

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS(IPR) (Credits: 03)

UNIT 1

Introduction to Intellectual Property: Historical Perspective, Different Types of IP, Importance of protecting IP;

Copyrights:

Introduction, How to obtain, Differences from Patents.

Trade Marks

Introduction, How to obtain, Different types of marks – Collective marks, certification marks, service marks, Trade names, etc.

Differences from Designs.

UNIT 2

Patents

Historical Perspective, Basic and associated right, WIPO, PCT system, Traditional Knowledge, Patents and Healthcare – balancing promoting innovation with public health, Software patents and their importance for India.

Geographical Indications

Definition, rules for registration, prevention of illegal exploitation, importance to India.

UNIT 3

Industrial Designs

Definition, How to obtain, features, International design registration.

Layout design of integrated circuits

Circuit Boards, Integrated Chips, Importance for electronic industry.

Trade Secrets

Introduction and Historical Perspectives, Scope of Protection, Risks involved and legal aspects of Trade Secret Protection.

UNIT 4

Different International agreements

(a) World Trade Organization(WTO):

- (i) General Agreement on Tariffs & Trade (GATT), Trade Related Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS) agreement
- (ii) General Agreement on Trade related Services(GATS)
- (iii) Madrid Protocol
- (iv) Berne Convention
- (v) Budapest Treaty

(b) Paris Convention

WIPO and TRIPS, IPR and Plant Breeders Rights, IPR and Biodiversity

IP Infringement issue and enforcement – Role of Judiciary, Role of law enforcement agencies – Police, Customs etc. Economic Value of Intellectual Property – Intangible assets and their valuation, Intellectual Property in the Indian Context – Various laws in India Licensing and technology transfer.

Reference Books:

1. Acharya, N. K. *Textbook on intellectual property rights*, Asia Law House (2001).
2. Guru, M. & Rao, M. B. *Understanding Trips: Managing Knowledge in Developing Countries*, Sage Publications (2003).

3. Ganguli,P. *Intellectual Property Rights:Unleashing the Knowledge Economy*, TataMcGraw-Hill(2001).
4. Miller, A.R. & Davis, M.H. *Intellectual Property: Patents, Trademarks and Copyright in a Nutshell*, West Group Publishers (2000).
5. Watal,J.*Intellectual property rights in the WTO and developing countries*, OxfordUniversityPress,NewDelhi.