3rd IP EXCELLENCE AWARDS 2023

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**CATEGORIES SEGMENT**

- **Large Enterprises**
- **MSMEs**
- **Legal Firms**
- **R&D Institutes**
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- **Start-ups**
- **Service Providers**
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**FOCUS SECTORS**

- **Engineering/ Manufacturing Sector:** Instrumentation, Automobile, Chemicals, Metals and Metallurgy, Textile, Food & Beverages, Machinery, Engines, Electrical and Electronic equipment and other sectors.
- **ICT & Services:** Software development; Telecommunications activities; Publishing activities, including software publication; motion picture and sound recording activities; radio and TV broadcasting and programming
- **Life Sciences:** Pharmaceuticals and Biotechnology
- **MSMEs:** Definition of MSME will be as per the revised Classification applicable w.e.f 1st July 2020. Proof for micro, small and medium enterprises should be submitted either in the form of registration certificate for MSME or certificate by auditor that the company is in MSME category as on December 2021.
- **R&D Institutes:** Public funded laboratories (under CSIR, DRDO, ISRO, DAE, DST, DBT, MeitY etc.), private sector research labs, autonomous labs set up by Trusts/Societies.
- **IP Facilitators:** IP Firms, IP Service providers, incubation centres and individuals.

**EVALUATION PROCESS**

ASSOCHAM IP Excellence Awards is a three-stage funnel process:

**Stage 1: Validation of data:** It is done by cross-checking each patent / trademark / design number provided by the applicant with the website of Indian Patent Office and other relevant agencies.

**Stage 2: Presentation to Jury:** All entries will be presented to jury

**Stage 3: Virtual Interaction:** Experts may seek a physical or virtual interaction with any applicant and ask for information on specific points.

**NOMINATION FEES**

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Glimpses of last year Awardees

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