**ACTIVITY REPORT OF MHRD IP CHAIR – 2012-13  
  
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**TEACHING-IP**

* **NALSAR University has a strong IP teaching component as regular and seminar courses**
* **Prof. V.C.Vivekanandan teaches in the intellectual property law mandatory paper at the fourth the semester of the B.A.LL.B ( Hons.) course**
* **At LL.M level -IP specialization is dealt in through 6 specialization papers for the newly introduced one year LL.M programme and 7 papers for the two year LL.M programme with a dissertation as part of the course work.**

**RESEARCH PROGRAMMES**

* **At M.Phil level – IP specialization is offered**
* **At PhD level IP is a sought after specialization-Currently Five candidates are working on their PhD in intellectual property**

***SELECT IP –DISSERTATION Topics in 2012-13***

* **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**
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* **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**

**ADVOCACY**

**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.**

**WORKSHOPS / CONFERENCES**

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

1. ***Presentation*** **“IP Capacity Building – Law vs. Science Conundrum”** at ATRIP conference at Oxford University - **June 23-26, 2013**
2. ***Participated*** in **the BIC project of University of Lille** from **May 20-24, 2013**
3. ***Designed*** the **Bio Asia Master Class** on IP at ISB, Hyderabad on **January 28, 2013**
4. ***Session Chair*** on **‘Commercialization and Technology Transfer for Sustainable Development in IP Law in the USA’,** at GNLU Ahmedabad on **December 11, 2012**
5. ***Presentation*** at ‘**Cyber Geography’** session Internet Governance Forum, Baku, Azerbaijan, **November, 2012**
6. ***Presentation*** the paper on **-How can Foreign Businesses Survive the Invisible Risks in BRICs?** At Kyung Hee University Law School, Seoul, **November 2012**
7. ***Participated*** in the **ALAC and APRALO deliberations** in the ICANN Meeting on GTLD at Toronto from **October, 2012**
8. ***Participated*** in the **Law via Internet Conference deliberations** at Cornell University from **October, 2012**.
9. ***Chaired and Presented*** in the **“IPEX 2012 International Conference and Exposition – Monetizing and Managing IP Assets for Business Excellence**” at Hyderabad, **July 2012**
10. ***Presentation* Law Enforcement in Internet- ISP Liability- India-** at Asia Pacific Regional Internet Governance forum , Tokyo **July 2012**
11. ***Presentation* “Law & Business - International Conference: Comparing Indian and US Corporate Governance, Financial Regulation and Intellectual Property Rights**”, **May 2012**
12. ***Presentation* ‘Development on Copyright Amendment Act of India’** at the **WIPO Regional Seminar on the Issues of CR and RR in the Music Industry** held on at Kuala Lumpur, **May 2012**

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

1. ***Presentation*** on the theme ‘**IP Research and Education in ICT”** at the 3rd Intellectual Property Rights Researchers’ Confluence on Information Technology-(ICT): Emerging Issues in Intellectual Property held, at IIT Kharagpur ***February 2013***
2. ***Presentation*** on **“Balancing IP Rights and Public Interest towards Knowledge Society”** at Ahmedabad Management Association, ***January 2013***
3. ***Lecture*** on **“ Monetising IP”** at the "Managing Technology Value Chains" programme of ASCI at Hyderabad, ***January 2013***
4. ***Lecture*** on **“Copyright & Technology”** in a two-day Conference on **‘*The Copyright Amendments, 2012: A fair Balance?*’** jointly hosted by the MHRD IP Chairs at the National University of Juridical Sciences (NUJS) and the Cochin University of Science and Technology (CUSAT) held in Kolkata, ***November 2012.***
5. ***Lecture*** on “**IP in Information Technology” for CII-DIT advance training programme** at Hyderabad, ***November 2012***.
6. “***Special lecture* series on WTO-IPR**” **for Senior Management executives of ISRO** at Bangalore, held at Bangalore, ***November 2012***.
7. **“*Lecture series* on IPR overview”** at ASCI (Administrative Staff College of India) between ***June to October 2012***.
8. ***Lectures*** on “**Public Policy and IPR** and **Cross Border Measures: Challenges and Issues”** in the programme organized by NAM – “International Advanced Training Course on Contemporary Management Strategies in Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) Relevant to Nam and Other Developing Countries” at Manesar, Gurgaon during ***July 2012***.
9. ***Lecture*** **‘Relevance of Intellectual Property Rights for Life Sciences”** in the IPR workshop organized by Biotech Consortium India Limited at Hyderabad, ***July 2012***.
10. Participated in the **Copyright Experts meeting** under the Chairpersonship of Secretary (HE) held on 17th May 2012 at Delhi to discuss important issues pertaining to the Diplomatic Conference of the WIPO Audiovisual Performances Treaty scheduled to be

held at Beijing, China, June 2012.

**PUBLICATIONS**

* **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. Prof.V.C.Vivekanandan is the Editor in Chief of the publication- **IJIPL Vol. 5, 2012 was released on 27th July, 2013 during NALSAR Annual Convocation.**