

INTER UNIVERSITY CENTRE FOR INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS STUDIES

Cochin University of Science and Technology

Continuing Programme for Law Teachers

I. Law Teachers' Workshop on Teaching and Research on IPR, 5-6th May 2014

IUCIPRS, in association with MHRD Chair on IPR conducted a Workshop on Teaching and Research for Law Teachers on IPR, 5-6th May 2014 at CUSAT. Nineteen (19) Law College Teachers representing nine laws schools from Kerala and one Law School from Thirupathi and two Law Teachers from Dr. Ambedkar Global Law Institute also attended the workshop. Apart from all the Govt. Law Colleges in Kerala (Thiruvananthapuram, Ernakulam, Thrissur and Kozhikode, the Law University in Kerala (NUALS), and the two University Centres (Kerala University, and Mahathma Gandhi University) were also represented in the Workshop. Representatives were also present from two private Colleges (Marian College, Kuttikkanam, Idukki and N.P.C College, Ernakulam).

There were seven sessions in the workshop which included the sharing of experience and the problems faced in IP teaching by the participating teachers, an awareness session on teaching of Copyright (Amendment) Act, 2012 by Prof. N.S.Gopalakrishnan, and a discussion on Designing course content on Access to Medicines and IP. The last session concentrated on formulating future plan of continued collaboration between Law Schools in Kerala and Inter University Centre for IPR Studies.

In the concluding session of the Workshop it was decided to hold a seven day Refresher Course in June (19th -25th) and a two day workshop on designing the syllabus of Intellectual Property Law for LL.B and LL.M courses in Kerala in November this year.

II. Refresher Course for Law Teachers on Intellectual Property rights, 19 June 2015

Inter University Centre for IPR Studies, jointly with the MHRD Chair on IPR conducted a refresher course for Law teachers on IPR, at CUSAT, on 19th to 26th June 2015. The Workshop was inaugurated on 19th June 2015 by Hon'ble Justice K. Abraham Mathew, High Court of Kerala, Presidential address by the Vice Chancellor of CUSAT, Prof. (Dr.) J. Letha and key note address was by Prof. (Dr.) Biswajit Dhar, Jawaharlal Nehru University on the topic 'Intellectual Property and Development'. Prof. (Dr.) K.N. Chandrasekharan Pillai, former Director of Indian Law Institute and National Judicial Academy and Dr. N.S. Soman, Director, School of Legal Studies, CUSAT felicitated the participating teachers. Prof. (Dr.) N.S. Gopalakrishnan, Director,

Inter University Centre for IPR Studies delivered the welcome speech and Ms. Madhuri Anand, Research Officer, MHRD Chair on IPR delivered the vote of thanks.

Twenty Two (22) Law College Teachers representing 18 laws schools from various parts of India attended the refresher course. We had teachers from Delhi (CLC, Delhi), Rajasthan (National Law School, Jodhpur, IIS University, Jaipur), Orrisa (NLUO, Cuttack,), Bihar (CNLU, Patna), Gujarat (GNLU), Maharashtra (Patel Law College), Hariyana (Jindal Law School), Karnataka, (Reva university) Kerala (Aligarh Muslim University, NUALS Cochin, School of Legal Studies, CUSAT, Al Azhar Law College, Thodupuzha, Marian College, Kuttikanam, Govt. Law College, Calicut) . There were fifteen (15) sessions handled by eleven (11) resource persons.

We are planning to continue the teacher training programmes in the coming years.