

Mar Gregorios College of Law, Thiruvananthapuram
REPORT

**Online Certificate Single Credit Course on Intellectual Property Rights in
India and their Protection**

20th to 24rd March 2021

The Online Certificate Single Credit Course on Intellectual Property Rights in India and their Protection was conducted by Mar Gregorios College of Law (MGCL), Thiruvananthapuram in joint association with Maharashtra National Law University (MNLU), Mumbai, and Mar Baselios College of Engineering and Technology (MBCET), Thiruvananthapuram.

The course was inaugurated by Prof. Dr. Rajasree M.S., Vice Chancellor, APJ Abdul Kalam Technological University of Kerala. The online inauguration took place in the presence of other dignitaries including Prof. Dr. Dilip Ukey, Vice Chancellor, MNLU, Prof. Dr. W.H. Dhummane, IPR Chair, MNLU, Mr. Sajid Sheikh, MNLU, Prof. Dr. John P.C., Principal, MGCL and Rev. Dr. Koshy Issac Punnamoottil. The course coordinator from MNLU was Mr. Sajid Sheikh, Assistant Professor, MNLU.

In total, 125 participants enrolled for the course. Participants largely consisted of students and faculty of MGCL, MBCET followed by students and professionals from across Kerala as well as India. Each day's course work consisted of a three-hour lecture session followed by interaction. Approximately 100 participants attended the course on a daily basis. After the conclusion of the course, an MCQ examination was conducted for all registered participants.

The curriculum for the course was as follows:

Patent Law - Patentability Criteria Non-patentable Inventions; Filing of Patent Application; Patent Classification and Prior Art Search; Drafting of Patent Specifications and Claims; Processing Patent Application; Licensing, Assignment and Infringement of Patent; Penalties under the Patent Act; Appeals to IPAB/Courts

Industrial Designs - Filing and Registration of Designs; Renewal and Restoration, Cancellation and Transfer of Design; Piracy of Registered Designs and Penalties; Appeals to High Court

Trademarks - Types and Characteristics of Trademarks; Classification and Search; Filing Procedure, Examination, Registration of Trademarks;

Refusal of Trademark; Opposition, Cancellation and Rectification procedures; Unregistered Trademark and Passing off; Madrid system for International Registration of Trademarks in India; Licensing, Assignment and Infringement of Trademark Offences and Penalties; Appeals in IPAB/courts

Copyright - Types of Works for protection; Filing of application, Examination, Registration and Term of copyright; Nature of Rights; Authorship and Ownership; Copyright Societies; International issues related to Copyrights; Licensing and Assignment; Infringement of copyright and Exemptions to Infringement ; Fair use in copyright and its practical aspects; Piracy and Penalties

The valedictory session was conducted on the last day of the course. Dignitaries present for the valedictory included Prof. Dr. Anil G Variath, Registrar, MNLU Mumbai and Prof. Dr. Abraham T. Mathew, Principal, Mar Baselios College of Engineering and Technology. Prof. Dr. Anil felicitated the participants and organisers for the successful completion of the course and Prof. Dr. Abraham T. Mathew delivered the valedictory address on the possibilities of a successful collaboration between these various institutions on the IPR issues.