

**ACTIVITY REPORT OF THE MHRD CHAIR AT NALSAR UNIVERSITY OF LAW-
2009-2010**

BACKGROUND:

Prof.Vivekanandan nominated as the first IP Chair Professor was holding the chair till May 3rd of 2009. He went on lien to National Law of India, Bangalore as Professor of Law and Head of Distance Education Department and later on was appointed as the Dean of the Rajiv Gandhi School of Intellectual Property Law at IIT Kharagpur from July 20th of 2009 to April 27th of 2010. He rejoined NALSAR University of Law on April 28th of 2010 and assumed the MHRD Chair Professorship.

In his absence Dr.M.Sridhar Acharyalu, Professor of Law was appointed as the Chair Professor of MHRD Chair and the same was intimated to the Ministry.

Activities during April 2009 to May 2009 – of the Chair under Prof.Vivekanandan.

Programmes:

**National Seminar on WTO – TRIPS with special reference to
Transactional IP Issues for Judicial & Enforcement Officers
- 2nd & 3rd May 2009**

On 2nd and 3rd of May 2009, NALSAR University of Law along with the Ministry of HRD (Govt. of India) organised a two day National Seminar on *WTO – TRIPS with Special Reference to Transactional IP Issues*. The target group of seminar was judicial & enforcement officers along with students from the Intellectual Property and Technology Management in Agriculture course of NAARM Hyderabad. The seminar which was held at the R.N. Jhunjhunwala Conference Hall of the Justice City campus was inaugurated by Hon'ble Mr. Justice G. Raghuram, Judge, High Court of Andhra Pradesh.

The seminar had various sessions dealing with economic and legal perspectives of WTO-TRIPS, challenges to Indian innovations in the post TRIPS era, taxation issues in international IP transactions, emerging trends in IP investment, due diligence of IP, legal issues in IP services outsourcing, issues pertaining to transparency and accountability of IP transactions etc.

The resource persons for the seminar included Prof. Veer Singh (Vice-Chancellor NALSAR), Dr. V.C. Vivekanandan (MHRD IP Chair Professor NALSAR), Prof. Sudip Chaudhury (IIM Calcutta), Dr. Raj Hirwani, (Head, URDIP, Pune), Dr. N. Jayasankar, (Addl. Director I, NADT- Nagpur), Mr. Lakshmi Kumaran (Founder, Lakshmi Kumaran & Sridharan Advocates, New Delhi), Mr. Y.V.S.T. Sai (Additional Commissioner of Income Tax, Hyderabad), Dr. V.K. Unni (Asst. Professor- NALSAR), Dr. Anindya Sircar, (Global IP Head, Biocon), Mr. Feroze Ali Khader (IP Attorney, Chennai), Mr. Abhayan Jawaharlal, (Legal Counsel, Biocon), Prof. M. Sridhar Acharyalu (NALSAR), Ms. Sundari R Pisupati (Partner, Tempus Law Associates, Hyderabad) and Mr. R. Muralidharan (Partner, Krishna & Saurashtri, Bangalore)

The audience consisting of judicial officers from Andhra Pradesh, income tax officers from the National Academy of Direct Taxes Nagpur and students of NAARM-Hyderabad actively participated in the deliberations.

2. NALSAR Proximate Education:

Prof. Vivekanandan as coordinator of the programme conducted the contact seminar programmes for the candidates for Patents Law in seven cities of Hyderabad, Bangalore, Delhi, Mumbai, Pune, Ahmedabad and Chennai. A total of 450 candidates attended the programme and benefitted which was run by the proximate division of the University.

3. Lectures & Conferences

Prof.Vivekanandan delivered lectures on IPR at Administrative Staff College, Indian School of Business and other institutes.

Prof.Vivekanandan also undertook a project from IIFT on the 'Bidri Works and impact" which was later presented at the workshop held in Delhi in the month of January 2010.

Publications

1. The Public—Private Dichotomy of IP: Recommendations for the WIPO Development Agenda , V.C.Vivekanandan, Wilfred Laurier University Press, 75 University Avenue West, Waterloo, ON, Canada, N2L 3C5, 2009

ACTIVITIES of Dr.M.Sridhar Acharyalu- MHRD Chair Professor from May 2009 to March 2010

1. Chaired a session in National Seminar on IP, Nalsar University of Law, May 2-3, 2009,
2. Class on IPR, General Management Programme for Senior Scientists, Administrative Staff college of India, Hyderabad, (May 17 - 28, 2010)
3. Key Note Address at National Seminar on Protection and Enforcement of IPR, on 10th July 2009. Hotel Ramda International, Hyderabad
4. Addressed the scientists from States on IPR, Copyright etc, ASCI, Bellavista, Hyderabad, August 2009
5. Addressed women scientists from States on IPR and Copyright at ASCI Bellavista Hyderabad, August 2009
6. Presented a paper on current issues of IPR, CII's Indo-US Conclave at TajKrishna in Hyderabad, September 2009
7. Presented series of lectures on IPR to students of NIPER, Hyderabad during September and October 2009

8. Presented a Paper on 'Changing Medium of IPR, Issues and Concerns': IPR Research Confluence, SJM SoM, IIT Mumbai, Meeting of MHRD IP Chair Professors, Mumbai, 22nd December, 2009
9. Addressing State level NGOs working on child rights, Child Rights Advocacy Forum, Vijayawada, December 24, 2009
10. Participated in IPR Researchers' Confluence, Mumbai IIT in December 2009
11. Participated in Core Committee Meeting of IPR Research Confluence, SJM School of Management, IIT Mumbai, on 8th January 2010
12. Presented a paper on Copyright in Cyberspace: Emerging Issues: IT related IPR Conference, Delhi University Law Department, Delhi, 20th March, 2010
13. Class on IPR, General Management Programme for Senior Scientists, Administrative Staff college of India, Hyderabad, (May 17 - 28, 2010)
14. National Conference on Building Next Practices of Intellectual Property Management, 15 -16 July 2010, Hotel Taj Krishna, Hyderabad, India.