



Inter University Centre for IPR studies

A unique and only multidisciplinary Centre established by the Government of Kerala for 'IP Research and Teaching'

Inter University Centre for IPR Studies

Cochin University of Science and Technology

(Started in October 2010)

Objectives of IUCIPRS

The Inter University Centre for IPR Studies (IUCIPRS) was established in 2010 by the Government of Kerala as an autonomous Centre in CUSAT Campus. The main objective of IUCIPRS is to evolve into a research hub and resource Centre of international repute and to act as a think tank in the area of IPR and related subjects. It aims to facilitate interaction among



Inauguration of the Centre, 2011

researchers from different universities and research institutions, both nationally and internationally. IUCIPRS aims at facilitating multidisciplinary teaching and research in the area of IPR and related subjects.



Inter University Centre for IPR Studies, CUSAT

Activities

The Centre, along with regular academic programs, has been undertaking various research projects and publishing books and research papers since its inception, in 2003.

I. Policy Research

The main activities of the Centre include policy research support to both Central and State Governments, supporting/assisting Government of India in international negotiations and policy



Conference Hall, IUCIPRS- Prof. Feroz Ali Khader Lecture on IP research

making conducting extensive research in intellectual property related areas. The Central Government Ministries to which research support was offered include Ministry of Higher Education, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Ministry of Forest and Environment, Ministry of

Family and Woman's Development, Ministry of Culture etc., and the Kerala State Government Departments such as Higher Education and Law. The faculty members of the Centre also include an expert member of the **Indian Delegation to negotiate various international treaties at the World Intellectual Property Organization, Geneva.**

A. Research Project undertaken by faculties of IUCIPRS

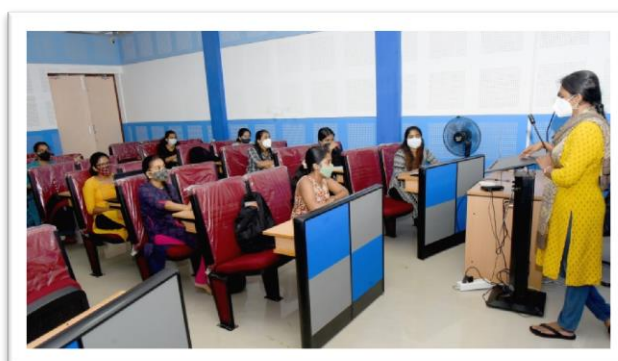
Project completed - 3 Nos.

Project on-going - 4 Nos.

Project submitted - 5 Nos.

II. Academic Activities

A. Multidisciplinary Ph.D Programme - IUCIPRS is a place where multidisciplinary research in the area of IPR is encouraged with students from different disciplines such as Law, Political Science, Management, Anthropology, Physics, Electronics, Fisheries, Anthropology, Zoology etc. **(Ph.D students enrolled: 30; Ph.D awarded: 5; Pre-synopsis submission - 1)**



LLM Class Room, IUCIPRS

B. PG Courses – The Centre started the first batch of the five year integrated dual degree programme, LLM (IP) Ph.D and LL.M (IPR) Ph.D in July 2013 with intake of 10 students (5 with Graduate degree in Law and 5 with Graduate degree in non-law).

One Year LLM (IPR) Programme in the academic year was started in the academic year 2016-17 and admitting 15 students with Graduate degree in Law. The centre also offer Elective Courses for students of CUSAT

(other than law students) in the areas of: Patenting Inventions: Practice and Access to Tools; Overview of Patent drafting; IP and Management. As of date, awarded 40 Master's Degree in LLM (2016-21).



Integrated LLM PhD Class Room. IUCIPRS

Number of research scholars enrolled in Each Year (DAT and Integrated PhD program)	
Year	No. of Research Scholars Enrolled
2016-17	18
2017-18	23
2018-19	25
2019-20	23
2020-21	24

C. Academic Collaborations

- ✚ Management University, Singapore (Asian Cooperation on IP)
- ✚ Max Planck Institute for Competition Law and IPR, Munich, Germany - Patent Declaration and follow up research
- ✚ Kerala State Industrial Development Corporation, Kerala - Consultancy on Patent search and filing.
- ✚ Kerala Agricultural University – Facilitating IPR protection of plant varieties.

