

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RESEARCH CELL (IPR CELL)

UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW AND LEGAL STUDIES

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Objective

Intellectual property protection is critical to fostering innovation and creativity. Without protection of ideas, businesses and individuals would not reap the full benefits of their inventions and would focus less on research and development. Similarly, artists would not be fully compensated for their creations and cultural vitality would suffer as a result. UGC and Government of India are attaching increasing importance to effective implementation of IPR laws in the country in the contemporary times reiterating the immense potentialities of IPRS. IPR Awareness in Institutions of Higher Educations is seriously undertaken by GIO patterning with Universities.

IPRS has gained unparelled significance nationally and internationally in the past decade. GOI has presented an Intellectual Property Policy to the country underlining the importance of IPR for the country as a whole. Adequate knowledge of IPR is inevitable for anyone in the field of academics to protect one's own intellectual creations and also to respect others' intellectual creations. Intellectual property law is a subject prescribed by Bar Council of India in the LLB curriculum. Hence, IPR is taught as mandatory paper in both BA. LLB and BBA LLB in USLLS, an IP Specialisation is also offered in LL.M; there are several Ph.D Research Scholars undertaking Research in the diverse area of IPRS in USLLS; hence the work of the Cell shall feed into these courses of the University.

However, the students need to have a practical exposure of the subject and also need to familiarise its industrial application. For this interaction with people from industry, bench, Bar and leading practitioners in IPR is very much required. With the objective of enhancing the intellectual property knowledge base and research capabilities of students, the present proposal aims to set up an Intellectual Property Research Cell in the University School of Law and Legal Studies. This would be an academic activity monitored and closely supervised by the USLLS faculty with IPR specialisation and expertise and also student-driven initiative with the main objective to initiate research and discussions on contemporary issues relating to Intellectual Property Law.

Vision

The vision is to constitute a research-centric Cell that inculcates the skills of research and training in the field of intellectual property rights among USLLS students, promotes and undertakes IPR extension activities. The future prospects would be to establish collaboration with CIPAM (Cell for IPR Promotion and Management, GOI) in various IPR activities whereby exposure and opportunity shall be given to USLLS students and spread awareness

about IPR by joining hands with the National Intellectual Property Awareness Mission (NIPAM) programme. This shall support and promote the untapped research potential of USLLS students and a healthy culture of mentoring in the students. The long-term vision would be to take high-level research projects that can assist in the government's IPR policy of promoting knowledge creation and protection of innovations & creativity.

Functions

The IPR Cell seeks to undertake and encourage cutting-edge research into contemporary and comparative domestic and international IPR issues through the constitution of research teams; spread awareness with respect to the aforementioned IPR issues through events and webinars; and conduct outreach programmes in the form of training programmes, conferences; and organise skill-building workshops pertaining to governmental and non-governmental IP research databases.

To this end, the Cell would organise competitions, including quizzes and essay-writing competitions; provide a toolkit of resources related to IP law, such as potential internships, research assistantships, and other opportunities to students; and set up a blog dedicated to publishing IP law articles by jurists, legal practitioners, experts, academicians, and students. The Cell would also encapsulate latest IP news and prominent case laws (domestic and foreign) and make the same available on the website of the IP Cell. Senior students of USLLS would be mentoring their juniors in the field of IPR as well.

Mandate

The mandate of the Intellectual Property Research Cell encompasses the promotion and conduction of a wide array of intellectual property research relevant to today's legal scenario. The objective is to provide a conducive environment for the advancement of interest among students. They will learn how to manage complex interactions between IPR and related fields.

There will be sessions on legal entrepreneurship, legal career planning, governance and soft skills. The resource persons include eminent lawyers, academicians, journalists, bureaucrats and trainers. Retired judges will also be involved in the process, and the students will have interactive sessions with them. The working of the Cell will also include training programmes, conferences, and organise skill-building workshops pertaining to governmental and non-governmental IP research databases, as well as competitions. The Intellectual Property Research Cell, works towards developing a congenial environment for students and researchers to further their interest in IPR.

