

## **ACTIVITY REPORT OF MHRD IP CHAIR – 2011-12**

**by**

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### **OVERVIEW OF ACTIVITIES 2011-2012**

#### **TEACHING-IP**

- NALSAR University has a strong IP teaching component as regular and seminar courses
- At B.A.LL.B (Hons.) (Five years) level IP is taught as a regular course in the fourth semester
- Prof. V.C.Vivekanandan and Mr.Sourabh Bharati (Lecturer) handle the semester course
- At LL.M level IP specialization is dealt in three semesters out of four semesters covering various IP laws and a thesis in IP in the last semester
- At M.Phil level IP is a specialization
- At PhD level IP is a sought after specialization
- Currently Five candidates are working on their PhD in intellectual property
- The curriculum of IP in undergraduate level covers various IP laws and taught in an interactive mode for students
- The UG students also have project component on IP as part of their course work
- The emphasis is on copyright, patents and trademarks with other emerging IP segments
- At the Master's level the fourth semester is for writing a thesis on IP related legal issues.
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#### **TEACHING IP –DISSERTATION Topics in 2011-12**

- Geographical Indications of India Socio Economic Issues
- Protection of Darjeeling Tea as a geographical Indication
- Protection of Plant Varieties : International Legal Framework
- Traditional Knowledge- Need for IP Status

- Intellectual Property Rights in Outer space activities in India
- Trade Secrets- Renewing the old regime
- Access and benefit sharing mechanism for protection of traditional Knowledge
- The role of IPR in protection of Bio Diversity
- Database protection and software patentability in Bioinformatics: an analysis
- Need for Codification of Trade secret law in India
- TIPS & CBD Conflicting or Complimentary
- Traversing the Intellectual Property Regime for Plant Varieties
- Applicability of ADR in IP disputes

### **IP COURSES AS PART OF OUTREACH 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
- 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 eleventh year of offering and has contributed to a capacity building of around 7000 professionals in the country
- Many of them have moved as IP heads of companies with the exposure of this course
- The **P.G. Diploma in Cyber Laws** Course dealing with internet and law has a strong component of IPR as one of the module
- Copyright issues of software, patenting of software, domain name issues and operations of ICANN form part of the course
- In **P.G. Diploma in Media Laws** course again a strong component of copyright law dealt as part of the course work
- NALSAR also offers a **Master's in Taxation and Business Laws** for the probationers of income tax service at National Academy of Direct Taxes at Nagpur- as part of it; IPR has been introduced in its curriculum in the last three years.

## **RESEARCH**

### **Journal**

- **NALSAR University is publishing the Indian Journal of Intellectual Property Law (IJIPL)** as part of the chair activity which has received good review among the academic circles.

### **Ph.D Programme**

- The PhD scholars currently working are
- Mr.Muralidharan- advocate of Krishna Saurashtri
- Mr.Sourabh Barthi- Lecturer at NALSAR
- Ms.Tabasum Wani- Magistrate at Jammu & Kashmir
- Ms.Gargi Chakrabarti- IP cell of NLS
- Ms.Manjula Rani – Asst. Prof. At Alliance University -Bangalore

## **SEMINAR COURSES ON IPR**

- Final year graduates have a strong component of seminar courses on IPR
- In June 2011 (IX<sup>th</sup> Semester of B.A.LLB ) – Monetizing IP – legal issues was offered as a seminar course , 12 students enrolled for the same
- In Jan 2012(X<sup>th</sup> Semester of B.A.LLB ) – Internet Law & Governance was offered as a seminar course, 8 students enrolled for the same.
- In the past – European and us patent regimes/IP in internet and similar courses were offered

## **WORKSHOPS / CONFERENCES**

### **Presentation at INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES by Prof.V.C.Vivekanandan, MHRD IP Chair Professor, NALSAR**

1. Expert Invitee to the Convention drafting conference on “Access to Foreign Law’ Hague Private International Conference, Brussels- 15-17<sup>th</sup> February 2012.
2. Key Note speaker on ‘Emerging IP Jurisprudence’ at the International Conference on IP Management at IIT Mumbai- February 3 -2012 .

3. Consultative meeting on Unicode- Languages in Internet – Unicode- Apple industries- Cupertino, USA -November 2-6- 2011.
4. Participated and presented in the Internet Governance Forum – Nairobi- Kenya- September 2011.
5. CASRIP – High Technology Protection Summit-University of Washington, Seattle- July 2011.
6. Presented a paper at the Asia Pacific Internet Leadership summit- Beijing Normal University- July 2011.
7. Participated in the ICANN meeting at Singapore- June 2011.
8. Presented a paper at the ‘Law via Internet’ conference- University of Hong Kong- June 2011
9. Presented a paper on Indian Patent Scenario in the ‘East Meets West’ summit at European Patent Office- April 2011

#### **NATIONAL CONFERENCES**

1. Attended as resource person at the IP teaching colloquium by University of Washington & Microsoft at National Law University, Delhi on 5<sup>th</sup> March,2012.
2. Participated in the “1<sup>st</sup> International Conference on Management of Intellectual Property and Strategy (MIPS 2012), held at IIT, Mumbai on 2-5 Feb, 2012.
3. Participated in the Meeting of the Copyright Enforcement Advisory Council (CEAC), held on 30<sup>th</sup> Jan, 2012 at Delhi.
4. Participated in the “Global IP Convention 2012” held at Delhi on 8<sup>th</sup> Jan, 2012.
5. Presented a paper on gTLD –legal issues at the workshop organized by Dept. of IT, GOV to share ICANN (Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers) perspective on Generic Top Level Domains (gTLD) held at Delhi on 13-14 October, 2011.
6. Presented a paper on gTLD –legal issues the workshop on Generic Top Level Domains (gTLD) held at Hyderabad on 19<sup>th</sup> August 2011.
7. Presented as Keynote speaker on IP Day – “IPR and ITES” held at Infosys on 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 2011.