**ANNEXURE - 2**

**ACTIVITY REPORT OF MHRD IP CHAIR – 2014-15

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**TEACHING**

* IPR as Mandatory Course for B.A.LL.B ( Hons) course in the fourth semester (June- October 2014) taught by Prof. V.C.Vivekanandan
* Seminar Paper on Entertainment Law- dealing with IP rights for Entertainment industry offered to X semester- final year- B.A.LL.B(Hons.) course (Jan – April, 2015)
* One year -LL.M (IP Specialization) – copyright, Trademarks, Patents, Jurisprudence of IP, Traditional Knowledge and IP

**RESEARCH PROGRAMMES**

* PhD in IP specialization- Five Candidates enrolled for PhD & Two candidates have submitted their PhD

SELECT IP –LL.M DISSERTATION submitted under guidance of Prof.Vivekanandan in 2014-15

1. PATENT ACT AMENDMENT OF 2005 & ITS IMPACT
2. Transparency and Accountability of Patent Regime: The role of Opposition
3. 'Unfair Commercial Use and Public Interest - Current Position and Challenges in Data Exclusivity'
4. Copyright and the Internet
5. Transfer of Technology under TRIPS agreement
6. EMERGING JURISPRUDENCE OF TRADEMARK – CONNECTING THE REAL WORLD WITH VIRTUAL WORLD.
7. Copyright Infringement and Enforcement and Anti Piracy Laws
8. CHARACTER MERCHANDISING: - Moving Goods and Services towards people

**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 2014-15, 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 fourteenth 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 2014-15, 131 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 2014-15, 59 candidates joined the Media Laws course programme covering IP 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**

* IPEX 2014- International Conference on IP- MHRD IP Chair NALSAR was the Knowledge Partner for IPEX 2014 - International Conference and Exposition on Intellectual Property – Emerging Trends in IP Management & Commercialization - “Art of Unearthing and Networking your IP assets for Competitive advantage” held on 4-5 September 2014 at Chennai.
* MHRD IP Chair NALSAR was the Knowledge Partner for 8th Annual Intellectual Property Summit 2015 – Towards an intellectual Era held on 9th January 2015 organized by Ahmedabad Management Association.
* GIPC 2015 - MHRD IP Chair NALSAR was the Knowledge Partner for the 7th Global Intellectual Property Convention of 2015 organized by ITAG held on 15-17 January, 2015 at Mumbai.

**Workshops/Consultative Meetings**

* Participated in the consultative meeting with the Hon’ble Minister of Commerce Ms.Nirmala Seetharaman at New Delhi on 22nd September, 2014.
* Participated in the Meeting with MHRD IPR Chairs on the need, if any, of the ‘Utility Model Legislation in India’ held on 7th October, 2014 at New Delhi.
* Participated in the Second Meeting of the ‘Copyright Enforcement Advisory Council’ held on 19th November, 2014 at New Delhi

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

* Key note speaker at IPEX-2014 -Conference and Exposition- Emerging Trends in IP Management and Commercialization “The Art of Unearthing and Networking your IP Assets for Competitive Advantage” -18-19 July, 2014 Chennai
* Chairperson on “IP Eco System in India” at the GE -7th Annual Symposium on Innovation & IP- 23rd September 2014,Bangalore
* Speaker at the 7th Annual IP Summit – by Ahmedabad Management Association, 10th September 2014- Ahmedabad

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* Key Note address on “Searching Green Technologies with GPI and Complimentary Services” Seminar by (APTDC) and (CII) in partnership with European Patent Office (EPO) and European Business and Technology Centre (EBTC) – 26th May 2014, Hyderabad
* Key Note Speaker at the “Challenges of IP Law for the Event and Entertainment Industry of Telengana - 17th December 2014, Hyderabad

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

* Prof.V.C.Vivekanandan, MHRD IP Chair Professor, NALSAR was nominated by Ministry of HRD as the official negotiator at the 27th Standing Committee on Copyright and Related Rights (SCCR) at WIPO, Geneva from 28th April to 2nd May 2014 and Signing of Marrakesh Treaty.
* Key Note speaker at the Orientation of the Law Programme of Christ University, Bangalore – 12th June 2014.
* Prof.V.C.Vivekanandan, MHRD IP Chair Professor, NALSAR was nominated by Ministry of HRD as the official negotiator at the 28th Standing Committee on Copyright and Related Rights (SCCR) at WIPO, Geneva from 30th June to 4th July 2014.
* Served as an External Expert on ISRO Interviews for Senior Scientists in IP Cell held on 26th November 2014.
* Prof.V.C.Vivekanandan, MHRD IP Chair Professor, NALSAR was nominated by Ministry of HRD as the official negotiator at the 29th Standing Committee on Copyright and Related Rights (SCCR) at WIPO, Geneva from 8-12th of December 2014 to deliberate on the Treaty of Broadcast and Treaty on Limitations and Exceptions of Copyright for Educational Institutions and Libraries and Archives.
* Awarded the Researcher Invitation Programme Fellowship of Institute of Intellectual Property –Japan in March 2015
* Appointed as member of the Working Group on Internet Governance (WGIG) of Government of India for December 2013- December 2016.
* Nominated as the Academic Council Member of the National University of Legal Studies at Cochin.

**PUBLICATIONS**

Indian Journal of Intellectual Property Law (IJIPL) as part of the chair activity IJIPL Vol. 6, 2013 was released in 2014. Prof.V.C.Vivekanandan is the Editor in Chief of the publication.

**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 2014-15.