

On the Occasion of World IP Day

Global Intellectual Property Convention

Strengthening the global intellectual property rights (IPR) regime

26th April 2023; 1000 - 1730 Hrs ; Silver Oak, India Habitat Center, New Delhi

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OPENING SESSION
26th April 2022, 1000-1100 hrs



Satish Reddy (Mr)

Chairman

CII National Committee on Intellectual Property &
Chairman, Dr. Reddy's Laboratories Ltd

Satish Reddy is the Chairman of Dr. Reddy's Laboratories. He joined the company in 1993 and since then has held positions of increasing responsibility. Satish led the organization's transition from a uni-focused manufacturer of APIs (active pharmaceutical ingredients) to a company that moved up the value-chain with a diverse product portfolio of Finished Dosage Formulations. He oversaw the expansion and establishing of a strong footprint for Dr. Reddy's finished dosage products in Russia, China and other emerging markets.

As an active member of major industry associations and governmental panels, Satish played a key role in shaping policies concerning the pharmaceutical sector that include India's patent law, drug pricing and important amendments to the Drugs & Cosmetics Act. He is a Member on the IGBA CEO Advisory Committee. He was the President of the Indian Pharmaceutical Alliance, a premier industry association of leading research based Indian companies from 2019-2021 & 2013-2015. He was the Chairman of the Life Sciences Skill Development Council under He was the Chairman of the Board of Governors of NIPER Hyderabad. He was a member of the Drugs Technical Advisory Board of India, the Chairman of the Andhra Pradesh Chapter of the Confederation of Indian Industries (CII) and head of its National Committee on Pharmaceuticals. In May 2015, the Ministry of Labour and Employment, Government of India, nominated Satish as Chairman of the Board of Governors of the National Safety Council.

Keeping true to the legacy of the founder of the company, Dr. Anji Reddy, Satish drives the organization's Corporate Social Responsibility initiatives. The Dr. Reddy's Foundation, of which he is Chairman, works to help the less privileged create sustainable livelihoods through appropriate vocational education. He is a Trustee of the Naandi Foundation, which works in the areas of child rights and education, safe drinking water, agriculture export marketing support and other much needed empowerment initiatives that India need. Satish is also one of the Directors of Dr. Reddy's Institute of Life Sciences, the not-for-profit institute engaged in pioneering and innovative research in unifying areas of chemistry, biology and chemical biology.

Satish was identified as a "Young Global Leader for 2007" by the World Economic Forum, and was presented with the "IBLA - India Corporate Citizen of the Year" award by CNBC in 2005 for his contributions to Corporate Social Responsibility. He holds a degree in Chemical Engineering from Osmania University, India, and an M.S. in Medicinal Chemistry from Purdue University, USA, where he received the 2009 Distinguished Alumnus Award from the School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences.



Masanori Katsura (Mr)

Deputy Commissioner

Japan Patent Office

WORK EXPERIENCE

- 2022- Deputy Commissioner, JPO
- 2021-2022 Director-General, Trial and Appeal Department, JPO
- 2020-2021 Director-General, Patent Examination Department
(Chemistry, Life Science and Material Science), JPO
- 2018-2020 Director-General, Patent Examination Department (Mechanical
Technology), JPO
- 2016-2018 Director, Administrative Affairs Division, JPO
- 2014-2016 Senior Director, Patent Examination Department (Electronic Technology),
JPO
- 2012-2013 Director, Policy Planning and Research Division,
Policy Planning and Coordination Department, JPO
- 2009-2011 Director, Intellectual Property, National Institute of Advanced Industrial
Science and Technology
- 2007-2009 Director, Second Research Department, Institute of Intellectual Property
- 2003-2005 Deputy Director, Policy Planning and Research Section,
Administrative Affairs Division, JPO
- 2002-2003 Administrative Judge, Trial and Appeal Department, JPO
- 1989-2002 Examiner, Telecommunications, Patent Examination Department
(Electronic Technology), JPO



Daren Tang (Mr)

Director General

World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO)

Daren Tang, a national of Singapore, began his six-year mandate as Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) on October 1, 2020. Prior to his appointment as WIPO Director General, he served as Chief Executive of the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore (IPOS), driving the strategic transformation of IPOS in support of Singapore's innovation-based economy.

Between 1997 and 2012, before joining IPOS, Daren Tang held different legal positions within the Attorney-General's Chambers and the Ministry of Trade and Industry of Singapore. In 2016, he received the Public Administration Medal from the Prime Minister's Office Singapore for outstanding efficiency and competence in the service of his country.

Daren Tang is a graduate of the National University of Singapore (Bachelor of Law, Honors) and the Georgetown University Law Center (Master of Laws, Distinction). He also attended the Advanced Management Program at Harvard Business School. He is fluent in English and Chinese.



