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### Report of the Activities conducted by DPIIT IPR Chair, MNLU Mumbai and Centre for Research in IP, MNLU Mumbai

December 2020 to March 2021

#### SUMMARY

1. Number of Workshops (National & International): **04**
2. Number of Webinars: **05**
3. Number of Roundtable Discussions: **01**
4. Number of Certificate Courses: **02**
5. Number of Students trained: **1500**

Maharashtra National Law University Mumbai has received **IP Excellence Award in Education & Training 2021** from **World IP Forum**, one of the best Global IP events organized annually highlighting emerging developments in the Global IP Market.

#### DETAILED

1. One-Week Online Certificate Course on **“Patenting System in India and Recent Developments”** organized by DPIIT-IPR Chair MNLU Mumbai & CRIP.

**Date:** 14<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> December 2020

**Mode:** Online

The course was meticulously designed to be able to impart detailed legal and practical knowledge on all aspects of the Indian Patenting System, important international conventions, recent technical developments, and process re-engineering in patenting that have taken place over the years. The course was bifurcated into 12 lectures which were delivered by senior officials of the Indian Intellectual Property Office and reputed IPR professionals who are known for their knowledge and expertise. Fifty-Five (55) participants including industry professionals, executives, academicians, researchers, legal professionals, students, and potential patent applicants successfully completed the course. The course was coordinated by Dr. W.M. Dhumane, Chair Professor, DPIIT-IPR Chair, MNLU Mumbai.

- 2. One-Week Online Certificate Course on “Trade Marks, Copyright & Designs Protection in India and Recent Advances”** organized by DPIIT-IPR Chair & CRIP, MNLU Mumbai.

**Date:** 18<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2021

**Mode:** Online

The course was thoroughly designed to be able to impart detail legal and practical knowledge on all aspects of the Trademarks, Copyrights, and Designs along with recent technological developments in these fields. The course was bifurcated into 12 lectures which were delivered by senior officials of the Indian Intellectual Property Office and reputed IPR professionals who are known for their knowledge and expertise. The course comprehensively covered important international conventions, filing systems, aspects of licensing, assignment and litigation. Seventy-Five (75) participants across industry and academia successfully completed the course. The course was coordinated by Dr. W.M. Dhumane, Chair Professor, DPIIT-IPR Chair, MNLU Mumbai.

- 3. One-Week Online Single Credit Course on “Intellectual Property Rights in India and their Protection”** organized by DPIIT-IPR Chair MNLU Mumbai & CRIP in collaboration with Mar Gregorios College of Law Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala and Mar Baselios College of Engineering and Technology, Trivandrum Kerala.

**Date:** 20<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> March 2021

**Mode:** Online

This was a capsule course covering important aspects of Patents, Trademarks, Copyrights and Design protection, filing, enforcement and litigation related thereto. The course was divided into 15 class hours leading to one credit. One Hundred and Thirteen (113) students participated and were taught by Indian Intellectual Property Office and reputed IPR professionals who are known for their knowledge and

expertise. This was followed by a 50 marks evaluation as well. The course was coordinated by Dr. W.M. Dhumane, Chair Professor, DPIIT-IPR Chair, MNLU Mumbai.

4. Virtual Roundtable discussion on **“Utility Model Protection under Indian Scenario”** organized by DPIIT-IPR Chair, MNLU & CRIP.

**Date:** 29th August 2020

**Mode:** Online (Webex)

The Roundtable was intended to assess afresh the need for introducing the Utility Model System in India in view of the fast-changing industrial environment in the country and confidence to achieve innovation-based industrial reforms with an ambitious plan to make the country a manufacturing hub and world supplier in all sectors. The pros and cons of implementing the Utility Model System in India, along with its likely legal format, scope and enforcement were discussed. It has been argued that a strong patent law triggered innovations and R&D in the formal sector industries like pharmaceuticals, biotechnology, and chemicals. The Roundtable explored whether the absence of the Utility Model from India’s IPR regime needs to be continued; albeit the fast-changing industrial environment and unprecedented confidence in the country to achieve innovation-based industrial reforms with an ambitious plan to make the country a manufacturing hub and world supplier in all sectors. The present consultation answered questions for assessing the need for a Utility Model System in India. The result of the roundtable was a report of deliberation and discussion on the varied topics relating to utility models including its/their legal format, scope, and enforcement. Twenty-Two (22) Experts had joined as panelists including IPO officers, IPR professionals, SME, Academicians, R & D and industry representatives. A report has been prepared and shall be submitted to DPIIT on behalf of the University. Prof. T.C. James, President, NIPO and Former Director, IPR Division-DPIIT, was the Chief Guest. The program was coordinated by Dr. W.M. Dhumane, DPIIT IPR Chair Professor, MNLU Mumbai.

