

IPR Course Syllabus

Unit 1: Introduction and Basics

1. Evolution of IPR
 - What is intellectual property (IP)?
 - Categorization of IP
 - Significance of IPR
 - Origin of IPR jurisprudence
2. Nature, scope and purpose of IPR
 - Nature of IPR: Its fundamentals
 - Scope
 - Purposes of IPR
3. IPR under Public International Law
 - Paris Convention, 1883
 - Berne Convention, 1886
 - Critical analysis
 - TRIPS, 1995
4. Development of IPR in India
 - Prior to independence
 - TRIPS compliance
 - Tek Chand committee
 - Development post TRIPS

Unit 2: Fundamental elements of IPR

5. Trademarks

- Concept
- Definition of trademarks
- Characteristics
- Trademark law in India

6. Patents

- What are patents?
- Its history
- Types of patents
- Indian Patents Act, 1970

7. Copyright

- What is copyright?
- Its history
- IP protected by copyright
- Copyright law in India

8. Trade Secrets

- What is a trade secret?
- Characteristics
- How it this IP protected?
- Protection in India

Unit 3: Practical aspects of IPR

9. Protection under IPR

- Why is it necessary?
- Which IPs should be protected?
- When should IPs be protected?

10. Using different IPR protections

- Copyright
- Patent
- Design
- Circuit layout

11. Enforcement of IPR

- Patent
- Copyright
- Registration of a design
- Trademark registration

12. IPR infringement

- What is infringement?
- Civil remedies
- Criminal remedies

Unit 4: Licensing and Franchise Distribution

13. Licensing

- Concept of licensing
- Authority over IP
- Types of licensing

14. Licensing: Scope, purpose and application

- Subject of license
- Transferability
- Irrevocability
- Sub-licensing

15. Sub-licensing

- Definition
- Benefits of sub-licensing
- Factors involved

16. Franchise

- Concept of franchise
- Types
- Prior considerations