

ACTIVITY SHEET FOR AIPPI INDIA NATIONAL GROUP FOR 2019

1. The AIPPI Indian Group went through the process of election of a New Executive Committee on April 6, 2019 which has led to election of a new set of faces and talents to the Executive Committee.
2. Participated in a meeting with Mr. Rajiv Aggarwal, Joint Secretary, Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Government of India on 11th September, 2019 on IP reforms in India where various suggestions were exchanged for making India IP office and its administrative mechanism better and more efficient.
3. T. N. Daruwalla Memorial conducted a special lecture by the AIPPI Indian Group and the Intellectual Property Law Practitioners Association on the subject of "Emerging issues and latest trends on trademark law" on 18th December, 2019 at Mumbai.
4. A historic order was passed by the Supreme Court of India in a petition filed by AIPPI India Group for reviving IP Tribunal (Intellectual Property Appellate Board) in India on 18th December, 2019 by extending the term of the previous Chairperson for a period of one year i.e. until 21.09.2020.
5. