

## **LIS - 603: Intellectual Property Rights**

**(4 Credit/100 Marks)**

### **Course Description:**

The course gives the general overview of Intellectual Property and describes various issues and agenda relating to it. The course aims to examine the protection provided by the law with respect to ideas, information, inventions and other forms of creativity.

### **Learning Objectives:**

To introduce fundamental aspects of Intellectual Property Rights to the students and to disseminate knowledge about Intellectual Property, its registration and enforcement.

### **Course Outline**

#### **Unit - I: Introduction to Intellectual Property Rights (IPR)**

**15 Hours**

Concept of Intellectual Property. Objectives of Intellectual Property Rights.

Classification of Intellectual Property Rights: Patents, Trademarks, Copyrights, Industrial Design, Geographical Indications, Plant Varieties, Trade Dress, Trade Secrets.

Moral arguments for Intellectual Property. Intellectual Property Rights Awareness.

Infringement, Misappropriation, and Enforcement: Patent infringement, Copyright infringement, Fair Use provisions in Copyright, Trademark infringement, Trade secret misappropriation.

#### **Unit– II: International Agreements and Legislations**

**15 Hours**

Intellectual Property Conventions: Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property (1967); Berne Convention for the Protection of Literary and Artistic Works (1971); International Convention for the Protection of Literary and Artistic Works (1971); International Convention for the Protection of Performer, Producers of Phonograms and Broadcasting Organisations (the Rome Convention) (1961); Treaty on Intellectual Property in Respect of Integrated Circuits (1989).

World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) – Objectives and Functions, Cooperation with Member States.

Economic Development, Enforcement of Intellectual Property Rights. Geographic Indications. WTO, TRIPS. The U.S. Patent system.

The International Patent System. The International Trademark System, The International Design System. The International System of Geographic Indication. The International Microorganism Deposit System. Protecting State Emblems.

### **Unit - III: Intellectual Property Rights and India**

**15 Hours**

Traditional knowledge of India – Need for their protection. The Copyright Act, 1957. The Patents Act, 1970. The Trade Marks Act, 1999. The Designs Act, 2000. The Semiconductor Integrated Circuits Layout Design Act, 2000. The Geographical Indications of Goods (Registration and Protection) Act, 1999. The Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers Rights, 2001. The Biological Diversity Act, 2002. International Agreements. IP Awareness in India, Patent system in India, Registration of IPR in India. Micro Small Medium Enterprises (MSME's) and Start-ups with respect to IPR.

### **Unit – IV: Digital Products and Law**

**15 Hours**

Intellectual Property Rights and Digitised world. Challenges for Intellectual Property in Cyberspace. Protection of Digital Copyright. Cyber Laws of India. Information Technology Act 2000.

#### **Learning Outcome:**

On successful completion of this course, the students are able to explain the concept, nature, objectives and significance of Intellectual Property Rights.

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