D. Conferences, Training and Workshops

One of the major programmes of the IUCIPRS is to conduct seminars, conferences, workshops and training programmes in IPR related areas for the purpose initiating discussions on current issues of various forms of IP, finding solutions to major challenges in IP, evolving policy framework in the context of international negotiations, imparting training to professionals,



International Conference on Copyright with Prof. (Dr). David Nimmer

industrialists, teachers, judicial officers etc. The Centre along with the IPR Chair at CUSAT celebrated the following programmes.

- ✚ IP Day – April of 26th of every year
- ✚ Refresher Course for Law Teachers (IPR) – 8 days in June every year.
- ✚ Rethinking IP - 3 days workshop for law students in January/February every year.
- ✚ IPR Awareness programme in various Universities & Colleges across Kerala round the year.
- ✚ Research methodology specific to intellectual property

E. Publications/Seminar/Conference Proceedings/Conference Participation and Presentations

The staff and research students of the Centre has participated in a number of international and national conferences, presented papers and published papers.

Academic Output	2010-22
Publications in International/National Journals	126
Book Chapters/Books	8
Conferences/ Training/Workshops attended	223
As Resource persons/Panel member/Co-ordinators	145
Papers presented in Conference/Seminars	104

F. Research fellowships/grants

1. PhD fellowship

In 2015 Centre started offering full time fellowship to research scholars registered for Ph.D in other Universities in Kerala who are working in IPR related areas in different disciplines for upto 4 years. One fellowship has been awarded till date.

2. Minor Research Project

The Centre also initiated award of Minor Research Project to promote IPR research among the young teachers in various colleges in Kerala and rest of India. 12 Minor Research projects have been awarded till date:

3. IUCIPRS Justice Rajagopala Ayyangar Summer Fellowship for Teachers

The Centre with the intention of attracting talented young IPR teachers from all over India to visit the Centre and do research in the area of IPR introduced the “IUCIPRS Justice Rajagopala Ayyangar Summer Fellowship for Teachers”. 3 fellowships have been awarded till date.

4. Research Projects for IUCIPRS Faculties in the area of Kerala specific IP issues (3 awarded till date).

5. IUCIPRS Post Doctoral Fellowship - Doctoral degree in IPR related areas - 3 Nos. (2018-19 onwards)

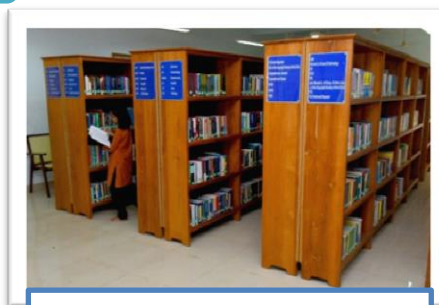


Awarding Ceremony

6. **Visiting Faculty** - The Centre conceived Visiting Scholars Fellowships to facilitate interaction of the students and faculty of the Centre with scholars from other Universities and Institutions in India and abroad.
7. **Visiting Professor** - Experts in the field on IPR/Economics/Science/ Management from India/abroad for a short period of up to one month (2018-19 onwards)

G. Library – largest collection of IP books in south India - have access to relevant IP databases

including **Hein online and Taylor and Francis**. The library consists of general books, reference books, theses of PG and PhD, loose leaf bound volumes, journals, and newspapers related to IPR. Also, have access to different patent databases like **Patentone, Patentscope and Patentlens**



IPR Library –versatile collection of IP books

III. Consultancy - One of the Faculty is a Tutor, Distance tutor for the distance learning programme of World Wide Academy, WIPO. Another faculty member is an Institutional Consultant, IP Consultancy for carrying out novelty Assessment of Inventions.

IV. Visitors of the Centre

Many national and international experts visited the Centre and delivered lecture to students. (List enclosed)

V. Students Internship – Six research intern under Women Students of Science and Technology (under KIRAN Scheme of DST) since 2016.



Copyright and film industry conference 2017

VI. IPR Facilitation (started in 2015)

- A.** The Centre is offering free patent filing service to all the teachers and researches from all Universities in Kerala - 8 patent applications filed till date, 4 are in process.
- B.** Limited free service to the needy to make an assessment of their inventions- Novelty search for four inventions of individuals and institutions carried out for nominal fees till date.



