

**UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW AND LEGAL STUDIES,  
GURU GOBIND SINGH INDRPRASTHA UNIVERSITY, NEW DELHI**

**Organizes**

**INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR  
ON  
INTERFACE BETWEEN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS,  
COMPETITION LAW AND TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE**

**12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> of March, 2015**

**About the University (GGSIPU)**

Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University, 'A' Grade accreditation with NAAC, established by Government of NCT of Delhi under the provisions of Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University Act, 1998 read with its Amendment in 1999. Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University strives hard to provide a market oriented professional education to the student community of India in general and of Delhi in particular, with a view to serving the cause of higher education as well as to meet the needs of the Indian industries by promoting establishment of Colleges and Schools of Studies as Centres of Excellence in emerging areas of education with focus on professional education in disciplines of law, engineering, technology, medicine, education, pharmacy, nursing, etc.

**About University School of Law & Legal Studies (USLLS)**

Established in 2001, University School of Law and Legal Studies envisages advancement of institutional expertise in the area of legal research and education by augmenting academic and professional excellence, developing critical and relentless engagement with legal theory and practice, synergizing law, legal research, legal education and action to further the quest for justice. Ours was the first University Law School established in the vicinity of the Supreme Court, Delhi High Court, various subordinate courts, commissions, tribunals and various monitoring offices of national and international voluntary organizations. University School of Law and Legal Studies aspires to open new vistas in the arena of law, legal studies, theoretical and clinical legal education through an incessant endeavour towards developing academic potential, critical analytical ability, advocacy, counselling and mediation skills so as to fully equip the students with learning which is intellectually stimulating, socially vital and professionally enriching.

**About the Seminar (ISIPR, CL &TK)**

Original and well researched papers from academic scholars, faculty members, researchers and students across the globe on any of the themes/sub themes are invited for the presentation at the International Seminar on Interface between Intellectual Property Rights, Competition Law and Traditional Knowledge.

India is rich with biological diversity and associated traditional knowledge (TK). Protection of TK has direct connection with protection of biogenetic resources of each country. India has witnessed many cases of biopiracy involving misappropriation of TK. Advances in biotechnology ensure that even though traditional agricultural products such as *neem*, *basmati* rice or turmeric cannot be patented *per se*, genetically modified versions – for example, patents for new strain of *neem* with higher pest resistance, patents based on wound healing properties of turmeric or *curcumin*'s ability to differentiate cancer cells from normal cells - can be patented. Thus, TK assumes importance in the fact that there is an interface between TK and the present system of intellectual property (IP). Despite the fact that the misappropriation of TK takes place mainly in relation to acquiring new IP rights, the international treaties on IP rights including TRIPS are silent on the protection of TK. Hence, the fundamental assumption is that though there is an interrelation between IP rights and TK, the existing IP regime is unable to accommodate and resolve issues pertaining to protection of TK. Rather the IP right system as it stands today directly or indirectly facilitates misappropriation of TK.

Considerable debate exists even today as to whether competition law and intellectual property laws are in conflict with each other. These two systems of law deal with two different aspects, one with competition and the other with protection of intellectual property (IP), and have historically evolved as separate systems. Though there are similar goals aimed at by both these systems, conflicts have arisen with respect to the means used by these systems in attaining those goals. These conflicts have become more prominent competition authorities and courts in when in some major jurisdictions attempted to curtail rights granted to IP owners to promote competition. The conduct of IP owners such as refusal to deal, tie in or illegal bundling, refusal to licence, etc., have been termed as anticompetitive conduct by various authorities. Further, considerable disparities exist in the approaches shown by the major legal systems with respect to the 'anticompetitive conduct' displayed by IP owners. Hence, it is important that the interaction between these two systems of laws be analysed to grapple the issues of reconciliation between the two systems.

### **Sub Themes**

1. Interface between IPR and TK: Analysis of global regime
2. TK in India: Efficacy of existing legislative framework to protect TK
3. Need to develop a *sui generis* system for both defensive and positive protection
4. Interface between IPR and competition law: Conceptual Analysis
5. Abuse of dominance and IPR
6. Competition law and IP law in India

### **Registration Details**

Only registered participants can attend the Seminar and present their papers. The registration charges will be Rs.2000 per person and for foreign personnel: 250 \$. Registration Fee Includes permission to attend all the technical sessions (including inaugural and valedictory functions), seminar kit, working lunch for both days with one welcome dinner/official dinner).Deadline for Registration will be 28th February, 2015.No TA/DA will be provided to the participants from the organizing institute. No certificate shall be issued in absentia and there shall be no refund of registration charges at any stage.

## **Guidelines for Seminar Paper**

Research paper should possess research skills and use of appropriate research methodology. Research paper should not be of more than 5000 words. It must be typed in Times New Roman Font Size 12 on A4 size paper with 1" margin on all sides with 1.5 line spacing using MS Word application. Footnotes should follow ILI rules of footnoting which is available at <http://www.ili.ac.in/footnoting12.pdf>. At the end of the paper, there should be a brief profile of the author with E-mail ID, contact number and address.

## **Accommodation**

The Organizers will help you in finding out suitable accommodation in nearby area. Limited accommodation is available on first come first serve basis, (shared accommodation on a minimum of Rs: 600 per day) for participants from outside the NCR area only. Preference shall be given to paper presenters.

## **Important Dates**

- Abstract submission latest by: 12<sup>th</sup> January, 2015 (Abstract should not exceed 500 words)
- Intimation about the acceptance of abstract by: 16<sup>th</sup> January, 2015
- Last Date for Full Paper Submission: 16<sup>th</sup> February, 2015 (Full and final paper should not exceed 5000 words)
- Release of the Final List of Speakers: 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2014
- Deadline for Final Registration: 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2015

*Research paper as well as abstracts may be submitted to the organizing committee of the seminar at [ipinternationalseminar2015@gmail.com](mailto:ipinternationalseminar2015@gmail.com)*

## **Publication**

Selected papers based on the recommendation of the reviewers will be published in an edited volume with ISBN. The organizing committee reserves the sole discretion in selecting the papers for publication.

## **Awards**

All participants and persons presenting papers will receive certificate. One research paper from each technical session will be given certificate as Best Paper Award.

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