Sumita Dawra (Ms)

Special Secretary (Logistics),

Department of Promotion of Industry & internal Trade,

Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India

Ms. Sumita Dawra is an Indian Administrative Service Officer of the 1991 Batch, with experience of more than three decades in public administration in India and abroad. Her postings include working with Ministry of Finance, Government of India, for six and a half years, which included tenure of about three and a half years in China, as the head of the Economic Wing in the Indian Embassy (2008-2014). She has also done a stint with the United Nations as a Governance Specialist (2017-2019).

She was posted as District Collector of Karimnagar district in Andhra Pradesh (now Telangana State) (2001-2004), where she had the rare opportunity to work as the highest convergence point for development work for a population of 3.6 million people. Successful outcomes in education and child labour eradication resulted in the International Labour Organization (ILO) publishing a manual written by her on methods and principles used for child labour eradication through convergence strategies.

Ms. Dawra is currently Special Secretary (Logistics), DPIIT and her responsibilities include Logistics, PM Gatishakti, ongoing work in Industrial Corridors, etc. She has been with DPIIT, M/o Commerce & Industry since August 2019. Her work in DPIIT includes: development and soft launch of the country's first National Single Window System (NSWS), launch of a GIS-enabled India Industrial Land Bank, work related to One District One Product (ODOP), monitoring of all Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Schemes across Ministries, oxygen management during COVID at Central level, to name a few.

Her public policy experiences led her to author several articles and two best-selling books on public policy, namely 'Poor but Spirited in Karimnagar: Field notes of a Civil Servant,' (Harper Collins, 2012) and a well-respected book on the Chinese economy and public policy, titled: 'China: Behind the Miracle,' (Bloomsbury, 2015). She holds an MBA and MPhil (Economics) from Punjab University, Chandigarh (India) and an MBA (Public Policy) from The School of Public Policy, University of Birmingham, UK.

SESSION 1:
Strengthening the global Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) regime
26th April 2022, 1115-1215 hrs



Mr Pravin Anand
Managing Partner
Anand and Anand

Credited with strengthening India's IP jurisprudence, Pravin Anand has appeared in more than 3000 cases in over 43 years of practice as an IP lawyer. He is the first Indian to receive the AIPPI Award of Merit, INTA's President's Award, inducted in IAM IP Hall of Fame 2022 and recognised as the "Most Innovative Lawyer" for Asia Pacific by Financial Times. He has been a counsel in several landmark IP cases and has been designated an "IP Trailblazer" by leading benchmarking bodies.



Dr Masakazu Shiozawa,
 Director, International Cooperation Division,
 Japan Patent Office

- 2023 Director, Regional Cooperation Office, JPO
- 2022 Associate Managing Examiner,
Patent Examination Department (Mechanical Technology), JPO
- 2021 Appeal Judge, Trial and Appeal Department, JPO
- 2018 IPR Director, Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO) Dubai
- 2016 Deputy Director, Administrative Affairs Division, JPO
- 2014 Deputy Director, International Policy Division, JPO
- 2008 Deputy Director, Anti-Counterfeit Office, METI
- 2005 Patent Examiner,
Patent Examination Department (Mechanical Technology), JPO
- 2003 Joined to Japan Patent Office (JPO), Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI)



Anju Khanna (Dr)

Director -Patents

Lall & Sethi

Dr Khanna heads the Patent Department and is in-charge of both patent prosecution and litigation at the Lall & Sethi. She has more than 21 years of work experience with 17 years in the field of patents.

Dr Khanna oversees and handles work in different technology domains including chemistry, pharmaceutical, medical devices, electrical and mechanical inventions, telecommunication, etc. She engages with her clients in strategizing protection and enforcement of patent rights. She is actively involved with the Patent Office, the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) and CII etc. in policy decision making and regularly engages with them in this regard. She is a member of the IP Committee of the CII, APAA, INTA, AIPPI and IPO association.



Heinz Goddar (Prof) (Dr)

Patentanwalt, European and German Patent and Trademark Attorney

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Prof. Dr. Heinz Goddar (Patent Attorney, European Patent and Trademark Attorney) Heinz Goddar is a partner in the Munich office of BOEHMERT & BOEHMERT. He has a technical background and a PhD in physics, with a focus on polymer physics. He is a European and German patent and trademark attorney, and his main office is in Munich. Professor Goddar teaches patent and licensing law as:

- an honorary professor of IP law at the University of Bremen, Germany;
- a lecturer at the Munich Intellectual Property Law Centre;
- a visiting professor at the University of Washington in Seattle; and
- a consultant professor at Huazhong University in Wuhan and the National ChengChi University in Taipei.

He also teaches patent law at the Tsinghua University School of Law in Beijing.