Scope of Activities

1. Integration: Integration of a multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary research-based intellectual property system that builds both the understanding of IPR and creates a demand for the same among the students.

2. Collaboration: We bring our practical experience and expertise in IPR in the country and match it with local expertise and professionals as well as to collaborate with other organisations/institutions/law firms in academic and research matters.
3. Discipline: We will take a disciplined approach to each project, with an aim to provide training to students for enhancing practical knowledge and skills, and also conduct panel discussions, roundtables, seminars and conferences to further enhance practical knowledge.
4. Outcome Orientation: We are committed to securing real results and outcomes in our engagements with students.

Learning Outcomes

By participating in the activities of IPR Cell, the students will be able to:

1. Describe, analyse and apply the substantive legal rules of IPR;
2. Conduct research into Intellectual Property issues;
3. Gain critical thinking capacity in matters related to IPR
4. Learn to use national and international IP databases; and
5. Learn about IPR enforcement and the protection of IPR.
6. Make 'profession ready' IPR people with sufficient practical knowledge of IPR

Structure of the Cell

The Cell consists of the Dean USLLS, The Faculty Convenor, The Faculty Coordinators, Student Coordinators and Members:

Patron: Prof. (Dr.) Mahesh Verma (Hon'ble Vice Chancellor - Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University)

Director: Prof. (Dr.) Amar Pal Singh (Dean - University School of Law and Legal Studies, GGSIPU)

Faculty Convenor: Prof. (Dr.) Lisa P. Lukose (Professor - University School of Law and Legal Studies).

Faculty Coordinators: Dr. Vandana Singh, Asst. Professor, USLLS, GGSIPU

Dr Gurujit Singh, Asst. Professor, USLLS, GGSIPU

Dr M Sakthivel, Asst. Professor, USLLS, GGSIPU

The Cell functions with the help of Student Coordinators Student Members.

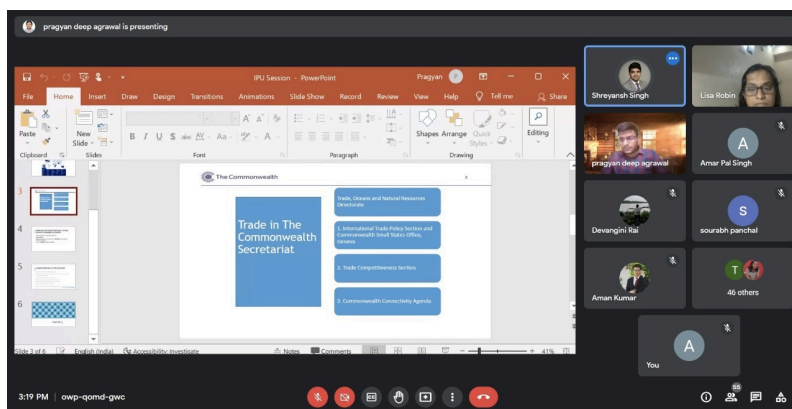
Online Essay Competition on World Copyright Day and Book Day- 2022

On April 27, 2022, the IPR Cell of University School of Law and Legal Studies, Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University organized an Online Essay Competitions for USS's students- UG, PG and Ph.D scholars on Copyright. It was organised on account of World Copyright Day and Book Day (April 23, 2022) on the topic, "*Youth and Social Media vis a vis Digital Copyright.*" Guidelines regarding submission were issued by Prof. (Dr.) Lisa P. Lukose – the faculty convenor, IPR Cell and the competition witnessed good participation from students of USS. 27 students registered for the same. The Jury consisted of Dr. Gurujit Singh,

Dr. Vandana Singh and Dr. M. Sakthivel. Modit Johar (of B.B.A.LL.B) was declared as the winner of the Competition. Lavanya Gupta (of B.B.A.LL.B.) and Tarun Joshi(Ph.D. scholar of Mass Communication) were adjudged as the second and third prize winners respectively. The Student Coordinators of the event were Kanupriya Chawla, Karthikeya Tandon, Ishant, Akshita Khanna

