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#### DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS LAW

Annual Report: 2020-2021

### **Activities of the Department**

1) Impact of Force Majeure Clause during COVID-19 Pandemic" and "Intellectual Property Rights":

The Internal Quality Assurance Cell (I.Q.A.C) and Department of Business Law of S.I.W.S. N. R. College of Commerce & Economics and Smt. Tirumalai Collage of Science successfully conducted Two days Webinar on "Impact of Force Majeure Clause during COVID-19 Pandemic" and "Intellectual Property Rights" under the aegis of Principal Dr. Usha S. Iyer, on 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> June, 2020, live streamed on S.I.W.S. College Website, from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.

The sessions were inaugurated by Principal Madam with a warm welcome speech. The resource persons were introduced by Prof. Arul Kumar.

#### Day-1

Advocate Yatin Pandit, delivered a talk on "Impact of Force Majeure Clause during COVID-19 Pandemic" enlightening the participants with crisp and lucid contents, receiving great applauses from the faculties and students. Though the subject was technical, the speaker made the topic very simple and made the participants to understand the concept of Force Majeure and its relevance and significance of its role in today's scenario which deals with relief from contractual obligation and liabilities of the parties due to natural calamities and pandemics.



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Adv. Yatin Pandit-Speaker, Dr. Usha S. Iyer-Principal and Organizing Committee Members

The speaker elaborated the recent worldwide cases cropped up in this uncertain situation and the challenges faced by various businesses, trades and professional communities at national and international level.

#### Day-2

Advocate Suyash V. Pradhan, delivered a talk on "Intellectual Properties Rights" covering concepts of Patent, Patentable Inventions, and Patent Filing with examples and case laws. He explained the Copy Rights, the duration of rights, plagiarism, importance and significant of registration of Copyright and its process. An elaborate presentation was made on Trade Mark, its classifications and the present case laws. Finally he touched upon the concept of Geographical Indications with interesting case laws. The presentation was full of real case details, illustrations and images relevant to the topics.



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Adv. Suyash V. Pradhan-Speaker, delivering presentation on IPR

The IPR subject is the need of the hour as the studies show that IP-intensive industries employ hundreds of millions of people worldwide. Jobs in IP-intensive industries are expected to grow faster over the next decade in India.

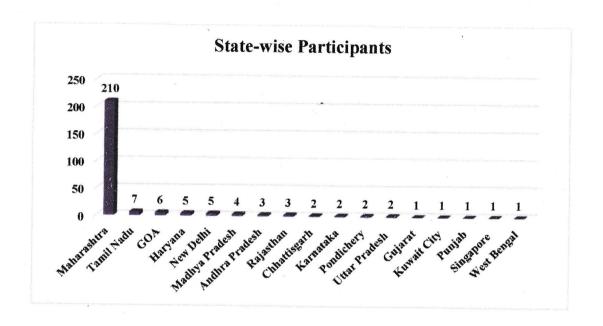
The Two Days Webinar was well received and attended by over 256 participants consist of faculties, students and professionals from various states in India and abroad.

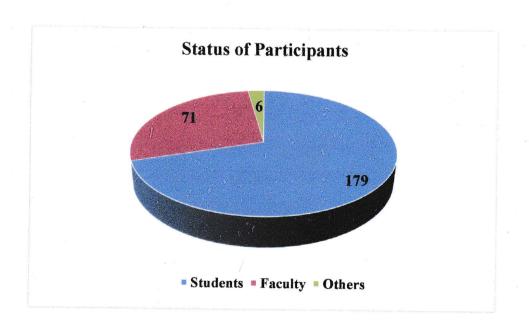


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The participants showed great interest on the webinar by asking várious questions and providing positive feedbacks on the conduct of webinar and on the deliveries of resource persons.

Few of the Feedbacks and Suggestions as provided by the participants are as following:

I really appreciate the efforts to organize such an amazing webinar for students.

Looking forward to more webinar sessions.

This session is very useful for me. Thank you for sharing this great content.

The session was really good and very informative. Thank you all who arranged this session.

Importance of having a force majeure clause in contracts to safeguard one's interests. Clarity in the explanation of the concept.

The overall execution was great and speaker had vast knowledge. I would like to attend more webinars like this.

I like the concept that they taught regarding the intellectual rights.

Topic is very well explained.