Professor Goddar is an adjunct professor and honourable consultant in international legal services at the National Yunlin University of Science and Technology in Yunlin, Taiwan. He is also a director of the Global Institute of Intellectual Property in Delhi. He is a former president of the Licensing Executives Society International (LESI) and of the Licensing Executives Society Germany and received a LESI gold medal in 2004. In June 2014 he was inducted into the IAM IP Hall of Fame. Further, he was an ad personam member of the EPO's Standing Advisory Committee 2018 to 2020.



B.Dinesh kumar (Dr.)

Head & Executive Vice president – Intellectual Property,

Dr. Reddy's laboratories

Dr. B. Dinesh kumar is Head & Executive Vice president – Intellectual Property, Dr. Reddy's laboratories located in pearl City of India, Hyderabad. He has more than two and half decades of rich experience in handling Global IP and Litigation matters. In this journey of 27 years he has built and led the IP team of Glenmark, Teva and Emcure enabling these companies to create a robust IP strategy and create IP footprints globally. In these years, handled many patents licenses, settlement deals as well as successfully defended the Hatch Waxman litigation in USA for numerous products ensuring creation of strong pipeline of generic drugs.

Growing up in Vijayawada, a town in the state of Andhra Pradesh, he was attracted towards chemistry since his college days. The time spent at NIT- Warangal in the stream of Organic Chemistry gave him an opportunity to plan his professional career in the pharmaceutical industry. The dream was to get into research and make a humble contribution in designing novel compounds. As a natural corollary, he was inspired to join Dr Reddy's Research Foundation, a state-of-the-art facility, at Hyderabad engaged in the process of developing new chemical entities for finding solutions to unmet medical needs. The passion for Chemistry helped him to pursue my PhD in Organic Chemistry from Mumbai University.

When he joined pharmaceutical industry, the field of Intellectual Property Management was in its nascent stage, and it immediately grabbed his attention as the chosen field to pursue his professional interests. Unravelling the secrets of copyrights, patents, and trademarks greatly enthused him and started enjoying the various facets of Intellectual Property Law, which eventually helped him to complete my legal studies as well.



Vaibhav Khanna (Mr.)

Head of Corporate Intellectual Property

Sterlite Technologies Ltd

Vaibhav is a distinguished Intellectual Property leader with 20+ years of experience in IP strategy and management. As the Head of Corporate Intellectual Property department at Sterlite Technologies Ltd., he spearheads Offensive and Defensive uses of IP, along with IP risk mitigation in US, Europe, Australia, Japan, and India. He is a strong advocate of leveraging IP for driving business growth and success, and has successfully led licensing, negotiations, and litigation efforts across his career. He holds an MBA from IIM Calcutta and B.Tech from IIT Dhanbad.

SESSION 2:

Women and IP: Accelerating Innovation and Creativity

26th April 2023, 1230-1330 Hrs



Prof. Pradeep Srivastava,

Executive Director

TIFAC

Prof. Srivastava is a recognized academician at IIT BHU holding an exceptional track record of research success with multiple publications, patents, and noteworthy accomplishments. Dr. Pradeep Srivastava's systematic investigation into things has led to some remarkable discoveries. He has sponsored 13 projects so far and Presently, some of his new projects focus on Techno Commercial Assessment of TRL 6 and above technologies developed in India in Academia', 'Technology Needs Assessment for Energy Sector, MoEFCC' and 'Estimation of real-life fuel economy of Indian Vehicle for Life cycle analysis model by a data-driven approach, International Transport Forum'. One of his major research Areas of interest is in 'Intellectual Property Rights, Technology transfer, and management. He is an innovative thinker and he is presently serving his vision to link entrepreneurship and innovation by heading as Executive Director TIFAC.



Lisa Jorgenson (Ms)
Deputy Director General,
WIPO

Ms. Lisa Jorgenson is responsible for administration and practical application of the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) and WIPO programs relating to the law of patents. After a long career in the private sector, Ms. Jorgenson took up leadership of WIPO's Patents and Technology Sector in 2020, where she oversees the activities of the Sector, including the PCT Legal and International Affairs Department, PCT Services Department, and Patent and Technology Law Division. In October 2021, she was appointed as WIPO's First IP & Gender Champion, which aims at encouraging female engagement in intellectual property.



Abha Chhabra (Dr)

Senior Scientist

Space Applications Centre

Indian Space Research Organisation

Dr. Abha Chhabra is a Gold Medalist from University of Lucknow, India. She obtained her Ph.D (Environmental Science) degree in the year 2002. As a Remote Sensing Applications Scientist, she holds an extensive Research experience of about 25 years.

