

Syllabi of Post Graduate Diploma in Intellectual Property Rights Law (PGDIPRL)

Paper I-Basic Principles and Acquisition of Intellectual Property Rights

Focus of this paper would be on the following areas:

- Philosophical Aspects of Intellectual Property Laws
- Basic Principles of Patent Law
- Patent Application procedure
- Drafting of a Patent Specification
- Understanding Copyright Law
- Basic Principles of Trade Mark
- Basic Principles of Design Rights
- International Background of Intellectual Property

Paper II-Ownership and Enforcement of Intellectual Property Rights

The thrust of study of this paper would be on the following areas-

1. Patents-Objectives, Rights, Assignments, Defences in case of Infringement

2. Copyright-Objectives, Rights, Transfer of Copyright, work of employment Infringement, Defences for infringement
3. Trademarks-Objectives, Rights, Protection of goodwill, Infringement, Passing off, Defences.
4. Designs-Objectives, Rights, Assignments, Infringements, Defences of Design Infringement.
5. Enforcement of Intellectual Property Rights - Civil Remedies, Criminal Remedies, Border Security measures.
6. Practical Aspects of Licencing - Benefits, Determinative factors, important clauses, licensing clauses.

Paper III-Information Technology Related Intellectual Property Rights

Focus of Study will be on the following areas.

- A. Computer Software and Intellectual Property-Objective, Copyright Protection, Reproducing, Defences, Patent Protection.
- B. Database and Data Protection-Objective, Need for Protection, UK Data Protection Act, 1998, US Safe Harbor Principle, Enforcement.
- C. Protection of Semi-conductor Chips-Objectives Justification of protection, Criteria, Subject-matter of Protection, WIPO Treaty, TRIPs, SPCPA.
- D. Domain Name Protection-Objectives, domain name and Intellectual Property, Registration of domain names, disputes under Intellectual Property Rights, Jurisdictional Issues, International Perspective.

Paper IV-Biotechnology and Intellectual Property Rights.

This study will be centred round the following topics:

- i) Biotechnology and the Law-Objective, Evolution, Basic Structure of Gene Techniques, Applications, Commercial Potential of Biotech Inventions, Rationale for Intellectual Property Protection.
- ii) Patenting Biotechnology Inventions-Objective, Concept of Novelty, Concept of inventive step, Microorganisms, Moral Issues in Patenting Biotechnological inventions.
- iii) Plant Varieties Protection-Objectives, Justification, International Position, Plant Varieties Protection in India.
- iv) Protection of Geographical Indications-Objectives, Justification, International Position, Multilateral Treaties, National Level, Indian Position.
- v) Protection of Traditional Knowledge-Objective, Concept of Traditional Knowledge, Holders, Issues concerning, Bio-Prospecting and Bio-Piracy, Alternative ways, Protectability, need for a Sui-Generis regime, Traditional Knowledge on the International Arena, at WTO, at National level, Traditional Knowledge Digital Library.

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