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## EXPERT LECTURE ON 'BIODIVERSITY AND IPR: INVESTIGATING THE LINKAGES'

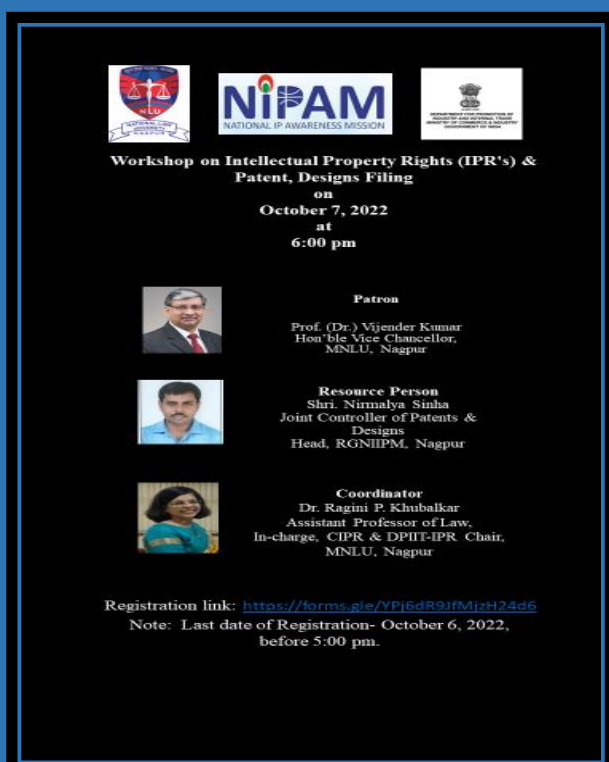
The expert lecture was delivered by Ms. Trishla Dubey, Assistant Professor of Law, MNLU, Nagpur on October 1, 2023. Speaker in her discourse on Biodiversity and IPR: Investigating the Linkages provided great rationales behind focusing on the morality angle as the primary reason for sharing the benefits with the indigenous people for protection of their traditional knowledge. ABS, provides conditional access on certain terms and conditions which includes a certain percentage of profit sharing to the stakeholders. The holders of traditional knowledge are the benefit receivers. Local committees BMC (Benefit Sharing Corporation) take care of the distribution of the benefit. She focused on the role of National Biodiversity Authority (NBA) being decisive and significant in the process of access benefit sharing. Also the current IPR regime which is mostly involved in furthering the commercialization of seed development, monoculture, and protection of new plants varieties, microorganisms, and genetically modified organisms was also discussed. The lecture was focused on the two main conventions dealing with the protection of biodiversity - Trade-Related Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPs) and Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD).



The lecture was concluded conveying that biodiversity is an asset to human life and provides a sustainable path towards achieving developmental goals. Intellectual property rights refer to the mechanism for protection granted to inventors and originators of inventions, ideas, products to safeguard them from commercial exploitation. Both these concepts share a considerable degree of interdependence as inventions and products are derived from the resources present in biodiversity.

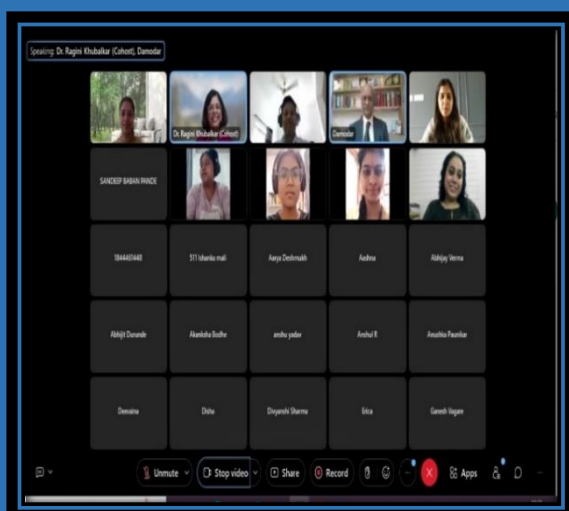
## WORKSHOP ON INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS (IPR'S) & PATENT, DESIGN FILING IN ASSOCIATION WITH CIPAM

This workshop on “Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) & Patents and Design Filing” was organised in association with Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Intellectual Property Management (RGNIPM), Government of India, Nagpur (Under National Intellectual Property Awareness Mission (NIPAM)). Shri Nirmalya Sinha, Joint Controller of Patents & Designs Head - RGNIPM, Nagpur was the resource person for the workshop.