Currently, Dr. Abha is leading Management of R&D activities at SAC, ISRO including in-house and Sponsored Research with Indian Academia under various Capacity Building avenues of Indian Space Research Organisation.

Dr. Abha Chhabra has more than 95 research papers including publications in peer reviewed national and international journals, newsletter articles, book chapters, seminars and conference proceedings etc. Her research papers have received nearly 7400 citations globally (till date). Her Ph.D thesis is published in form of a Book by Lambert Academic Publication, Germany in the year 2012.

Major Scientific Recognitions & Awards

- 'Member' Drafting and Working Group, 'MEGA SCIENCE VISION 2035' for India in
- the field of 'Climate Research'.
- Contributed as a 'Lead Author' to the Fifth Assessment Report AR5 'Climate Change
- 2013: The Physical Science Basis' of Working Group I of Intergovernmental Panel on
- Climate Change (IPCC), a United Nations body under the auspices of the World
- Meteorological Organization (WMO) and United Nations.
- Applauded by U.N. Secretary General for her contributions to IPCC.
- Served as "Member Indian National Science Academy" Joint National Committee of
- International Geosphere Biosphere Programme and World Climate Research
- programme (2012-2016).
- 'Associate Fellow' of Gujarat Science Academy.
- Received Women Excellence Award - 2018 in the field of Science by Utkarsh
- Healthcare Foundation, India
- 'P.R. Pisharoty Memorial Award - 2016' by Indian Society of Remote Sensing.
- 'Best Women Scientist Award- 2015' of Society for Upliftment of Rural Economy.
- Received 'Best Paper Awards' in Technical Seminars/Conferences



Josefita Pardo de Leon (Ms)

Legal Affairs Officer

WTO

Josefita Pardo de León works at the Intellectual Property, Government Procurement and Competition Division, where she is responsible for monitoring IP-related measures, trade policy reviews and regional trade agreements. She also serves as the Special Coordinator for Trade and Public Health, leading inter-disciplinary WTO work related to COVID-19. Previously, she worked in the Accessions Division; the Institute for Training and Technical Cooperation; the Agriculture and Commodities Division; and the External Relations Division. Before joining the WTO Secretariat in 2005, she worked at the Ministry of Economy, Chamber of Commerce, and the Association of Exporters, in Guatemala City. She has published on intellectual property and access to medicines, government procurement, EU Association Agreements in the Americas, DR-CAFTA and its lock-in effects; as well as extensively contributed to WTO publications. She is fluent in English, French and Spanish.



Roberta Romano-Götsch (Ms)

Chief Sustainability Officer

European Patent Office

Roberta Romano-Götsch is Chief Sustainability Officer at the EPO since January 2022 and is passionate about UN SDGs and ESG.

Prior to that she has served as Chief Operating Officer of the sector Healthcare, Biotechnology and Chemistry, and earlier of the sector Mobility and Mechatronics, where she was responsible for leading more than 1600 patent examiners, managers, formalities in Munich, Berlin and The Hague. Roberta has graduated in chemistry at Università La Sapienza in Rome and holds a PhD in organic chemistry from the Technical University of Munich. She worked in the private sector as R&D product manager at Procter & Gamble before joining the EPO in 1997.



Manisha Shridhar (Dr)

Regional Advisor,

Intellectual Property Rights, Trade and Health, Health Systems Department,

WHO-SEARO

Dr Manisha Shridhar, Regional Advisor WHO- SEARO works on Intellectual Property Rights, regulation, trade including legal issues in communicable diseases, pandemic influenza preparedness framework, traditional medicines, international health regulations, non-communicable diseases, tobacco control and nutrition in public health.

Dr Shridhar received Master’s degree in Intellectual Property Law with Patent and Biotechnology Law and is certified International Mediator for IPRs from Franklin Pierce Law Center, Concord, USA. She has MSc Public Health from London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine and is one of the few persons with specialization on IPR law along with public health. She has Bachelor of Science (Botany, Zoology, Chemistry) from Delhi University, and Masters Public Administration from Punjab University, Chandigarh. Her Doctorate on “Technology Innovation and Patent Activity in Indian Industry” is from Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi.

As member of Indian Administrative Service, Dr Shridhar drafted policy documents for WTO negotiations and free trade agreements. As faculty in National Academy of Administration, Mussoorie, she designed and conducted training programs for senior Civil Servants from India and Sri Lanka. Dr Shridhar has written extensively and has scripted and produced a film on IPRs for World Intellectual Property Organization. She assisted United Nations Industrial Development Organization on Geographical Indications. Dr Shridhar is fluent in Hindi, English and French.

