Conference on Standard Essential Patents (SEPs)
Creating an Innovation Ecosystem for Viksit Bharat@2047

23rd August 2025, FICCI, New Delhi

AGENDA

09:00 - 09:45 AM	**Registration & Networking Tea**
INAUGURAL SESSION	
Session Moderator: FICCI	
09:45 - 10:00 AM	**Welcome & Introductory Remarks:** **Mr. Ameet Datta**, Co-Chair, FICCI IPR Committee & Managing Counsel, ADP Law Offices **Ms. Payal Malik**, Professor (Visiting) ICRIER and Former Advisor and Head Economics, Competition Commission of India
10:00 - 10:20 AM	**Inaugural Address: Ms. Himani Pande,** Additional Secretary, DPIIT, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India (TBC)
10:20 – 10:35 AM	**Keynote Address: Justice Amit Bansal**, Judge, High Court of Delhi
10:35 – 10:50 AM	**Plenary Address: Mr. Pravin Anand**, Member, FICCI IPR Committee & Managing Partner & Head of Litigation, Anand & Anand
10:50 - 11:50 AM	**Session I - Panel Discussion** **Demystifying the Standard Essential Patent Ecosystem** This session will offer an introduction to Standard Essential Patents (SEPs) and examine their growing relevance in the Indian innovation ecosystem. It will explore the extent of SEPs adoption among Indian enterprises, with a focus on SMEs and startups in cellular network-related sectors. The discussion will highlight trends in product-led innovation and the manufacturing of standard-compliant products. Additionally, it will review prevailing SEP licensing practices adopted by Indian firms to foster competitive and compliant market offerings. In doing so, the session will consider how India's evolving

	SEP landscape can support its strategic ambitions of becoming a global manufacturing hub, particularly in emerging technologies such as 6G. **Moderators Overview:** What are Standard Essential Patents (SEPs)? Why do they matter? **Session Focus** **Adoption of SEPs among Indian enterprises:** Examining the uptake of SEPs by Indian firms and standard driven innovation **Industry sectors leveraging SEPs:** Reviewing Indian SMEs and startups active in using SEPs related to cellular networks **Exploring product-led innovation**: Key trends in product-led innovation in India and how they may align with India's 6G aspirations **Manufacturing Standard-Compliant Products**: Potential for follow-on innovation through standard-compliant products **Prevailing SEP licensing practices:** Exploring licensing frameworks that are currently used by Indian enterprises to access SEPs **Moderator: Bharat 6G Alliance- Mr. Rajesh Kumar Pathak** **Panellists:** • **Dr. Radhakrishna Ganti**, Professor, CEWiT IIT Madras (Virtually) • **Dr. Rajiv Kumar,** Scientist F, NIDHI – Seed Support Program, Department of Science & Technology, Ministry of Science & Technology • **Mr. Rajeev Gupta**, IP Head, Jio • **Mr Arindam Das**, Director, Govt Affairs, Qualcomm • **Mr. Amit Kumar**, Legal Head, Tejas Networks • **Mr. Amit Sethi**, Head- 5G Solutions, Tata Consultancy Services
11:50 - 12:00 AM	**Open House Discussion**
12:00 - 12:50 PM	**Session II - Panel Discussion** **Decoding the Dynamics of Standard Essential Patent Development** **Special Address – Mr AK Mittal, DG TSDSI (12:00 – 12:10 PM)** This session will delve into the procedures involved in standardization before Standard Setting Organisations (SSOs) and examine the overall dynamics of the SEP ecosystem. It will map key stakeholders, including SEP holders, implementers, and regulators, and explore how Indian firms can increase their presence in global standard-setting processes