The poster features logos for MNLU, NIPAM (National IP Awareness Mission), and the Government of India. The text reads: "Workshop on Intellectual Property Rights (IPR's) & Patent, Designs Filing on October 7, 2022 at 6:00 pm". It lists the Patron as Prof. (Dr.) Vijender Kumar, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, MNLU, Nagpur. The Resource Person is Shri. Nirmalya Sinha, Joint Controller of Patents & Designs, Head, RGNIPM, Nagpur. The Coordinator is Dr. Ragini P. Khatbalkar, Assistant Professor of Law, In-charge, CIPR & DPIIT-IPR Chair, MNLU, Nagpur. A registration link is provided: <https://forms.gle/YPj6dR9JFMjzH24d6>. A note states: "Note: Last date of Registration- October 6, 2022, before 5:00 pm."

In this workshop the key aspects of IPR and the processes involved in patent filing was highlighted, The speaker incorporated practical anecdotes from his vast experience in the field of patent examination and offered a lucid understanding of the entire process. The students were encouraged by the thorough yet accessible workshop and responded by participating in an interactive and inquisitive manner.



## ONE-DAY WORKSHOP ON CAREER IN IP

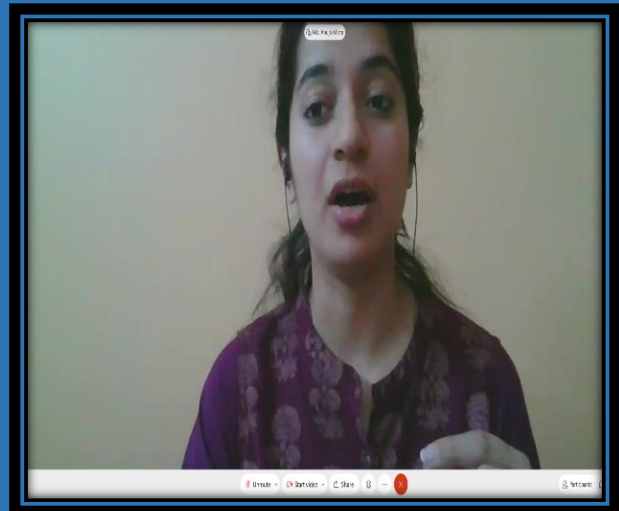
On October 8, 2022 was organised with the objective of covering the opportunities from all sectors of Intellectual Property Rights. The aim of the workshop was to help IP enthusiasts understand the industry and make an informed decision on how to enter and build a successful career in the same. And to achieve the goals of the workshop Adv. Damodar Vaidya, Founder, Dserve Legal, Dr. Pankaj Borkar, Dy Controller of Patents, RGNIPM, Nagpur.

## EXPERT LECTURE ON DISTINCTIVENESS OF TRADEMARKS

Virtual Expert Lecture on 'Distinctiveness of Trademark Law' was organised on October 20, 2022, by the guest speaker Ms. Anuja Misra, Assistant Professor of Law, Maharashtra National Law University, Nagpur.

Through this lecture the importance of understanding the meaning of distinctiveness and the difference between the distinctiveness and descriptiveness of a trademark and the fact that trademarks should be able to differentiate one proprietor's products from those of another and serve as an important marketing tool by allowing consumers to recognise and buy the goods of one business over those of others in the market so that it demonstrates distinctiveness in order to be registered under the laws of trademark was conveyed by the

During the discussion on spectrum of distinctiveness, explanation to the types of trademarks that are capable of obtaining protection under the trade mark act and demonstrated all the five categories of trademark i.e generic, descriptive, suggestive, subjective, and fanciful trademarks, which vary from non-distinctive to extremely distinctive trademarks and are qualified for trade mark registration were discussed.



Take away from the lecture was the discussion on the concept of inherent and acquired distinctiveness.

