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No.RGU/LAW/elective/25

Dated the 2nd August, 2024

NOTIFICATION

It is hereby notified to all the III Semester students from other Departments that the Department of Law offers the following paper as an **OPEN ELECTIVE** in the current academic session 2024-25. The Selection of the students will be **first come first serve basis**.

Paper Code: - LLM 418 E

Title of the Paper: - Geographical Indication Act and Traditional Knowledge.

Total intake Seats: 30

As such, interested students are requested to submit in the prescribed application form and submit it to the Office of the Dept. of Law on or before 9th August, 2024. Selected candidates list for the course will be uploaded on 12th August, 2024 on RGU website/Dept. Notice board.

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LL.M 418 E: Geographical Indication Act and Traditional Knowledge* (5 credit)

3rd Semester

End Semester Examination-80

Internal assessment-20

Pass mark-45% in each paper

LTP-4:1:0

Classes per week

Objective of the course

Geographical Indication (GI) refers to the reputation of a given product and its unique properties due to certain geographical factors. Traditional Knowledge (TK) means know how, skill, practices, techniques, systems etc originating from age old traditional knowledge possessed by a certain local or indigenous community from generation to generation. GI & TK is an important branch of IPR, the unique quality of both being that it protects the collective rights of group of producers and knowledge holders. However, India is yet to enact a *sui generis* law on TK unlike the Geographical Indications of Goods (Registration and Protection) Act, 1999 which provides legal mechanisms for the protection and registration of GI products in India. The objective of this course is to draw the interest of the students in this area of IPR and encourage further research and practice in the given field.

Learning Outcomes

Students will be acquainted with practical applications of GI & TK related laws to community and knowledge holders at the grassroots. Such legal knowledge and training can be used to preserve the vast repositories of TK in society against unlawful misappropriation. The vast economic potential of GI Act vis-à-vis unique products made and produced in any geographical region will get big impetus.

Modules [31]

1. Introduction to concept and meaning of Traditional Knowledge: Biopiracy of TK, Haldi, Neem, Basmati patent, Role of WIPO, TKDL, traditional cultural expressions 'folklores'.
2. The Geographical Indications of Goods (Registration and Protection) Act, 1999 and the Rules: Background, objective, salient features, significance and challenges.
3. Biological Diversity Act 2002 and Traditional Knowledge, Patent and TK.
4. Role of Judiciary and National Green Tribunal.

Suggested readings and references

1. Eds. Prof. (Dr.) V.K. Ahuja & Dr. Archa Vashishtha, Intellectual Property Rights Contemporary Developments, 534 (Thomson Reuters, Legal, 2020).
2. Ed. Topi Basar, Traditional Knowledge and Traditional Cultural Expressions: National and Community Perspectives, publisher NLUJA, ISBN: 978-81-941086-0-3 (2019).
3. Topi Basar (2011), "Legal Protection of Traditional Knowledge in India-An Appraisal" Delhi Law Review, Volume XXX, pp. 75-87, ISSN No: 0973-00



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2. Name of Department/Institute:
3. Department Roll No.:
4. RGU Registration No.:
5. Department/Institute offering Open Elective Course:
6. Department Elective Course with Code:
7. ABC ID:
8. Whats App No.:
9. Email ID:
10. Semester:

Signature of Student Advisor

Signature of Student

Signature of HoD with Seal

Accepted/Not Accepted

Signature of the HoD/Institute (With Seal)
Offering the Open Elective Course

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