	in line with the national aspirations to increase India's share in SEPs. The discussion will also examine the role of collective licensing mechanisms such as patent pools and Licensing Negotiation Groups (LNGs) in creating transparent and efficient SEP markets, alongside the level and nature of government support required to build a globally competitive and innovation-driven SEP framework in India. **Moderators Overview:** What is the procedure for standardization before Standard Setting Organisations (SSOs)? **Session Focus** **Mapping the roles of stakeholders in the SEP ecosystem**: Identifying SEP holders, implementers, discussing the role of SDO/SSO and regulatory bodies **Indian participation in standardization:** Pathways for Indian firms to engage in developing technological standards in alignment with the vision to enhance the SEP share of India **Efficient SEP markets through Patent Pools and LNGs:** Assessing the benefits and challenges of collective licensing mechanisms **Public policy and government's role in SEP development:** Evaluating the level and nature of proposed government initiatives, such as a sovereign patent fund, and their potential impact on the SEP ecosystem in India **Session Moderator: Prof. Manveen Singh**, Professor and Associate Dean, Jindal Global Law School (JGLS) | Director, Centre for Postgraduate Legal Studies (CPGLS) **Panellists:** • **Dr. Brajesh Mishra**, Scientist 'G' & Head C-DOT Collaborative Programs, Centre for Development of Telematics, Department of Telecommunications • **Dr. Igor Nikolic**, Director- IP Policy, Nokia (Virtually) • **Mr. Nishant Sharma**, Lead Counsel (India)- Patent Licensing, Dolby • **Mr. Sandeep Sharma**, Head of Emerging Technologies- Network Services, Tech Mahindra
12:50 - 1:00 PM	**Open House Discussion**
1:00 - 2:00 PM	**Networking Lunch**
02:00 - 03:30 PM	**Session III** **Session Moderator: Senior Academic/Legal Expert** **Navigating Licensing and Enforcement in SEP** This session will examine the complexities involved in negotiating and executing SEP licenses. It will explore how FRAND-related disputes are resolved, with a focus on

	litigation, arbitration, and other mechanisms, alongside lessons drawn from landmark international cases that have influenced the global understanding of FRAND obligations. The session will also reflect on the procedural hurdles faced by both SEP holders and implementers in balancing the enforcement of their patent rights and obligations under FRAND commitments. The discussion will also cover recent legal and regulatory developments impacting SEP practices, future trends in global SEP policy and enforcement, and the role of innovation policy in shaping equitable access and development within the SEP ecosystem. This session aims to provide insights for fostering a balanced SEP licensing environment that promotes innovation while ensuring fair competition and access. **Moderators Overview:** What are the legal, commercial, and procedural challenges in negotiating and executing SEP licenses? **Session Focus** **Dispute Resolution in FRAND Licensing:** Exploring mechanisms for resolving FRAND disputes, with a focus on court litigation and arbitration **International Case Studies:** Examining notable global disputes that have shaped the interpretation and enforcement of FRAND terms **Legal Rulings and Regulatory Trends:** Reviewing recent judicial and regulatory developments affecting SEP licensing practices, focusing on the specificities of Indian court decisions, including timelines for case resolution, etc. **Future Outlook for the SEP Ecosystem:** Assessing anticipated changes in global SEP policy, licensing practices, and enforcement strategies **Role of Innovation Policy:** Exploring how policy measures may influence SEP development and access **SEP Licensing for New Market Entrants:** Assessing due diligence requirements, market readiness of startups, and strategies for accessing SEP declarations and relevant technical standards **Moderator: Mr. Aman Sinha**, Advocate and Consultant, ICRIER **Panellists:** • **Ms. Chitra Iyer**, Director, Licensing Program Leader – Philips • **Dr. Sheetal Chopra**, Director & India Lead - Policy Advocacy, Ericsson • **Ms. Julien George**, Partner, Saikrishna & Associates • **Mr. Ashutosh Kumar**, Sr Partner, Singh & Singh • **Mr. Eric Stasik**, Founder and Managing Director, Avvika AB (virtually)
03:30 - 03:45 PM	**Open House Discussion**

3:45 – 4:50 PM	**Valedictory Session**
03:45 - 4:10 PM	**Special Address** • **Prof. Unnat Pandit**, Controller General of Patents, Designs & Trade Marks • **Dr. Yogesh Pai**, Head: Patents and Treaties Law Section, Patent and Technology Law Division, World Intellectual Property Organization
4:10 – 4:25 PM	**Special Address: Shri Sanjiv Singh,** Joint Secretary, DPIIT, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India
4:25-4:35 PM	**Concluding Remarks:** Shri Arvind Kumar, DG, STPI (TBC)
4:35 – 4:50 PM	**Presidential Address:** Hon'ble Justice Prathiba M. Singh, Judge, High Court of Delhi
4:50 PM Onwards	**High Tea & Access to Consultation with Legal and Industry Professionals**