## FACULTY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (ONLINE) ON ENHANCED LEARNING IN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS

The Faculty Development Programme (FDP) on Intellectual Property Rights (Enhanced learning) was organised by the Chair from December 21-26, 2022. The one-week course was designed for training and orienting the faculties from various disciplines of Higher Education Institutions from over India on emerging issues in Intellectual Property Rights regime. The programme also intended to provide and facilitate up-gradation of knowledge and skills.

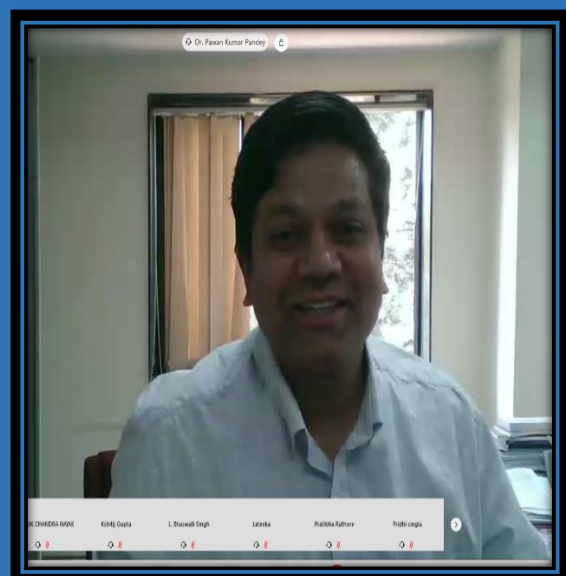
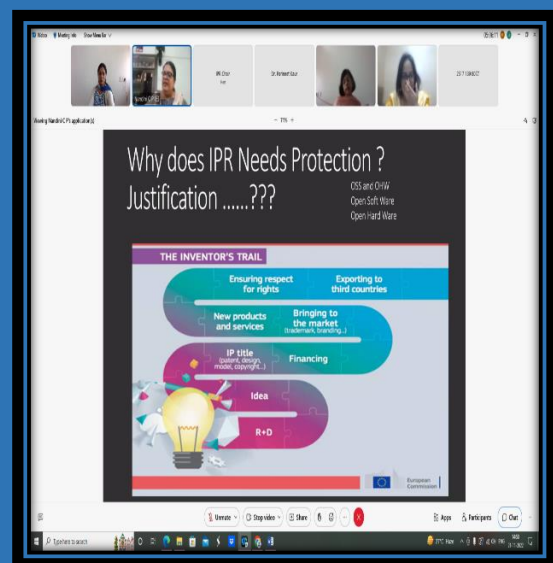
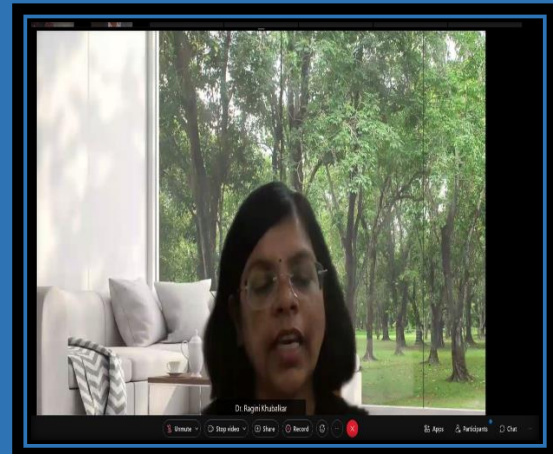


The aim of Faculty Development Programme was to sensitize the teachers with new fields and to help them to tackle the emerging complex issues while teaching. The programme consisted 21 interactive sessions in the course of seven days and more than 18 experts from eminent institutions in respective fields addressed the participants on various facets of Intellectual Property. Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Prof. (Dr.) V. C. Vivekanandan HNLU, Raipur expounded on the Changing Jurisprudence of IP. Prof. (Dr.) V. K. Unni, Indian Institute of Management, Calcutta explained on the issues related to Patents Post Covid Regime. Dr. Pankaj Borkar, Dy. Controller of Patents, RGNIPM, Nagpur explained the Basic