5. Two-day National Workshop on **“Generation and Commercialization of Patents with special reference to Startups, MSMEs, Universities and Small Inventors”**, organized by DPIIT IPR Chair & CRIP, MNLU Mumbai

**Date:** 27-28 February 2021

**Mode:** Online (Webex)

The objective of this workshop was to facilitate researchers, stakeholders and innovators to generate and utilize IPRs. Through this workshop we were able to reach out to the less-visible IP generators, like

Startups, MSMEs and Individual inventors thereby laying a special emphasis on the strategies involved in IP commercialization; revenue generation from the strategies adopted, as well as creating IP awareness. The workshop also aimed to discuss multiple impediments faced for entrepreneurs to file and obtain their IPRs, particularly patents and their commercialization and subsequently, suggest the remedies for overcoming the hurdles. The focus of the workshop was upon the generation, licensing and commercialization of Patents and practice in India. There were detailed discussions and deliberations on practical aspects related to the creation of patent rights, Licensing, infringement, commercialization of patents, policy issues and facilities available. Eight (08) experts from IPO, MSME, Startups, IIT, IPR Chair and IPR Professionals had joined as speakers. The workshop was successfully conducted. 309 participants attended the workshop. The event had participants from various segments of the IP community, viz., MSMEs, Startups, industry sector, policymakers, Government officials, IP lawyers, legal practitioners, researchers, students, and academicians. We received honorary partnership from Lawoctopus Law School (Knowledge Partner), Lawoctopus (Media Partner), FICCI (Industry Partner) and National Research and Development Corporation (Supporting Partner). The program was coordinated by Dr. W. M. Dhumane, DPIIT IPR Chair Professor, MNLU Mumbai.

- 6. Half-day Workshop on “IPR & Indian Patent Filing Procedure”**, organized by Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Intellectual Property Management in association with DPIIT-IPR Chair, MNLU Mumbai.

**Date:** 16 March 2021

**Mode:** Online (Google Meet)

The main aim of this workshop was to make aware of the participant step by step procedure for obtaining patents in India, different types of forms to be used, fee schedule etc. This workshop was able to formulate patent application themselves with complete specifications and claims. This workshop provided participants with a knowledge base that can help them understand various aspects of patent laws in India; including, but not limited to, identifying patent publications, filing a patent application, patent extension or removal, nature of patents, etc. Further, the course was filled with examples, flow charts and case studies to present information in a lucid manner while preparing the learners for different situations, obstacles and challenges that a patent applicant might face during the filing procedure are detailed, along with remedies to curb them. 30 participants from various segments of the community, viz., Advocates, policymakers, Government officials, IP lawyers, legal practitioners, researchers, students, and academicians and the public in general. The program was coordinated by Dr. W. M. Dhumane, DPIIT IPR Chair Professor, MNLU Mumbai.

7. One day Workshop on “**Indian Patent Filing Procedure, Specification and Search**”, organized by Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Intellectual Property Management in association with DPIIT-IPR Chair, MNLU Mumbai.

**Date:** 26 March 2021

**Mode:** Online (Webex)

IPRs are considered as a barometer of R&D activities, encourages technology transfer, national/foreign direct investments & helps in technological/industrial development. From last many years it was observed that filing of IP applications in the country is not increasing at a higher rate despite significant contribution towards R&D by various Institutes, Scientist and R&D organizations, teachers, student etc. There is a need to create large public awareness about the pivotal role of IPR in the globalized knowledge economy with special reference to patent drafting and its filing procedure. With this view to create awareness on the significance of patenting to the people from various sectors in the country, this workshop was intended to impart first-hand exposure of current IP practices in India and the focus of deliberations would be on the aspects of prior art search, documentation, establishing patentability, attending office actions, claims drafting and interpretation, comparative IP practices, technology transfer and much more. The main aim of this workshop was to make aware of the participant step by step procedure for obtaining patents in India, different types of forms to be used, fee schedule etc. This workshop was able to formulate patent application themselves with complete specifications and claims. 50 participants from various segments of the community, viz., Advocates, policymakers, Government officials, IP lawyers, legal practitioners, researchers, students, and academicians and the public in general. The program was coordinated by Dr. W. M. Dhumane, DPIIT IPR Chair Professor, MNLU Mumbai.

8. One day International Workshop on “**Copyright Limitations & Exceptions for Libraries, Academia and Digital Resources**”, organized by DPIIT IPR Chair & CRIP, MNLU Mumbai.

**Date:** 30 March 2021

**Mode:** Online (Webex)

The exceptions for libraries and archives are fundamental to the structure of copyright law, and the exceptions play an important role in facilitating library services in serving the social objective. The advancement in the digital environment and knowledge and easy availability of copyrighted material within the premises of the libraries has raised many concerns. The Workshop discussed issues of the Copyrightable subject matter, Rights of the Author, Publishers and end-users, and also the impact of