Inauguration

- C.** Centre is actively engaged in acquisition of patents of entrepreneurs/local inventors - Assistance in filing one provisional patent application for a potential entrepreneur for nominal fees till date.
- D.** Facilitation of acquisition of patents for entrepreneurs/local inventors by the Centre. Four patent applications filed by patent consultants engaged by IUCIPRS for four potential/actual entrepreneurs/local inventors.
- E.** The staff and research scholars of Cochin University seek advice from the Centre on IPR matters, particularly on patent. A number of persons from outside University often consult the Centre seeking advice on IPR related issues – 85 persons have been provided counselling to on IP related matters till date.
- F.** IPR support is also provided to acquisition of IPRs other than patents - Four applications received from KAU for farmers' variety were submitted for registration in India.



Round Table of Research Institutes for Providing IP Support- 2018

No. of Patents Facilitated and Filing Country for State Universities

No. of Patents filed and filing country	University Applicant	Legal Status
Patent applications Filed – 32 ❖ India – 31 ❖ USA – 1	CUSAT - 25 Kerala Agricultural University - 3 Kannur University – 4 (US -1) University of Kerala - 1 University of Calicut - 1	Granted – 9 ❖ India – 8 ❖ USA – 1 Pending – 23

Patent applications Filed in India – Institute Consultancy

Patent applications Filed in India	Patent Applicant Category	Novelty search request & Client Category
Patent applications Filed – 11 Provisional – 10 Complete – 1	Total – 11 Individuals - 4 Startup Incubatee - 2 Educational Institute – 1 Startup – 1 MSME – 1 Faculty - 2	Total – 11 Individuals - 7 Startup Incubatee - 4

Individual Consultancy

Name of the Faculty	Consultant	Nature of Work and Remuneration
Prof. N. S. Gopalakrishnan	WIPO Academy, Geneva	TUTORING DISTANCE Learning course of WIPO Academy, GENEVA – INR 41,545
Dr. I. G. Rathish	Courtyard Attorneys, New Delhi	Patent opposition work – INR18,000

IP advisory services: Pro-bono IP advisory services are offered to Individuals/Entrepreneurs/Startups/Faculty/Research Scholars among others.

140 Individuals/Entrepreneurs/Startups/Faculty/Research Scholars have so far approached IUCIPRS for IPR related queries from its inception.

VII. IPR Chair

Government of India has established a Chair on IPR at CUSAT (2003) and is functioning at the Centre to promote teaching and research in the area of IPR. This is currently funded by the DIPP, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India. SPRIHA Scheme also gives funding for conducting research and seminars.



IP day Celebration – IPR chair IUCIPRS- 2022

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IX. Research workgroups

A. Research Work Group on Geographical Indications

Research Working Group for GI Studies is created for attaining this objective with a set of predetermined goals and that will transfer understandings of social reality to the next generation of researchers and policy makers in IP. Research work group on geographical indications has been started in 2017 with key concern to upkeep GI actual producers and assistance them in Legal protection. It also aims at



Centre Faculty members at media for sharing their research outcome

substantiating national IP policy and social impact with a keen interest to evaluate the required IP policy flexibility. As a part of social collaboration of IUCIPRS and to compact with the interest of the state in Geographical Indications, we are planning to do a social experiment with fervently producing in Geographical Indications of Kerala.

Objectives of Research Working Group for GI Studies

- To identify the issues with Producers of GI in Kerala and their sustainability
- To undertake research projects for the benefit of producers of GIs in Kerala (empirical study)
- To provide legal assistance to actual producers of GI on demand
- To build strategies for marketing of GI and E-marketing
- To make marketing strategies for facilitating better marketing of Geographical Indications in Kerala
- To ensure that traditional farmers of GI crops are getting their due share in the market.

Research work group till to date

So far two major facilitations are endeavoured by Research Work Group on Geographical Indications. A short description is as follows

A) Marketing and legal support to the farmers of Pokkali Rice (Registered GI)

The centre conducted a seminar on “Pokkali Rice and its Market expansion” at Kadamakkudi Hall, Varappuzha, Ernakulam on 12th June 2018. The themes of the seminar were Pokkali Rice and its various uses and prospects, how the high quality seeds can be procured and distributed among farmers in order to maintain quality, International marketing and e-marketing possibilities in Pokkali rice and rice products. The farmers actively participated in all sessions and during the discussion of the seminar, they requested for an exclusive website to market their Pokkali rice and rice products. The experts of the seminar recommended that E-marketing can give new opportunities to Pokkali rice farmers and we created the same with some advanced options to market Pokkali rice. The website includes address and phone number of pokkali rice farmers of Kadamakkudi and they can directly market the product with the consumer. The website is named as <http://pokkalifarmersassociation.in/> and online sale is going on with this website.