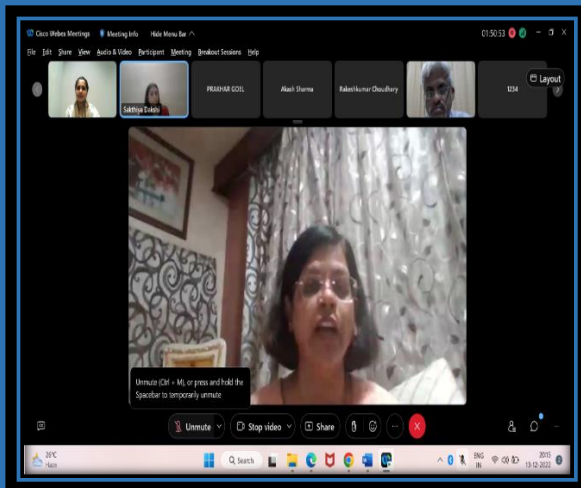


Qualifications for Patent Protection and Procedure for Patent Filing, Adv. Damodar Vaidya Founding Partner, DServe Legal illustrated the interface between IP and Taxation, IP and IT, IP and Competition law, Challenges in protection of Traditional knowledge, Principles of Copyright law, Elements governing those, Global Regime of Intellectual Property, Justifications for the protection of Intellectual Property, Patent Licensing, and Rights of

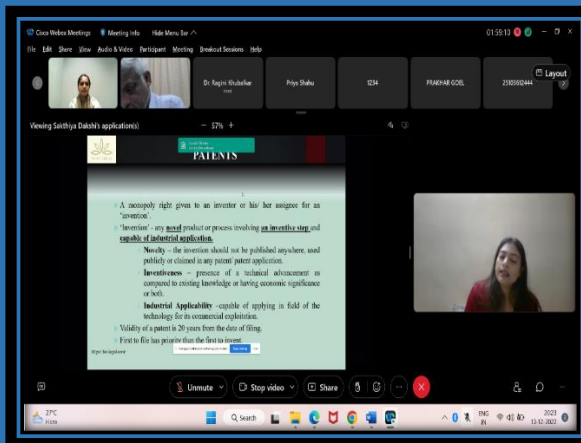
Patentee, Trademark and Domain Name Disputes and all the other relevant issues to keep pace with the changing scenario in the Intellectual Property Laws. Prof. Dr. Raman Mittal, Professor of Law, University of Delhi explained the facets of Copyright Licencing. Prof. (Dr.) S.P. Rathor, Gujarat University about the Innovatin Culture in India and the conflicts related to it. Dr. Yashomati Ghosh, Associate Professor of Law, NLSIU, Bangalore highlighted the guidelines of Limitations and Exceptions of Copyright. Dr. Dayananda Murthy, Associate Professor of Law, DSNLU, Vishakhapatnam highlighted upon the Trademarks and Domain Name Disputes. Dr. Nandini CP, Associate Professor of Law, DSNLU, Vishakhapatnam, Dr. Amol Karwa, Assistant Professor of Law, Narayanrao Chavan Law College, Nanded, Dr. Namrata Luhar, Assistant Professor of Law, The Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda, Vadodara Dr. Ankit Singh, Assistant Professor of Law, HNLU, Raipur, Mr. Abhijeet Rohi, Assistant, Professor of Law, MNLU, Mumbai, Dr. Manish Yadav, Dr. Divita Pagey, Dr. Anchit Verma Ms. Anuja Misra, Assistant, Professor of Law, MNLU, Nagpur illustrated various important issues related to Indian IPR regime. The FDP witnessed the participation of around 30 delegates from different parts of the country and disciplines as well.



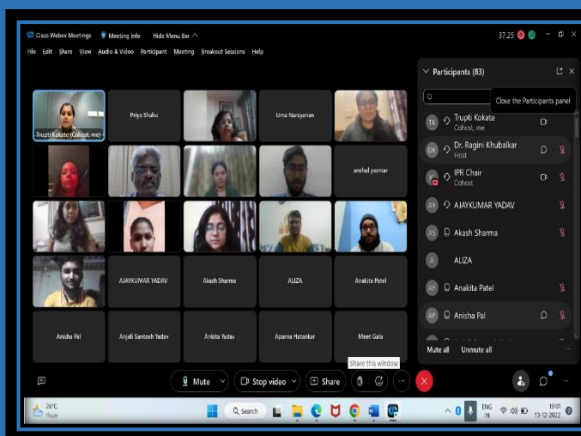
## WORKSHOP ON PATENT AND TRADEMARK FILING



A Two Day Workshop on ‘Patent and Trademark Filing in India’ on December 13 & 14, 2022. The workshop was organised with the view to create awareness of the significance of filing and was intended to impart first-hand exposure to the practice and procedure of filing in India and much more.



