained the rising importance of IPR in today’s digital innovation economy.
- Participants were introduced to the **criteria and procedures for patent filing**, including types of patents, legal considerations, and practical steps for research commercialization.

- The session emphasized **academic entrepreneurship**, the formation of **IPR Cells in higher education institutions**, and strategies to support **innovation-led research** and **start-up ecosystems**.
- Dr. Sood illustrated her presentation with **real-world case studies** on the protection of traditional knowledge systems in India, citing examples of international disputes and how India's digital IPR repositories have addressed such challenges.
- The latter half of her session addressed **trademark commercialization**, **ethics in monetizing academic research**, and the institutional role in bridging academic inquiry with industrial application.

5. Outcome and Institutional Impact

The session was highly appreciated by the participating faculty members across disciplines. Key outcomes include:

- **Raised awareness** on the strategic importance of IPR for teachers, researchers, and institutions.
- **Stimulation of interest** in establishing an IPR Cell at Government College Sanjauli.
- Initiation of discussions on potential **future collaborations** with JUIT in areas such as **IPR training workshops**, **certification programmes**, and **joint research initiatives**.
- Strengthened alignment with the **MoU's objective** of interdisciplinary academic enrichment, legal literacy, and innovation facilitation.

Dr. Sood's lucid explanations, practical insights, and dynamic engagement significantly contributed to the **capacity-building of our faculty** and set a high standard for future academic exchanges under the MoU framework.

6. Conclusion

This academic engagement is a **model example** of institutional cooperation envisaged under the MoU between Government College Sanjauli and JUIT. We express our **sincere gratitude** to **Dr. Hemant Sood** and the **leadership of JUIT** for facilitating this impactful session. We remain committed to fostering continued partnerships in the future through:

- Regular faculty and research exchanges;
- Collaborative events and publications;
- Capacity-building and knowledge-sharing in priority academic areas.

With warm regards,

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