**ANNEXURE - 2**

**ACTIVITY REPORT OF MHRD IP CHAIR – 2015-16

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**TEACHING**

* IPR as Mandatory Course for B.A.LL.B ( Hons) course in the fourth semester (June- October 2015) taught by Prof. V.C.Vivekanandan
* One year -LL.M (IP Specialization) – copyright, Trademarks, Patents, Jurisprudence of IP, Traditional Knowledge and IP

**RESEARCH PROGRAMMES**

* PhD in IP specialization- Currently Eight Candidates are enrolled for PhD. Two candidates have completed their PhD in 2015 under his guidance. The topics were:

**1. Impact of Product Patent Regime and Transactional Intellectual Property Issues on Access to Medicine**

**2. Emerging Jurisprudence of Internet Governance: Special Emphasis on Online Dispute Resolution**

**SELECT IP –LL.M DISSERTATION submitted under guidance of Prof.Vivekanandan in 2015**

* Patent Amendment Act, 2005 and its impact
* Transparency and Accountability in the Indian Patent Regime: The Role of Opposition
* Role of Patent System in Transfer of Technology
* Licensing and other Transactional Issues in Patenting Contemporary Strategies in IP management

**ADVOCACY**

**IP Diploma programmes**

* NALSAR PROXIMATE EDUCATION offers P.G. Diploma in Patents Law at seven cities of Hyderabad, Bangalore, Chennai, Mumbai, Pune, Ahmedabad and Delhi for law graduates and science/technology graduates.
* In the year 2015-16, 271 candidates joined the Patents Law course programme.
* The course covers general aspects of IPR, Indian Patents Law, European & Us Patent Laws and International Treaties & Institutions of IPR
* The course is a premier course in the country and is in its fifteenth year of offering and has contributed to a capacity building of more than 7000 professionals in the country.
* The P.G. Diploma in Cyber Laws Course dealing with internet and law has a strong component of IPR as one of the module
* In the year 2015-16, 130 candidates joined the Cyber Laws course programme.
* Copyright issues of software, patenting of software, domain name issues and operations of ICANN form part of the course
* In the year 2015-16, 53 candidates joined the Media Laws course programme covering IP & copyright issues for Media
* IP component in the Master’s in Taxation and Business Laws for the probationers of income tax service at National Academy of Direct Taxes at Nagpur.

**Conferences Organized**

* **MHRD IP Chair of NALSAR University of Law conducted a three day outreach programme for the senior Police officials at SVP National Police Academy, Hyderabad during 14- 16 of March 2016. 21 IPS Officers from all over India participated in the programme**
* **The main objective of the Course was to –**
	+ *Sensitize the participants regarding concepts of Intellectual Property, its importance and the Intellectual Property Rights;*
	+ *Apprise the participants about availability of Anti-Counterfeiting Technologies in India and developed world;*
	+ *Train the police officers about the role of Police in enforcement of Intellectual Property Rights, Investigation of Intellectual Property Crimes in India, Legal Procedures and Best Practices; and*
	+ *Highlight coordination with other stake holders/agencies.*
* **IPEX 2015**- International Conference on IP- MHRD IP Chair NALSAR was the Knowledge Partner for IPEX 2015 – ‘Think Local – Act Global – interfacing IP in a globalized world’ - “Mapping IP trends for Competitive advantage” held on **25-26 September 2015 at Chennai.**
* **GIPC 2016** - MHRD IP Chair NALSAR was the Knowledge Partner for the 8th Global Intellectual Property Convention of 2016 organized by ITAG held on **7-9 January, 2016 at New Delhi.**
* MHRD IP Chair NALSAR was the Knowledge Partner for **9th Annual Intellectual Property Summit 2016** – Towards an intellectual Era held on **9th& 10th January 2016** organized by Ahmedabad Management Association.

**Workshops/Consultative Meetings**

* Participated and presented on the topics **“Patent Infringement, ADR and Public Interest Protection”, Teaching Intellectual Property Law in a Globalized World : Issues and Challenges”** and  **“Data Protection, Internet and IPR :Emerging Issues - Trade Mark Law Practice”** in **The Professional Development Training Workshop on “Intellectual Property Law Practice and Public Interest Advocacy”** organised by IBA Chair IBA CHAIR ON CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION, NLSIU, Bengaluru - MENON INSTITUTE OF LEGAL ADVOCACY TRAINING, Trivandrum along withAMITY LAW SCHOOL, NOIDA between **06-09 MAY, 2015 at Noida.**
* Chaired the **“1st meeting of the PRSG for the Project entitled “Establishment of Centre of Excellence in Intellectual Property”** being implemented at DeitY, New Delhi and C-DAC, Pune on **15th May, 2015 at Pune.**
* **Invited as subject expert by National Law University, Jodhpur to review their course curriculum on IPR for the academic year 2015-16 on 21st May, 2015.**
* Participated and presentedon the topic **“IPR Tool Kit- Introduction on IPR and Its importance”** in **the One Day Workshop on IPR for Govt. Officials ‘Leveraging IPR as an Effective Tool’** organized byAndhra Pradesh Technology Development and Promotion Centre (APTDC) of Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) in association with United States Patent & Trademark Office-Global Intellectual Property Academy (USPTO-GIPA) and Department of Industries, Government of Andhra Pradesh held on **27 August 2015 at Hyderabad.**
* Participated in the “2nd meeting of the Expert Committee on Broadcasting Treaty of WIPO” held on **2nd November, 2015 at New Delhi**.