SESSION 3:

Contribution of IPR to GDP, Employment and, Industry yield

26th April 2023, 1430-1530 Hrs



R Saha (Mr)
 Senior Advisor
 Confederation of Indian Industry

Mr R Saha is a B Tech from IIT Kanpur in Aeronautical Engineering. He got his master’s degree from Cranfield University in England. He served the Government of India for 35 years in different capacities and handling different responsibilities including research and development and retired as Scientist G and Adviser from the Department of Science and Technology, Government of India. He has wide experience in technology evaluation and assessment, intellectual property rights management, regulatory processes and R&D policies and project implementation. He has been a pioneer in leading the national efforts in policy making and capacity building in IPR. He planned and conducted two training programmes on IPR for developing countries drawing a participation of about 30 countries. He was invited as an international resource person to speak on IPR in Bangladesh, Indonesia, Namibia, Sri Lanka, Egypt, Oman, Malaysia, China, Philippines, Mauritius, Mexico, and Uganda. He conducted more than 400 IPR workshops in India and other countries. 20 Patent Information Centers at state levels and 60 university IPR cells were set up in India under his leadership. He has been helping universities in developing their IPR policies. About 1000 patent applications were filed under his guidance on behalf of universities and R&D institutions. He represented India in discussions at WIPO and, was involved in negotiating international agreements on IPR in the context of scientific research and development.

He was appointed a consultant by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) to prepare a National Study on IPR and MSME in India as a part of WIPO’s Development Agenda. The study was completed in 2012.

He has been the Senior Adviser to CII since 2011, advising them on IPR policies and other substantial issues being faced by the Indian industry like preparing policy papers, conducting round table meetings with industries, international organizations etc. He is also the Chairman of the committee set up by the Department of Electronics and Information Technology, Government of India for providing IPR support to start ups and conducting awareness programmes. He was the MHRD Chair Professor in IPR at the Tezpur University, a Central university. Presently, he advises many institutions like IIT Delhi, IIT Kharagpur, C-DAC, NRDC, Indian Council of Medical Research and many government departments on IPR matter.



Blaise Fernandes (Mr)

President & CEO

Indian Music Industry

Blaise Fernandes is the President and CEO of the Indian Music Industry- the apex body that represents the recorded music industry in India and has over thirty-four years of experience in the entertainment industry. He headed Warner Bros, India, as CEO for twenty years. Formerly CEO of Gateway House, a foreign policy think-tank, Fernandes currently serves as a Director on the Board of Gateway House. He sits on various committees at apex trade bodies such as CII and FICCI. Fernandes writes and publishes papers regularly on subjects pertaining to IP Monetisation & Protection, Digital Governance and more.



Andrea Goldstein (Mr)

Head of India/Indonesia/Tunisia Desk, Economics Department, OECD

Andrea Goldstein has a long career in global governance, currently at the OECD Economics Department in charge of the India/Indonesia desk. He was previously Managing Director and Chief Economist at Nomisma; Deputy Director at the UNESCAP Subregional Office for East and North-East Asia in Incheon (Seoul) and at the Heiligendamm L'Aquila Process (the G8-G5 political dialogue) Support Unit; and Senior Economist with the OECD Investment Division and the OECD Development Centre, the World Bank, and the Italian Securities and Exchange Commission.

He has published widely on emerging economies – including *L'économie des BRIC* (La Découverte 2013) – the strategies of emerging multinationals – including *Capitalismo rosso: gli investimenti cinesi in Italia* (Egea 2015) and *Multinational Companies from Emerging Economies in the Global Economy* (Palgrave 2009) – and the impact of the emergence of China and India on other developing countries. Andrea's recent edited books on the Italian economy propose a broad range of reforms to make it more innovative and resilient. In *Il potere del pallone – economia e politica del calcio globale* (il Mulino, 2022) he analyses the transformation of football from a sport with economic dimensions to an entertainment business that knows no borders and very few rivals. Andrea has authored more than 30 articles in refereed journals and also published extensively in newspapers such as the Financial Times, Le Monde, South China Morning Post, China Daily and Il Sole-24 Ore.



Clovis Freire (Dr)

Chief, Commodity Research and Analysis Section,
Division on International Trade and Commodities
UNCTAD

Dr. Clovis Freire is an Economist leading the Commodity Research and Analysis Section of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD). For the past five years, he led the preparation of UNCTAD's Technology and Innovation report. He has a PhD in Economics from the UNU-MERIT/University of Maastricht, specialized in Economics of Technological Change and Innovation. Before joining UNCTAD, in his 20 years with the United Nations, he worked at the Department of Economic and Social Affairs in New York and the Economic and Social Commission for Asia-Pacific, in Bangkok, on various issues related to technology and socio-economic development such as Science, Technology, and Innovation for the SDGs, building productive capacities in the least developed countries, ICT and Space technologies for development, and disaster risk reduction.