The workshop was divided into four sessions and was delivered by experts in the field. Dr. Borkar, Dy. Controller of Patents and Head, RGNIPM, Nagpur interacted with the participants and elucidated on the ‘Introduction to Patent Filing in India’. The second session was conducted by Ms. Sakhtiya Dakshi, Co-Founder Taru Legal, New Delhi and was based on important aspects like the subject matter, protection, and significance of patent application in brief. The third session was conducted by Ms. Trishla Dubey, Assistant Professor of Law, MNLU, Nagpur, on the topic ‘Biopiracy and Patents’. Last and fourth session was delivered by Ms. Smita Chandra, Founder, Taru Legal, New Delhi on the procedure for ‘Trademark filing in

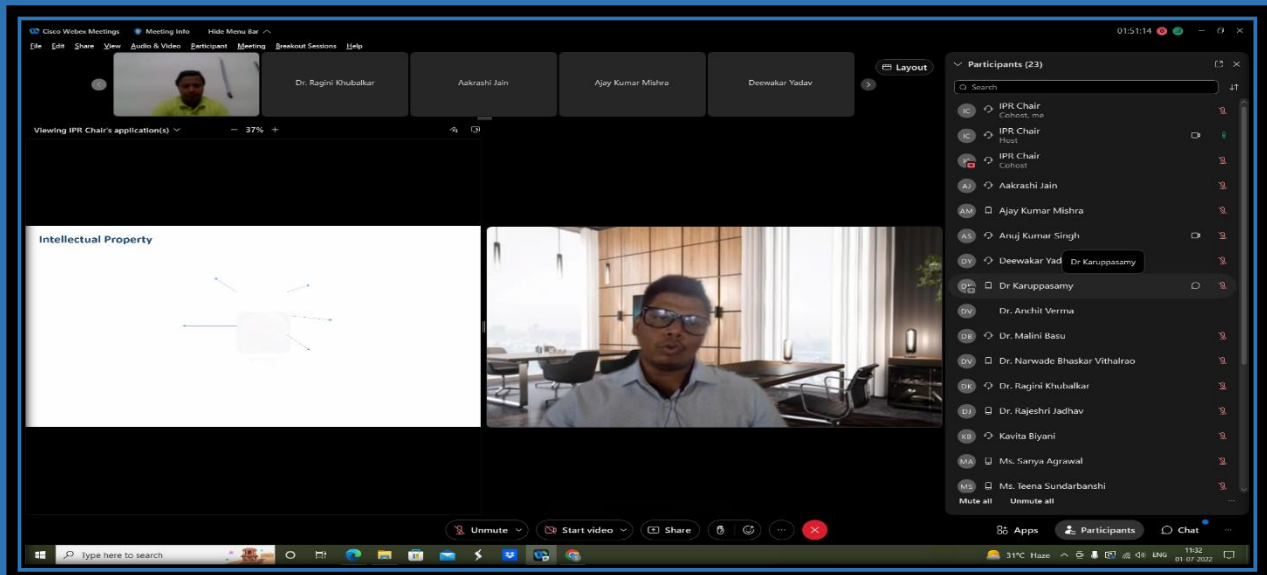


India.’ The workshop was registered by 581 participants from all over India.

## VIRTUAL EXPERT LECTURE ON 'INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER'

On December 27, 2022 the virtual lecture was organised to promote awareness on intellectual property rights and its importance, the objective behind this was to make people aware on the interface of IPR with other domains.

This lecture threw some light on Innovation Ecosystem, Technology Transfer Organizations such as The Asian and Pacific Centre for Transfer of Technology (APCTT), The National Research Development Corporation (NRDC), Technology Information Forecasting and Assessment Council (TIFAC) and Biotech Consortium India Limited (BCIL) also the different types of technology transfer structures, their roles of intermediaries, and how they enhance the technology transfer process was covered.





## **WORKSHOP ON COPYRIGHT: PROCEDURAL AND SUBSTANTIVE FACETS**

An Online ‘Workshop on Copyright: Procedural and Substantive Facets’ on January 19-20, 2023 was organised to acquaint the participants with the procedural aspects of copyright.