**Presentation at INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES by Prof.V.C.Vivekanandan, MHRD IP Chair Professor, NALSAR University of Law, Hyderabad**

* Paper Presentation on – **“Applicable Law and Judicial Authority in Copyright Infringement Cases, Berne Convention & Marrakesh Treaty”** at 5th National Seminar on Copyright and Related Rights International Protection of Copyright: Opportunities and Challenges organized by the **Ministry of Culture and Islamic Guidance of Iran, Islamic Republic of and the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) held on May 4 and 5, 2015** **at Tehran.**
* Panelist for the presentation on **“ Analysis of National Approaches on Voluntary Copyright Relinquishment by Dr.Andres Guadamuz” –side event on 2nd July, 2015 WIPO Geneva**
* Paper Presentation –**Battle of the Broadcasting Treaty -in International Conference on Innovation and Communications** Law held **on 6-7 July, 2015 at Xiamen University, China.**
* Chaired the session on **“Best Practices on IP Prosecution & Enforcement”** and was also speaker on the topic **“Copyright for Creative Industries”** at IPEX-2015 **-“Mapping IP trends for Competitive advantage”** held on **25-26 September 2015 at Chennai**
* Chaired the session on **“Regional/National Implications of International IP Law Making”** in the 4th Global Congress on Intellectual Property & the Public Interest, 2015 **between 15th - 17th December, 2015** **at New Delhi**
* Moderator on the session **“Role of Innovation, Technology and a strong IP Ecosystem for a sustainable economic growth”** at the **8th Global Intellectual Property Convention of 2016** organized by ITAG held on **7-9 January, 2016 at New Delhi**.
* Speaker at the **9th Annual IP Summit** on the topic **“IP in Entertainment Industry”** organized by Ahmedabad Management Association, held on **9th - 10th January, 2016 at Ahmedabad.**

**Presentation at NATIONAL CONFERENCES by Prof.V.C.Vivekanandan, MHRD IP Chair Professor, NALSAR University of Law, Hyderabad**

* Participated and presented on the topic **“Safe Guarding Business Trade Secrets: Best Practices adopted worldwide”** and in the Panel Discussion on **“Does India Need A Trade secret Legislation?”,**

inthe Seminar on Trade Secret Protection For Business Ensuring Confidentiality of Business Information and Fostering Innovation held on **24 June 2015 at Chennai**

* Participated and presentedon the topic **“Copyright Protection in the Digital Environment - Opportunities & Challenges: India & Abroad”** and in the Panel Discussion on **“Copyright Industry in India vis- a- vis US – Way forward”,** inthe Seminar on Copyright Opportunities & Challenges in Protecting Copyright in Digital Environment held on **25 June 2015 at Chennai.**
* Participated in the panel discussion on **“Present challenges – preparedness of the industry”** in the **Pharma CEOs Conclave** organized by PHARMEXCIL on **23rd September, 2015 at Hyderabad**.

**Other Distinctions of Prof.V.C.Vivekanandan, MHRD IP Chair Professor, NALSAR University of Law, Hyderabad**

* + Nominated by Ministry of HRD as the official negotiator at the **31st Standing Committee on Copyright and Related Rights (SCCR)** at WIPO, Geneva from **7-11 December 2015 at Geneva.**
	+ **Global Researcher Fellowship awardee at the Institute of Intellectual Property – Tokyo, Japan** for the year 2015/2016. Completed his fellowship during **October- November 2015** and presented Research paper on the topic **“Compulsory Licensing of Patents – A Comparative Analysis of Japanese and Indian Practices”**.
	+ **Member of the Sectional Committee for Law for GIAN** (Global Initiative of Academic Networks) Project initiated by MHRD, by **the IIT, Kharagpur in September 2015**.
	+ Indian delegate to the **30th session of WIPO SCCR** meeting on Broadcasting and Exceptions Libraries Archives/Educational Institutions held between **29 June- 3rd July 2015 at Geneva.**
	+ Appointed as the Jury member of the CII IPR - Innovations Awards for 2015
* Advisor member for the CII IP Education Portal website <http://www.eserverindia.in/cii4/> , launched in March 2015.
	+ Appointed as jury member by Pharmaceutical Export Promotion Council of India (PHARMEXIL) to select the Patent & Export Awards 2015
	+ Nominated as the Academic Council Member of the National University of Legal Studies at Cochin
	+ IP consultant to ‘Stanford-India Biodesign Programme’ –DBT, Government of India.
	+ Advisory member of the ‘Law Department’ of VELS University, Chennai
	+ Appointed as member of the Working Group on Internet Governance (WGIG) of Government of India for December 2013- December 2016.
	+ Appointed as member of MSME- Intellectual property Facilitation Cell (IPFC) Steering Committee at ICRISAT, Hyderabad in December, 2015

**PUBLICATIONS**

Prof.V.C.Vivekanandan is the Editor in Chief of the publication - **Indian Journal of Intellectual Property Law (IJIPL)** published as part of the MHRD IP Chair activity.

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**PROJECT**

The MHRD IP Chair of NALSAR, Hyderabad continues to maintain the MHRD IP Chairs Gateway portal ([www.mhrdiprchairs.org](http://www.mhrdiprchairs.org)) for the year 2015-16.