

## NATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON QUALITY OF HIGHER EDUCATION: FOCUS ON INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS, 25<sup>th</sup> MAY, 2019

Gitarattan International Business School organized a **National Symposium on Quality of Higher Education with a focus on Intellectual Property Rights on 25<sup>th</sup> May, 2019** to sensitize faculty members to the newly made IPR policies by the Indian Government and give them an insight into arenas to promote innovation and creativity amongst researchers in higher education. For the symposium four eminent panelists were invited who focused on Intellectual Property Rights, Patents, and Copyrights in general and their application in the education sector for researchers.



The first panelist was **Dr. Debasish Banerjee** who is the **Assistant Controller of Patents & Design at DPIIT, Ministry of Commerce & Industry and Examiner of Patents and Designs, New Delhi**. He divulged details regarding the status of Intellectual Property and its protection mechanism in the Indian scenario. Further, he also explained how researchers and educators could protect their work from getting misused. He discussed at length the procedure of filing a patent and also what can be patented and what is not patentable.

The expert for the second session was **Mr Yashawant Dev Panwar** who is a **Scientist E, Head of Patent Facilitating Center, Dept of Science & Technology, Government of India**. He highlighted that a single patent could have multiple claims and that the patent system has been created to benefit the society at large by placing the knowhow of various products and services in the public domain. The speaker also emphasized how the corporate looks at intellectual property for profit versus how educators can build intellectual property for the benefit of the society.

The third panelist for the symposium was **Ms Ishita Jain, who is working as Copyright Examiner at Copyright Office, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India.** She elaborated on the procedure of filing for copyrights and how the scrutiny of applications for grant of copyrights takes place. She also threw light on the process of providing clarifications to the queries received online from the general public on issues regarding copyrights and patents.

The last expert was **Dr Lisa P. Lukose who is an Associate Professor, GGS IP University.** Dr. Lukose explained the different phases of Infringement and classified them as Pre and Post infringement phases. She explained in detail the various laws and their provisions regarding infringement of patents, copyrights and intellectual property in the Indian legal system. Further, she also stressed upon the methods of revocation of such cases along with an explanation of different acts and how educators could benefit from the same.

Question answers from the audience were taken up at the end of the panel discussion.

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