Safir Anand (Mr)

Partner

Anand and Anand

Safir Anand is senior partner and head of trademarks and contractual and commercial IP, at Anand and Anand. He is recognised as one of India’s top IP attorneys and has over 25 years of experience in advising and representing clients from diverse industries, from fast-moving consumer goods to pharmaceuticals, software, social media, food, media, sports, entertainment, luxury, fashion and government. In his multiple decades of career, he has handled more than 10 thousand matters.

Safir’s strategic insights, blended with an astute understanding of IP law, makes him one of the most sought-after lawyers of his fraternity providing wholesome solutions to multidimensional business requirements including brand creation; valuation; risk mitigation; licensing and franchising; corporate taxation (evaluation, risk assessment, counselling on various complicated tax problems, and the consequences of new and updated tax laws that affect the client’s business); brand protection from dilution; commercialisation and monetisation; and due diligence.

Safir is part of expert group of Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) with an aim to boost the monetization practice. He also sits on the Board of Fashion Design Council of India (FDCI). Recently, he has joined on invitation Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations’ (ICRIER), European Communities Trademark Association (ECTA); Federation of Integrated Conflict Management (FICM). ICC (Indian Chamber of Commerce); FICCI (The Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry)- IP Strategy and monetization of IP.

Safir has been appointed to a Parliamentary Group whose purpose is to locate and identify emblems in the country. Safir also serves on the Parliamentary Committee for ‘One State One Product’ project.

Safir currently serves on INTA’s Commercialization of Brands Committee and its first Research Advisory Council. Also serves on INTA’s Global Brand Transactions and Tax Subcommittee. He has also contributed a chapter in a book by INTA which brings together global eminent authors from diverse industries on Business Environment Trends on brand value, brand equity, brand valuation, and brand evaluation.

Safir has been recognised as one of the most Innovative Practitioners across Asia-Pacific by Financial Times Innovative Lawyers Asia-Pacific 2020; the Best IP Lawyer of the Year at the Business World Global Leaders Awards 2021. He has also been enlisted in the Forbes India’s Legal Powerlist 2022 (also in 2020 & 2021) as one of the Top Individual Lawyers; Listed in IAM Strategy 300- The World’s Leading IP Strategists for 2022; He has been identified as Managing IP Trademark Star 2022; Enlisted as Elite Practitioner by Asia Law 2023; Trademark Lawyer of the Year at the Legal Era Indian Legal Awards 2021-22; conferred with the International Advisory Experts Award for exemplary performance in the field of Intellectual Property for the year 2022; WTR 1000 World’s Leading Trademark Professional since 2015 ; WTR Global Leader 2022,to name a few.

SESSION 4:

Taxation of inter-country licensing of IPR

26th April 2023; 1530-1630 Hrs



Kamlesh Varshney (Mr.)
Joint Secretary Tax Policy and Legislation,
Ministry of Finance

Kamlesh Varshney is 1990 batch Indian Revenue Service Officer. He is MBA from Indian Institute of Management Lucknow and has also obtained his degree in Law. As an IRS officer he has worked as Director in CBDT in the area of Tax Policy and also Foreign Tax. He was the first commissioner for advanced pricing agreement program and thus has a distinction of successfully rolling out APA program in India. He has personally overseen and concluded more than 120 APAs in short span of time. He has also worked as commissioner of income tax for international taxation and also for transfer pricing in Delhi. He is currently Joint Secretary Tax Policy and Legislation in Ministry of Finance. he was the advisor to task force who submitted its report on new direct tax law. He has also worked for five years with tax administration of Papua New Guinea. He has been empanelled by UNDP as an expert for helping developing countries in tax administration.



R Saha (Mr)

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Mr R Saha is a B Tech from IIT Kanpur in Aeronautical Engineering. He got his master's degree from Cranfield University in England. He served the Government of India for 35 years in different capacities and handling different responsibilities including research and development and retired as Scientist G and Adviser from the Department of Science and Technology, Government of India. He has wide experience in technology evaluation and assessment, intellectual property rights management, regulatory processes and R&D policies and project implementation. He has been a pioneer in leading the national efforts in policy making and capacity building in IPR. He planned and conducted two training programmes on IPR for developing countries drawing a participation of about 30 countries. He was invited as an international resource person to speak on IPR in Bangladesh, Indonesia, Namibia, Sri Lanka, Egypt, Oman, Malaysia, China, Philippines, Mauritius, Mexico, and Uganda. He conducted more than 400 IPR workshops in India and other countries. 20 Patent Information Centers at state levels and 60 university IPR cells were set up in India under his leadership. He has been helping universities in developing their IPR policies. About 1000 patent applications were filed under his guidance on behalf of universities and R&D institutions. He represented India in discussions at WIPO and, was involved in negotiating international agreements on IPR in the context of scientific research and development.