The workshop was divided into four sessions and was delivered by the experts in the field. The first session was delivered by Dr. Ragini P. Khubalkar, In-charge DPIIT-IPR Chair and Associate Professor of Law, MNLU, Nagpur. The second session was addressed by Ms. Preeti, Examiner of Trademarks & GI, Ministry of Commerce and industry, New Delhi. Third session by Dr. Divita Pagey, Assistant Professor of Law, MNLU, Nagpur and last session was delivered by Dr. Amol Karwa, Assistant Professor of Law, Narayanroa Chavan Law College, Nanded. The workshop was well received by all the attendees.



## ONE-DAY NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON 'EMERGING TRENDS AND CHALLENGES IN PROTECTION OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY'

CIPR and DPIIT IPR Chair of Maharashtra National University, Nagpur organized its National Conference on Emerging Trends And Challenges In Protection Of Intellectual Property on January 28, 2023. The conference was conceived with the idea of providing a platform for academicians, research scholars, professionals, and students to share their ideas and research, in keeping pace with global trends in academia.

The Conference was inaugurated by Chief Guest Dr. G.R. Raghavender, Joint Secretary, Department of Justice, Ministry of Law & Justice, New Delhi. The Conference witnessed the participation of around 40 delegates from different parts of the country and also from the students of the university. The inaugural ceremony was followed by a Panel Discussion and 3 technical sessions in which a total of 22 selected papers were presented by the participants. The papers presented at the conference were all attempts to enrich the horizons of the respective areas. The rich variety, diversity, and scope of the papers presented were testimonies to the spirit of the conference.



## **EXPERT LECTURE ON THE TOPIC 'FROM TRIBAL KNOWLEDGE TO AYURVEDIC MEDICINE: TRANSITION OF AROGYAPACHA ('THE WONDER HERB OF KERALA') AND SOME OF THE LEGAL CONUNDRUMS'**

The CIPR and DPIIT-IPR Chair in collaboration with Centre for Tribal and Land Rights at MNLU, Nagpur conducted the expert lecture on the topic 'From Tribal Knowledge to Ayurvedic Medicine: Transition of Arogyapacha ('The Wonder Herb of Kerala') and Some of the Legal Conundrums' on 30 January, 2023.

Dr. Girija K.P., Independent Researcher and Former Fellow, Indian Institute of Advanced Studies, Shimla was the resource person for the program. The expert lecture was covered the journey of Arogyapacha (green-health), a small plant with green leaves and brown seeds, identified as *Trichopus zeylanicus travancoricus* found in the southern western ghats region in India.



## **CENTRE FOR INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS AND DPIIT-IPR CHAIR IN ASSOCIATION WITH CIPAM CONDUCTED 'AWARENESS PROGRAM ON 'INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS''**



Centre for Intellectual Property Rights and DPIIT-IPR Chair of Maharashtra National Law University, Nagpur in association with CIPAM conducted 'Awareness Program on 'Intellectual Property Rights' on February 13, 2023 at MNLU, Nagpur. Mr. Mathews Verghese, Group Head- Intellectual Property, Fox Mandal, New Delhi and Ms. Suvarna Pandey, Associate Partner, RNA, Technology and IP Attorneys, Gurgaon were the resource person for the awareness program.