digital technology on the Copyright regime with a major concentration on Copyright Limitations and Exceptions to Libraries and Archives. Experts from India and abroad were invited as resource persons. The first session was a guest talk that addresses international perspective on various questions regarding preservation, access, copies and other uses, including commercial use, in the context of libraries and archives. The second session was a guest talk that addresses the Indian national legal system's approaches to questions regarding preservation, access, copies in the context of libraries and archives. It was followed by a panel discussion on questions regarding digitization, digitization of libraries and fair use flexibilities in educational and research institutions. The objective of the Workshop was to present to the public, academic community and librarians the opportunity to learn about the intricacies of Copyright Law and its limitations and exceptions on the facilities availed through the libraries and in Archives. The discussion delved into the underlying issues of the area and suggest proactive measures. The Workshop was attended by Four Hundred Forty-Three (443) participants from various segments of the community, viz., Librarians, Copyright Holder, Publishers, Compatible Software's Developers, Governmental Institutes and Organizations, Academic Institutions, Advocates, policymakers, Government officials, IP lawyers, legal practitioners, researchers, students, and academicians and public in general. The Chief Guest of the event was Shri. Hoshiar Singh, ITS, Registrar of Copyrights, Copyrights Office, New Delhi. The program was coordinated by Dr. W. M. Dhumane, DPIIT IPR Chair Professor, MNLU Mumbai.

**9. Webinar on “Trademark Law”** by Dr. W. M. Dhumane, DPIIT, IPR Chair Professor, MNLU Mumbai

**Date:** 10 July 2020

**Mode:** Online (Google Meet)

An expert lecture on the theme was delivered by Dr. W. M. Dhumane, DPIIT IPR Chair Professor, MNLU Mumbai which covered the aspects of practical knowledge of trademarks as litigating lawyer, the purpose of trademark law, identify the different types of trademarks, including names, designs, logos, and trade dress, and explore strategies for choosing and protecting strong, potentially valuable trademarks. The program was attended by 168 students from MNLU Mumbai and outside.

**10. Webinar on “Protection of Geological Indications in India”** by Prof. K.D. Raju, Rajiv Gandhi School of Intellectual Property Law (RGSOIPL), IIT Kharagpur, organized by DPIIT IPR Chair-MNLU Mumbai.

**Date:** 18 September 2020

**Mode:** Online (Webex)

A product's quality, reputation or other characteristics can be determined by where it comes from. Protection required under the TRIPS Agreement is defined in two articles, i.e., 22 and 23. Prof. Raju in his talk emphasized that it requires the member states to protect the identity of the product, originating from a particular geographical location, and from preventing the use of such identity for any other product not originating from that location, so has to protect the public from getting misled. India, being a signatory of the TRIPS Agreement, subsequently passed the Geographical Indication of Goods (Registration and Protection) Act, 19993 and the Rules on Geographical Indication of Goods (Registration and Protection), 2002. The lecture also delved into practical aspects of the GI regime in India. The webinar was attended by One Hundred Twenty Nine (129) participants. The program was coordinated by Dr. W. M. Dhumane, DPIIT IPR Chair Professor, MNLU Mumbai.

**11.** Expert Lecture (Webinar) on **“Filing and Processing of Patent Applications”** organized by DPIIT-IPR Chair, MNLU Mumbai

**Date:** 24 October 2020

**Mode:** Online (Google Meet)

An expert lecture on the theme was delivered by Dr. W. M. Dhumane, DPIIT IPR Chair Professor, MNLU Mumbai which covered the aspects of Patent Filing, Patent Procedures and Protection of IP. The program was attended by 110 students from MNLU Mumbai and outside.

**12.** Webinar conducted by DPIIT- IPR Chair, MNLU Mumbai for high school students of BES Menon English High School, Mumbai on **“Introduction, Importance and Protection of IPRs”**.

**Date:** 10 February 2021

**Mode:** Online (Webex)

A guest talk on the theme was delivered by Dr. W. M. Dhumane, DPIIT IPR Chair Professor, MNLU Mumbai. The talk was on fundamentals and an introduction to IPR. The mission of the National IPR Policy is to support innovation and creativity as a way of augmenting socio-economic and cultural development leading to the promotion of entrepreneurship as well as access to areas of economic, technological and social importance such as environmental protection, food security and healthcare. One of the Objectives of the National IPR Policy is “IPR Awareness- Outreach and Promotion”. The lecture was delivered with an aim to create a national program to raise awareness about the benefits and value of IPR to rights-holders and the public at large. The program was attended by 65 students.

**13.** Webinar conducted by DPIIT- IPR Chair, MNLU Mumbai for college students of VK Krishna Menon College of Commerce and Economics and SSD College of Science Mumbai on **“Introduction, Importance and Protection of IPRs”**.

**Date:** 20 February 2021

**Mode:** Online (Webex)

A guest talk on the theme was delivered by Dr. W. M. Dhumane, DPIIT IPR Chair Professor, MNLU Mumbai. The talk was on fundamentals and an introduction to IPR. The lecture was delivered with an aim to create a climate that inspires creativity and innovation in research and development (R&D), industry, the public and private sectors, educational community and the more rural areas of India in order to help generate an intellectual property that would become marketable and thereby profitable. It was also an effort by MNLU Mumbai to promote an outreach program with the slogan: “Creative India, Innovative India.” The program was attended by 80 participants.

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