

Assignment Booklet -2

**POST GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN INTELLECTUAL
PROPERTY**

RIGHTS

(PGDIPR)

Jan/July-2025

Tutor Marked Assignments (TMA)

For

MIP-105 to MIP 108



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Dear Student,

This booklet contains the assignments for MIP-105 to MIP-108.

Each course has one assignment, which you need to complete and send to your study centre before **October 31, 2025** for the students enrolled in the **January, 2025** session and **30th April, 2025** for the students enrolled in **July, 2025** session. Please note that, you will not be allowed to appear for the Term End Examination for the course, the assignments of which are not submitted before the due date.

The assignments constitute the continuous component of the evaluation process and have 30% weight age in the final grading. You need to score 40% marks in assignment for each course in order to clear the continuous evaluation component.

Instructions for Formatting Your Assignments

- 2) You should specify clearly on the first page of all your assignment responses the course code, course title, assignment code, your enrollment number, name and address in the given format:

	Enrolment no:
	Name:
	Address:
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Course Code:.....	
Course Title:	
Assignment Code.....	
Regional Centre Code:.....	
Study Centre Code:.....	Date:.....

PLEASE FOLLOW THE ABOVE FORMAT STRICTLY TO FACILITATE EVALUATION AND TO AVOID DELAY.

- 8) The Assignment Response should be hand-written and use only A-4 or foolscap size writing paper (but not of very thin variety) for writing your answers.
- 9) Leave at least 4 cm margin on the left, top and bottom of your answer sheet for the evaluator's comments.
- 10) Your answers should be brief, precise and in your own words. **Please do not copy the answers from the study material.**
- 11) A serious action will be taken if any attempt to copy the Assignment Response from other student is done.
- 12) While solving the questions, clearly indicate the question number along with the part being solved. Recheck your work before submitting it.
- 13) This assignment will remain valid for **one year**. However, you are advised to submit it **within eight weeks** of receiving this booklet to accomplish its purpose as a teaching-tool.

We recommended that you retain a copy of your assignment response to avoid any unforeseen situation.

Our best wishes for your studies.

Programme Coordinator
PGDIPR

TUTOR MARKED ASSIGNMENT

MIP-106: Plant Varieties protection, Biotechnology And traditional Knowledge

Course Code: MIP-106

Assignment Code: MIP-101/TMA/2025

Maximum Marks: 100

Note:

- ☐ This assignment is based on **Block 1 to 4** of the course.
- ☐ All questions are compulsory.
- ☐ Please answers in your **own words**; do not copy from the course material.
- ☐ **Answer any Ten questions**

10X10= 100

1. How have development in biotechnology contributed to development of plant varieties?
Why is the patent regime not considered suitable for protecting plant varieties?
2. What are potential biosafety implications of genetically modified organisms and how does CBD (Convention on Bio-diversity) address it?
3. Explain the Characteristics in DUS testing (Examination of distinctiveness, uniformity and stability) in relation to plant varieties.
4. Write a note on the international regime on access and benefit sharing.
5. Discuss the duties of the standing committee of the PPVFR in the promotion and protection of new plant varieties.
6. Why is there a need for sui generis framework for the protection of Traditional Knowledge in India?
7. Examine the legal framework regulating biotechnology in India.
8. Discuss the Major issues related to Intellectual Property Right and Biotechnology.
9. What is 'traditional knowledge' and its significance for developing countries in particular. What are the principal objectives of protecting TK and how they can be attained?
10. Write a note on the legal framework in India with respect to Plant Genetic Resources (PGRs).

11. Explain the issue of access and benefit sharing and the provisions on its implementation under CBD.
12. Write short notes on the following:
 - (a) Micro-Organism and Micro-Biological Process.
 - (b) Patenting of Micro-Organisms.