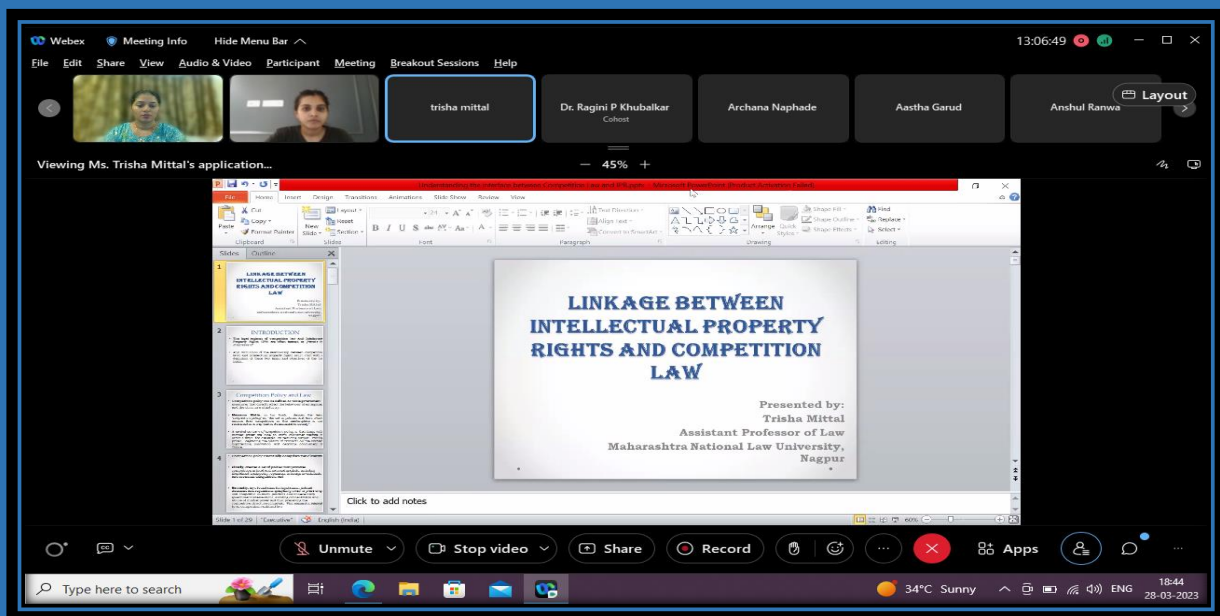
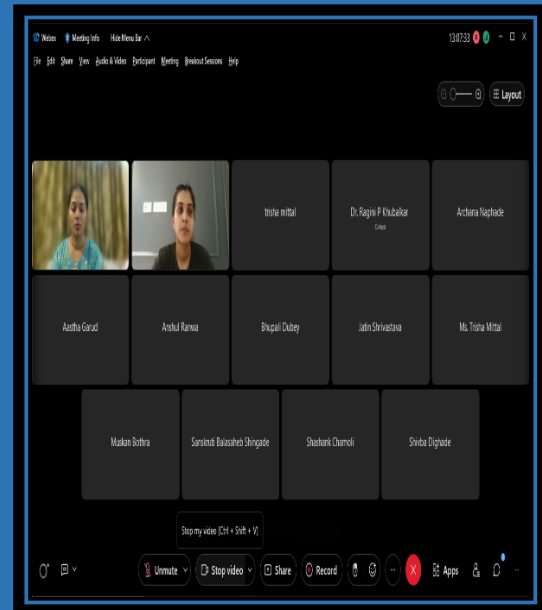


Mr. Mathews Verghese delivered a session on Copyright filing procedure and Ms. Suvarna Pandey on the filing procedure of Patents in India. Mr. Mathews started his session by connecting copyright rather IPR with the jurisprudence of Labour Theory. While talking about the features of Copyright Law he specifically mentioned the Scope of rights conferred to the author wherein he took the audience to Sec.13 of the Copyright Act 1957, in which copyright protection is provided to literary works, musical works, dramatic works, artistic works, sound recording, and cinematograph films. He also dealt with the provisions which determine first ownership also Sec. 55 which talks about civil and criminal remedies and the creation of copyright office and copyright board. While talking about the difference between Author and Owner he explained the concept with the help of examples. He in his delivery emphasized on the importance of registration of Copyrights and also gave certain examples where the copyright was not registered and how they faced difficulties of non-registration. Second session was delivered by Ms. Suvarna Pandey on the filing procedure of Patents in India.

She extensively covered the process of filing of Patents in India with exceptions and limitations. Both the sessions were followed by question-and-answer sessions and saw a very good response. The program was witnessed by all the batches of the University.

## EXPERT LECTURE ON THE TOPIC 'IPR & COMPETITION LAW'

A Virtual Expert Lecture on 'Linkage Between IPR & Competition Law' was organised on March 28, 2023 by the expert speaker Ms. Trisha Mittal, Assistant Professor of Law, MNLU, Nagpur. The lecture provided an insightful information about the linkage between IPR and Competition Law. Also the need to understand the Relationship between Intellectual Property Rights and its effect on Competition Law.



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