Society and Intellectual Property – Research Work Group Activity –
Prof. Dr NS Gopalakrishnan-2018

B) Marketing and legal support to the Weavers of Chendamangalam handloom (GI)

Chendamangalam handloom is a very famous handloom in south India especially from its weaving pattern and traditional values. A couple of years back they registered as Geographical indications at Chennai GI registry and they got certified as Geographical Indication. Around nine small cooperative societies are taking care of the Chendamngalam handloom and also were functioning in the front line for the registration process of chendamangalam handloom. As per the centre meeting, conducted a seminar on “Chendamangalam: A search for new markets” at Kaithari Hall, Chendamangalam, Paravoor on 10th May 2019. Objectives of the seminar was as follows:



Society and Intellectual Property – Research Work Group Activity – Dr
Anson C J, IUCIPRS-2019

- Identifying the existing problems in marketing of Chendamangalam Handloom
- Forming an open forum where the weavers can express their difficulties in marketing Chendamangalam handloom products.
- Proposing an e-marketing (online marketing - website) portal exclusively for Chendamangalam Handloom with full control to Cooperative society.
- Identifying new marketing options with Textile Committee, Kerala tourism development cooperation and Cochin International airport limited (based on the availability of resource persons).
- Clearing duplicates of Chendamangalam handlooms from the market through latest marketing techniques

In the discussion part with the stake holders all accepted the proposal for online marketing and future meetings to strategise the development of chendamangalam handloom. An exclusive Facebook page also started for marketing of Chendamangalam Handloom.

X. Bulletin on IPR

The Centre launched IPR e-Updates on January 2020, electronic version published monthly and circulated via email to various colleges within Kerala. The focus of which to bring to fore the latest developments happening in the field of IPR.



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XI. Best Practices

CUSAT Knowledge Forum – The CUSAT Knowledge Forum was resumed by IUCIPRS since January 2016, to facilitate interdisciplinary research and knowledge augmentation.

Round Table of Research Institutes for Providing IP Support to various research institutes of India

Patent Clinic provides an exclusive opportunity to the inventors/scientists of CUSAT for filing patent



XII. Future programs

1. Offering of Online Certificate Course and PG. Diploma in various IPR subjects –2018-onwards (Subject to approval from UGC).
2. Formation of **Working Group** for research on IPRs.
3. Develop as WIPO Academy to share IP knowledge to developing and least developed countries

List of Eminent Visitors to the Centre

1. Dr. Shubha Ghosh, Crandall Melvin Professor of Law; Director of the Technology Commercialization Law Program
2. Dr. Anuj Bhuvania, Law Faculty at SAARC University, Delhi
3. Dr. Biswajit Dhar Professor, Centre for Economics Studies & Planning, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi
4. Mr. Zakir Thomas, Expert in Intellectual Property Rights
5. Dr. Raman Mittal, Associate Professor, Faculty of Law, DU, DELHI
6. Dr. Anirban Majumdar, Associate Professor, NUJS, Kolkata
7. Mr. Sanjay Tandon, Director, Indian Singers Rights Association, (ISRA), MUMBAI
8. Mr. Arul George Scaria, Assistant Professor, NLUD, DELHI
9. Mr. Ananth Padmanabhan, Fellow at Carnegie India, New Delhi
10. Mr. Sam Taraporewala, Associate Professor and Head of the Dept. of Sociology at St. Xavier's College, Mumbai
11. Ms. Shalini Bhutani, Legal Researcher and Policy Analyst
12. Dr. Shashank Maurya, Assistant Director General (International Relations) and Senior Professional, IP Issues in Agri R&D, Indian Council of Agricultural Research, Delhi
13. Dr. R.C. Agrawal, Registrar General, Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers' Rights Authority, Govt. of India, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Department of Agriculture, Co-operation & Farmers Welfare, NASC Complex, DPS Marg, Opp-Todapur Village, New Delhi
14. Dr. G.V. Ramanjaneyulu, Executive Director, Centre for Sustainable Agriculture, Secunderabad
15. Mr. Sridhar Radhakrishnan, Programme Director and Campaigner, Thanal, Kerala
16. Kochouseph Chitilappily, Founder, chairman and CEO, V-Guard Industries Ltd., Member, Governing Council, IUCIPRS, CUSAT
17. Dr. Suresh Nair, Founder and Managing Director, Biophoton Technologies Pvt. Ltd.
18. Professor Sunil Mani, Director, Centre for Development Studies, Prasanth Nagar, Trivandrum
19. Ms. Sheela Kouchoseph, Chairman and Managing Director, V-Star
20. Dr. Asha Achy Joseph, Head of Department, S H School of Communication, Sacred heart college, Thevara
21. Ms. Prashanti Nathan, Co-founder & Chief Technology Officer, BookNmeet and Dr.
22. Dr. Suman Sahai, Chairperson, Gene Campaign, New Delhi
23. Prof. T.C. James, Visiting Fellow, Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS)
24. Narendran T, Technical Officer (IPR), National Biodiversity Authority
25. Padmavati Manchikanti, Associate Professor, Rajiv Gandhi School of Intellectual Property Law, IIT Kharagpur
26. Shri. D. S. Raj Ganesh, Legal Advisor, Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers' Rights Authority