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Dr. V. Lakshmikumar

Managing Partner,

Lakshmikumar & Sridharan, India

Mr. Lakshmikumar is a doyen of the Indian legal fraternity, having close to four decades of experience in the legal profession. He has represented clients and argued complex matters upto the highest courts of India as well as other foreign jurisdictions. His area of practice extends to a wide array of laws ranging from Taxation, Intellectual Property, Trade Remedies, Corporate Laws, Arbitration, Competition Law, Food Safety and Environmental Law.

He has played a pivotal role in developing and shaping tax jurisprudence in India including Customs and international trade. He Started his profession as Assistant professor in Mathematics in Madras University in 1973. While his journey continued as an administrator with the Indian Revenue Services, it led him to establishing a premier full-service law firm, Lakshmikumar & Sridharan Attorneys in 1985. The firm has over 400 professionals extending litigation and advisory services through 14 offices across India.



Ms. Charanya Lakshmikumaran,

Partner,

Lakshmi Kumaran & Sridharan

Charanya is a Partner in the tax litigation division at Lakshmikumaran & Sridharan (L&S). She is a qualified Advocate-on-Record (AOR) with the Supreme Court of India. Her experience in the field of tax disputes spans over a decade. She regularly appears and advises key clients in automotive, FMCG and pharma sector and appears for them in disputes before Supreme Court, High Courts and at various Tribunals. Since 2015, she has either instructed or appeared in several key disputes of valuation and commodity classification before the Supreme Court of India.

With the inception of GST legislation in India, she has advised several prominent clients and associations in smooth transitioning from the previous tax regime to the GST regime. She is playing a key role in the anti-profiteering litigation which is being pursued by various FMGC companies in the High Courts. She is representing the Companies both on issues of substantive law as well as on issues of Constitutional Validity in the anti-profiteering proceedings.

In 2016, Charanya went on a sabbatical to the Chamber of Mr. K. K. Venugopal, who went on to become the Attorney General for India in 2017. There, she assisted the Ld. Attorney General in various cases involving Constitutional Law vis-a-vis Taxation, which includes the challenge to GST compensation cess, recovery procedures under the Tax Laws and issues of commodity classification and topics under erstwhile Entry tax Legislations.

Charanya has been recognized as a Next generation Partners by Legal 500 in 2019 and 2020 and as one of the Top 50 dispute resolution lawyers in Asia by Asian Legal Business.

Charanya has a bachelor's degree in biochemistry and is an alumna of the Delhi University.



K R Pradeep (Mr)

Chartered Accountant and Advocate

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Mr. K.R. Pradeep is a Graduate in Business Management, a Fellow Member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India, has been the President of the Income Tax Appellate Tribunal Bar Association, a member of International Trademark Association, was chairman of infrastructure development committee of FKCCI, served on the Board of several companies, has practiced as a Chartered Accountant for 33 years and presently practicing as an Advocate specialising in Tax Law at Bangalore. He has represented India in the World Moot Court Competition held at New York and secured 2nd Prize for the Country. His practice includes litigation and advisory in Tax related matters, including Taxation of Intellectual Property Rights and he regularly appears before the Supreme Court, High Courts, Income Tax Appellate Tribunals, Settlement Commission, and the like.



Gouri Puri (Ms)

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Gouri Puri is a Partner in the tax practice of Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas. Gouri works closely on international tax planning matters and digital taxation. She is experienced in tax aspects of mergers and acquisitions, investment structures, establishment of funds and private capital arrangements, and cross border transactions. Gouri has represented clients such as Walmart, Ctrip, Hutchison Telecommunications International Limited, Bata, Kagome, American Express, American Insurance Group, among others. She is also actively involved in various thought leadership initiatives and policy advocacy through her collaboration with industry chambers, business and legal media. She regularly contributes articles to leading business journals and publications including Mondaq, Indian Business Law Journal, Legal 500, Thomson Reuters, Economic Times, Financial Express, Mint, Financial Times, and Indian Express. Gouri holds a master's degree in taxation laws from Harvard Law School. Gouri is admitted to the New York State Bar (non-practicing) and Bar Council of India.