It was immense pleasure for me to attend this series of webinar. I would like to attend more webinars related to law in near future.

As a person interested in arts this shall be useful for me to inculcate in my life.

Got to learn new facts from a wonderful session. Kudos to LAW Dept of S.I.W.S College.

The event was well organised and managed by IQAC Convener & Vice Principal, CA Vaibhav Banjan, Prof. Aiyappan Iyer, Vice Principal (Unaided section) and well assisted by Technical Team consist of Dr. Rama Vijaykumar, Prof. Nikhil Mamaniya & Mr. Krishna Ramanujam. The entire participants were conferred with the certificate of participation.

### 2) Awareness session on "Significance of Minorities Rights"

**Brief Report:** The Internal Quality Assurance Cell (I.Q.A.C) and Department of Business Law of S.I.W.S. N. R. College of Commerce & Economics and Smt. Tirumalai Collage of Science successfully conducted a day Webinar on "Significance of Minorities Rights" under the aegis of

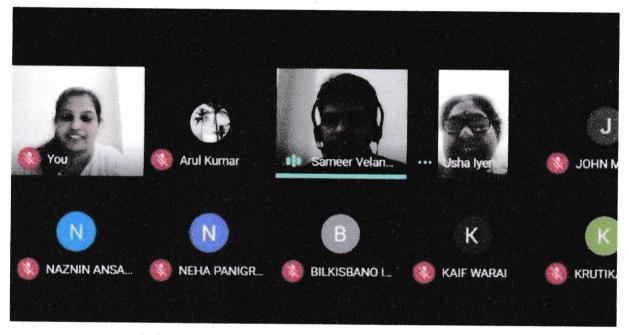


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Principal Dr. Usha S. Iyer, on 24<sup>th</sup> December, 2020, on Google Meet platform from 6.30 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.



Principal Madam addressing students with a welcome speech

The sessions were inaugurated by Principal Madam with a warm welcome speech. The resource persons were introduced by Prof. Arul Kumar.

The webinar was well received and attended by 100 students from B. Com., B.M.S., B.A.F., B.B.I. & B.Sc.-IT. The session was conducted by Prof. Sameer Velankar, Professor, G. N. Khalsa College, on observing 18<sup>th</sup> December as 'Minorities Rights Day'.

The speaker enlightened the audience on the conceptual understanding of the term Minority, Constitutional protection and privileges.

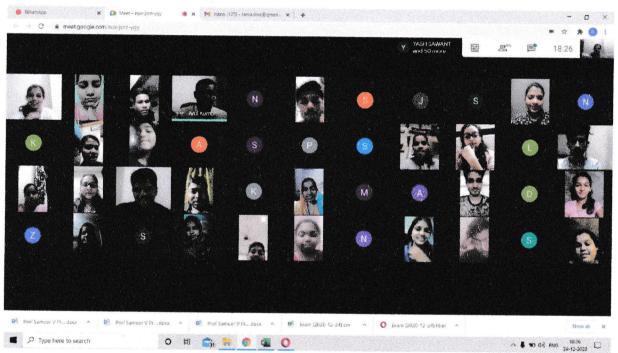


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The students remained energetic and enthusiastic throughout the sessions as the content of the sessions was enlightening. The program was well organized by the committee members, student volunteers under the directions and suggestions from the Honorable Principal and Vice-Principals. The event was well managed and well assisted by Dr. Rama Vijaykumar with technical supports



Prof. Sameer Velankar, conducting the session

The student actively participated by raising various queries and enjoyed the entire sessions attentively. The students also interacted with the speakers and understood about different schemes and scholarships available for minority students in India.

The session was concluded with votes of thank by Prof. Arul Kumar.



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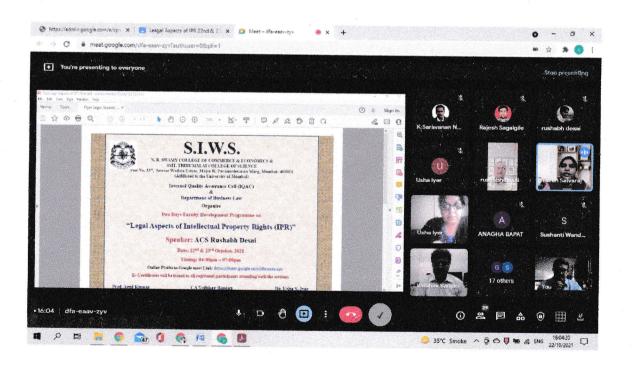
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# 3) Faculty Development Programs on "Legal Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (IPR)

The Business Law Department of S.I.W.S. N. R. College of Commerce and Smt. Tirumalai Collage of Science in association with IQAC successfully conducted online faculty development program on "Legal Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (IPR)", under the guidance of Principal Dr. Usha Iyer, in online mode on 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 2021, at 4 pm.

