

National Intellectual Property Awareness Mission (NIPAM) .

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In news— NIPAM has achieved the target of imparting Intellectual Property (IP) awareness and basic training to 1 million students recently.

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- NIPAM, a flagship program to impart IP awareness and basic training, was launched on 8 Dec 2021 as a part of “Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav” celebrations.
- The pan-India ambitious mission aims to provide awareness on intellectual property and its rights to 1 million students.
- It **aims to inculcate the spirit of creativity and innovation to students of higher education** (classes 8 to 12) and ignite and inspire the students of college/Universities to innovate and protect their creations.
- The **program is being implemented by the Intellectual Property Office**, the Office of Controller General of Patents, Designs and TradeMarks (CGPDTM), **Ministry of Commerce and Industry**.

What are Intellectual Property Rights?

- Intellectual property rights (IPR) refers to the legal rights given to the inventor or creator to protect his invention or creation for a certain period of time.
- These legal rights confer an exclusive right to the inventor/creator or his assignee to fully utilize his invention/creation for a given period of time.

- **Intellectual properties rights in India is governed under the following Acts:**

- Trade Marks Act, 1999.
- The Patents Act, 1970 (amended in 2005) and
- The Copyright Act, 1957.
- Intellectual property rights include patents, copyright, industrial design rights, trademarks, plant variety rights, trade dress, geographical indications, and in some jurisdictions trade secrets.
- However, IPR are broadly classified into Copyright and rights related to copyright and Industrial property.