

Report on
One –Day Seminar on "Intellectual Property Rights"

Organised by

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Date & time: 14th January, 2020 (1:30 pm to 4 pm,)

Venue	College Auditorium, Satabhisa Building
Student Participants	77
Teacher Participants	1. Dr. Bimal Kumar Saha, Officer-in-Charge 2. Dr. Arijit Chakraborty, Coordinator IQAC 3. Dr. Joyjit Dhar 4. Sri Dilip Kumar Das 5. Sri Kunal Naskar 6. Sri Partha Sarathi Aich 7. Dr. Prajna Paramita Sarkar 8. Dr. Dibyatanu Dasgupta 9. Dr. Sanghamitra Dasgupta 10. Sri Arka Acharjee 11. Dr. Writuparna Chakraborty

According to WTO, ‘Intellectual Property Rights’(IPR) are the rights given to persons over the creations of their minds. They usually give the creator an exclusive right over the use of his/her creation for a certain period of time. As a matter of fact, ‘Intellectual Property Rights’ refer to the general term for the assignment of property rights through patents, copyrights and trademarks. The main objective of intellectual property law is to encourage the creation of a wide variety of intellectual goods. The growth and development of human civilization depends on our capacity to come up with new ideas and creations. Technological progress requires the development and application of new inventions, while a vibrant culture will always try newer avenues to express itself. Accordingly, the right balance between the interests of innovators and the wider public interest is imminent and the IPRseek to foster an environment in which creativity and innovation can flourish.

In this backdrop, a one-day seminar titled ‘Intellectual Property Rights’ was organized by Department of Economics, A.B.N. Seal College in collaboration with the Department of Law, North Bengal University on 14th January, 2020. It was held at the Auditorium of the

collegethe Satabhisha Building.Students and faculty members of Economics, faculty members of other Departments and students of other departments attended the seminar. The seminar commenced at 1-30p.m. Dr. Joyjit Dhar, Head of the Department of Economics welcomed the august gathering and also the distinguished speaker of the day.Revered Officer-in-Charge of the College Dr. Bimal Kumar Saha, inaugurated the seminar by lighting the ceremonial lamp and delivered the inaugural speech. In his inaugural speech, Dr. Saha pointed out basic issues of Intellectual Property Rights, e.g., what is a Patent, Patent Rights, Trademarks, Industrial Design, Geographical Indication, Copyright, Protection etc. He concluded the talk by explaining the rationale of protectionand its possible consequences on the economy concerned lucidly so that the heterogeneous participants can understand and take part in deliberations in the following technical session.At the beginning of the technical session, Dr. Joyjit Dhar introduced the erudite speaker of the day Dr. Gangotri Chakraborty, Professor and Head of the Department of Law, North Bengal University. A few sentences about Dr. Chakraborty given below will speak for her proficiency and credibility in the relevant field:

Prof. Gangotri Chakraborty is Professor and Head of the Department of Law at North Bengal University, West Bengal. She is also the founding faculty of two National Law Universities, namely the W. B. National University of Juridical Sciences and the Gujarat National Law University. She was the founding faculty and the first Registrar of the W.B National University of Juridical Sciences at Kolkata and was instrumental in setting up of the University to its present stature. During her tenure in the WBNUJS, she was also the head of the School of Economics and Business Laws and a member of the School of Constitutional and Jurisprudential Studies. She has done major projects, one for the UNDP report of which was published in 2006, for the Department of Women and child Development, MHRD, Gujarat, report of which was published in 2008 and four in NBU for which the report has been submitted in 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019 . She is deeply involved in women's rights advocacy, was an active member of the Legal Services Authority both at the State level and at the National Level. On 05 September, 2009 she has been awarded the first "Prof. N. R. MADHAVA MENON ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARD-2009" instituted by the Society of Indian Law Firms and Bar Council of India. She has received appreciation as teacher by Prasar Bharati in 2018.

The technical session started with an excellent and interactive presentation on the "Intellectual Property Rights" by Dr. Chakraborty.Her presentation began with explainingthe

importance of IPR in the present scenario. Moreover, what is patent, the different tools available for patenting were also delineated in this session. The issues such as prerequisite and requirement for patentability were explained. The importance to file patents and how patent can be filed were discussed in detail. In this context, the patents classified into IPC (International patent classification), USPC (United States patent classification) and CPC (Cooperative patent classification) by World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) were mentioned. She also stressed upon the importance of copyright, the difference between author and creator, originality of literary works etc. She concluded the session by discussing the different rights granted by copyright such as the economic and moral rights, about right of paternity and right of integrity which comes under the moral rights. In the end, there was a very good question-answer round which clarified many doubts of the audience regarding IPR. The seminar ended at 4 pm with the vote of thanks by Dr. Joyjit Dhar, Head of the Department of Economics.

Outcome of the Seminar:

This seminar provided a platform for all the participants to gain an understanding about IPR and the present scenario in our country. Participants learnt how IPR establishes total control over a new innovation and its creator. They were also learnt how small innovations can influence societies at large and how they should indulge in innovating and be careful in patenting ideas that will be useful for different sections of society and economy.