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US, India discuss IP-led solutions over global pandemic

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4th Annual IP Dialogue virtually convenes academic, industry, and public sector IP experts



The US Chamber of Commerce's Global Innovation Policy Center (GIPC) and US-India Business Council, in partnership with the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI), convened government and industry leaders for the final session of its 4th annual IP Dialogue. Although the global pandemic continues to affect millions, this year's dialogue proved to be incredibly impactful, with intellectual property playing such a key role in efforts to study and combat the ongoing global pandemic.

"IP Dialogue: Opportunities for US-India Collaboration" featured experts from India's Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), US Patent and Trademark Office, US International Trade Administration, US Department of State, and Office of the US Trade Representative, along with other government, private sector, and academic experts. Participants discussed a broad range of IP-related topics, including how to support IP commercialisation, challenges in fighting the global pandemic, barriers to domestic innovation, and the "next generation" of IP policy discussions in the digital economy.

"India has long been a hub for research, development, and manufacturing of biopharmaceutical products—complementing similar work underway in the US. The IP Dialogue is a means by which these two countries can not only discuss shared goals but ways to get there," said Patrick Kilbride, Senior VP of the US Chamber's Global Innovation Policy Center.

"Intellectual property protections undergird our modern economy—from the digital platforms we use to the content we enjoy and everything in between. The U.S. Chamber is excited about India's plan to create a $1 trillion digital economy—and to assist in the exchange of best practices and knowledge, we host the US-India IP Dialogue," said Nisha Biswal, President, US Chamber's US-India Business Council.

Dialogue recommendations will be shared with both governments to deepen strategic cooperation on IP policy.