#### Day-1

The session was inaugurated by Principal Dr. Usha S. Iyer with an inaugural speech. CA. Vaibhav Banjan, IQAC Coordinator and Vice-Principal (Commerce) briefed about the Faculty Development Program. The resource person was introduced by Dr. Helen Mary Selvaraj.



Welcome Address by Principal Dr. Usha S. Iyer



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The main objective of the program was to increase awareness among the faculties on issues related to Intellectual Property Rights (IPR). The program covered the following legal aspects of IPR:

- Scope of IPR
- Fair use of IPR
- Do's and Don'ts for a Researcher in publishing
- Monetization of IPR
- Registration Procedures
- ➤ Infringement of IPRs
- Recent trends in development of IPR, Research and Entrepreneurship in the global scenario

On the first Day of Session, the resource person, ACS Rushabh Desai acquainted the participants with the subject matter of Intellectual Property Rights, deliberated on Patents, Copyright Law for Academicians: Issues and Concerns, Trade Marks and Geographical Indications with latest case Laws.

#### Day-2

On the second Day of Session, the resource person interacted with the participants and elaborated on the Process and Procedures for registration of Patent, Copy Rights and Trade Marks. He also elaborated on infringement of IPRs and penal provisions.

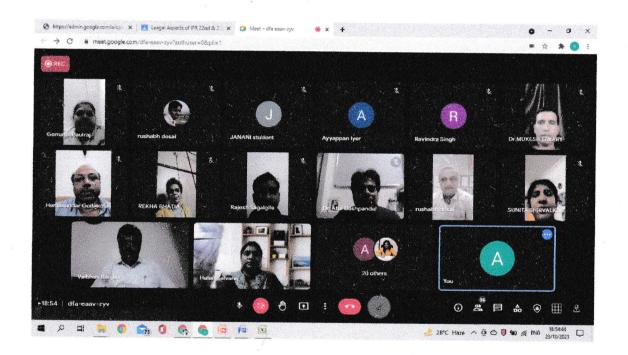
The Program was well received and attended by over 100 faculties from different institutions across the State of Maharashtra.



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The feedback received about the program was very encouraging and positive. The faculties attending the program were very happy about the deliberations and the relevance of the innovative ideas of Intellectual Property Rights in research work, shared during the program.



Glimpse of the Speaker and Participants during the session

The participants remained energetic and enthusiastic throughout the sessions and actively participated in question and answer session. The program was well organized by the committee members, student volunteers support staffs under the directions and suggestions from the Honorable Principal and Vice-Principals.



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The program was well managed by committee members, Vice Principal Aiyappan Iyer, Prof. Ravi Singh, Dr. Sangamitra, and well assisted by professors from both aided and unaided sections.

The session was concluded by votes of thank by Dr. Helen Mary Selvaraj. All the participating faculties were presented with Certificate of Participation.

- 4) Academic achievements / contributions during the academic year 2020-2021
  - **a) Moderation:** Successfully undertook online moderation work for Colleges affiliated with Mumbai University in City.
  - **b)** College Events: Assisted in Webinars and various events organized by College Associations during the year.
  - c) College administration / committees: Unfair Means Committee, Women Development Cess, Anti- Sexual Harassment Committee, Placement Cell, Counselling, Seminar Committee and Alumni committee.

**Students Performance:** Students of were counseled on pandemic anxieties and guided them with coping mechanism during the difficult phase. Students were also encouraged to aspire for professional courses like C.A., C.S, Law, Actuarial Science & CWA. Online classroom debates were conducted to make the teaching learning process more interesting. Students were also provided with compiled notes on legal subjects to ease their exam preparation.

Arul Kumar P

Convener

Department of Business Law

Date: 31/10/2021

Dr. Usha S. Iver

Principal

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