27. Dr. Pratibha Brahmi, Officer In Charge, Germplasm Exchange, National Bureau of Plant Genetic Resources
28. K.M. Gopakumar, Legal Advisor and Senior Researcher, Third World Network
29. Dr. V. Jayarajan, Chairman, Folkland, International Centre for Folklore and Culture, Kasargod
30. Prof. (Dr.) Shamnad Basheer, legal researcher and activist, founder Spicy IP and IDIA
31. Mr. Carl Malamud, an American technologist, author, and public domain advocate,
32. Dr. Neetha John, Associate Professor, Centre for Plastic Engineering and Technology (CIPET)
33. Dr. Rajesh M. Shenoy, Senior Scientist, Inter University Centre for Biomedical Research and Super Speciality Hospital, Kottayam
34. Dr. Guruvayurappan, Assistant Professor, Division of Cancer Research, RCC, TVM
35. Mr. Rajkrishna Rajan, Engineer- E, IPR Cell, Technology Business Division, Sree Chithira Tirunal Institute for Medical Research
36. Mr. V.V Sivan, Senior Scientist, M S Swaminathan Research Foundation
37. Justice B. Sudheendra Kumar, Judge, High Court of Kerala
38. Shri C. N. Sashidhara, Deputy Controller of Patents and Designs, Patent office Chennai
39. Prof. Feroz Ali Khader, IPR Chair Professor, IIT Chennai
40. Ms. Veena Johari, Lawyer at Courtyard Attorneys;
41. Dr. Arundhati Abhyankar, Consultant to Courtyard Attorneys
42. Mr. Sandeep Rathod, Panel member (General Legal and IP Counsel at USV Pharmaceuticals
43. Adv. Prashanth Sugathan, Legal Director, Software Freedom Law Centre
44. Sri. Yogesh Pai, Assistant Professor, NLU, Delhi
45. Sri. Augustine Peter, Member, Competition Commission of India.
46. Dr. Reji Joseph, Associate Professor, ISID, New Delhi
47. Dr. Mini S, Associate Professor, NUALS, Kalamasserry
48. Prof. V.K. Unni, IIM, Calcutta
49. Adv. Jagdish Sagar, Partner in charge of Anand and Anand Law Firm
50. Mr. G. R. Raghavender, Joint Secretary, Dept. of Justice, Ministry of Law & Justice.
51. P.V. Valsala G Kutty
52. Mr. Prashant Reddy T, Senior Resident Fellow, Vidhi Centre for Legal Policy
53. Mr. Lawrence Liang, IPR Expert
54. Dr. R. V. Vaidhyanathan Ayyar, IPR Expert, Ex- Chairman of Drafting Committee of the WIPO Diplomatic Conference.
55. Mr. T C Mathew, Former Vice President, BCCI
56. Mr. N P Pradeep, Indian Footballer
57. Ms. Anu Raghavan, Indian Sprinter
58. Adv. Subhash Bhutoria, Partner, Singhanian Law Firm, Delhi
59. Mr. Shiju Varghese, Professor, Christ Academy Institute of Law, Bengaluru
60. Dr. K J Joseph, Ministry of Commerce Chair Professor, Centre for Development Studies, Thiruvananthapuram
61. Dr. Sakthivel Selvaraj, Director, Health Economics, Financing and Policy, Public Health Foundation of India
62. Leena Menghaney, Head, South Asia, Medecins Sans Frontieres, New Delhi
63. Srividhya Ragavan, Professor of Law and Director of India Programs, Texas AM University School of Law, United States
64. Mr. G Venugopal, Play back singer & composer

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