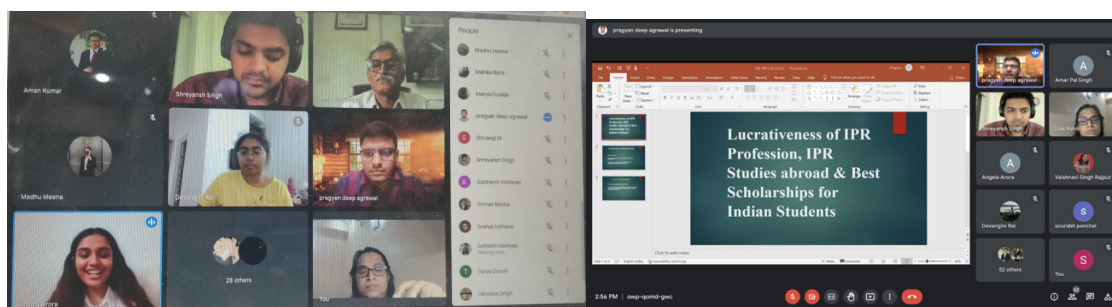
IPR Day Lecture

On April 26, 2022, the IPR Cell of University School of Law and Legal Studies, Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University organized a lecture which focussed primarily on the Theme: “IP and Youth: Innovating for a Better Future”. The lecture was open to the University students and approximately 60 people were in attendance. It began at 2:00 PM when Ms Angela Arora gave Introduction to the Session followed by welcoming the Guest of Honour by Dean USLLS, Prof (Dr.) Amar Pal Singh. The Guest of Honour, Prof. (Dr.) Alka Chawla, Professor in Charge, Campus Law Centre , University of Delhi then delivered her address followed by a Q & A session in which the listeners actively participated. Towards the end, vote of thanks was proposed by Prof. (Dr.) Lisa P. Lukose, Faculty Convenor, IPR Cell. Student Coordinators: Kanupriya Chawla, Karthikeya Tandon, Ishant, Akshita Khanna



Interactive Session on Lucrativeness of IPR Profession, IPR Studies Abroad & Best Scholarships for Indian Students

On 24th September, 2022 at 2:30 PM an “Interactive Session on Lucrativeness of IPR Profession, IPR Studies Abroad & Best Scholarships for Indian Students” was held through the virtual mode by the Intellectual Property Research Cell of University School of Law and Legal Studies, GGSIPU. At the outset, the Dean of USLLS, Prof. (Dr.) Amar Pal Singh warmly welcomed the who are Panellist alumni of USLLS, **Mr. Pragyan Agrawal** who is a LL.M. Candidate from the University of Cambridge through the Pratibha M Singh Cambridge Trust Scholar and **Mr. Shreyansh Singh** who is a LL.M Candidate from the Columbia Law School through the Jagdish Bhagwati Fellowship. They were earlier working in the Centre of WTO Studies which is a think tank with the Ministry of Commerce and Industry which advises the Government upon different trade related policies.



The IPR Cell Faculty Convenor Prof. (Dr.) Lisa P Lukose then briefed about the objective and purpose of the interactive session. Mr. Pragyan Agrawal talked about the employment opportunities in the field of IP Law and the policy framing aspect of it. He also touched upon the difference in LL.M. in different countries and some prominent scholarships that are available to Indian Students in various countries of Europe. Mr. Shreyansh Singh talked about the work culture in the International Organisations and how it contrasts with the work

culture in a litigation firm. He followed this up by explaining the procedure for applying for USA scholarships with emphasis upon the Jagdish Bhagwati Fellowship. He also touched upon the scope for practicing law in USA. 70 students attended the Session. Ms Angela Arora anchored the Interactive Session. Afterwards a Questions and Answers Session was held, followed by the Vote of thanks by the Dean of the USLLS and the Faculty Convenor. Akshita Khanna, Angela Arora, Shivangi Mathur and Vardaan Vardhan were the student coordinators.