SESSION 5:

Challenges of evolving IPR laws for inventions involving high speed computing and AI

26th April 2023; 1630-1730 Hrs



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Mr R Saha is a B Tech from IIT Kanpur in Aeronautical Engineering. He got his master’s degree from Cranfield University in England. He served the Government of India for 35 years in different capacities and handling different responsibilities including research and development and retired as Scientist G and Adviser from the Department of Science and Technology, Government of India. He has wide experience in technology evaluation and assessment, intellectual property rights management, regulatory processes and R&D policies and project implementation. He has been a pioneer in leading the national efforts in policy making and capacity building in IPR. He planned and conducted two training programmes on IPR for developing countries drawing a participation of about 30 countries. He was invited as an international resource person to speak on IPR in Bangladesh, Indonesia, Namibia, Sri Lanka, Egypt, Oman, Malaysia, China, Philippines, Mauritius, Mexico, and Uganda. He conducted more than 400 IPR workshops in India and other countries. 20 Patent Information Centers at state levels and 60 university IPR cells were set up in India under his leadership. He has been helping universities in developing their IPR policies. About 1000 patent applications were filed under his guidance on behalf of universities and R&D institutions. He represented India in discussions at WIPO and, was involved in negotiating international agreements on IPR in the context of scientific research and development.

He was appointed a consultant by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) to prepare a National Study on IPR and MSME in India as a part of WIPO’s Development Agenda. The study was completed in 2012.

He has been the Senior Adviser to CII since 2011, advising them on IPR policies and other substantial issues being faced by the Indian industry like preparing policy papers, conducting round table meetings with industries, international organizations etc. He is also the Chairman of the committee set up by the Department of Electronics and Information Technology, Government of India for providing IPR support to start ups and conducting awareness programmes. He was the MHRD Chair Professor in IPR at the Tezpur University, a Central university. Presently, he advises many institutions like IIT Delhi, IIT Kharagpur, C-DAC, NRDC, Indian Council of Medical Research and many government departments on IPR matter.



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Prof. Dr. Heinz Goddar (Patent Attorney, European Patent and Trademark Attorney) Heinz Goddar is a partner in the Munich office of BOEHMERT & BOEHMERT. He has a technical background and a PhD in physics, with a focus on polymer physics. He is a European and German patent and trademark attorney, and his main office is in Munich. Professor Goddar teaches patent and licensing law as:

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- a lecturer at the Munich Intellectual Property Law Centre;
- a visiting professor at the University of Washington in Seattle; and
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Professor Goddar is an adjunct professor and honourable consultant in international legal services at the National Yunlin University of Science and Technology in Yunlin, Taiwan. He is also a director of the Global Institute of Intellectual Property in Delhi. He is a former president of the Licensing Executives Society International (LESI) and of the Licensing Executives Society Germany and received a LESI gold medal in 2004. In June 2014 he was inducted into the IAM IP Hall of Fame. Further, he was an ad personam member of the EPO's Standing Advisory Committee 2018 to 2020.



Ulrike TILL (Ms)

Director

WIPO's IP and Frontier Technologies Division

Dr. Ulrike Till is the director of the IP and Frontier Technologies Division at WIPO.

She is an experienced IP and patent lawyer with significant commercial background and exposure to complex international patent litigation, data exclusivity issues, commercial negotiations, competition law, settlements and agreements. In her current role, Ulrike focuses on the wide-reaching IP policy implications arising from digitalization, industry 4.0 and frontier technologies.

Ulrike is qualified both as an English solicitor and German Rechtsanwalt and has practiced in both jurisdictions. She has a technical background with a PhD in Chemistry, management training (MBA Oxford) and many years' experience in private practice as well as in-house.



Vidya Vikas (Ms)

Head- Patents

Tata Consultancy Services

Vidya Vikas Heads the In-house Patents team at Tata Consultancy Services Ltd. She has more than two decades of industry experience working in India and the US in Electrical design, Software integrated engineering, Information Technology and Intellectual Property domains in Corporate, Start-up and Law Firm ecosystems.

Vidya has been a part of the Patents team in TCS for the last seven years. Her areas of expertise include mining of Intellectual Property, performing necessary due diligence, crafting patent specifications and prosecution of patent applications in Information Technology and Engineering domain for various jurisdictions including India, US and Europe.

In her current role, Vidya drives the Patent Services to support the TCS IP Management Strategy (IP4.0™). She actively supports initiatives for adopting intelligent automation and agile digitization of in-house strategic IP activities. She also represents TCS on the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) National Committee on Intellectual Property Rights.



Ajai Garg (Dr)

Director and Head (Digital Group),

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Dr. Ajai Garg is an Electrical Engineer with a Doctoral Degree from IIT Kanpur. A seasoned technocrat, Dr Garg brings with him a wealth of experience and a proven track record for professional excellence. He devised and led from the front myriad mission-critical digital transformation initiatives at the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) apart from being a key contributor to various technology oriented and trade & commerce related strategic international forums. He is now one of the key members heading the Digital Group at Anand and Anand.



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CII is a non-government, not-for-profit, industry-led and industry-managed organization, with around 9000 members from the private as well as public sectors, including SMEs and MNCs, and an indirect membership of over 300,000 enterprises from 286 national and regional sectoral industry bodies.

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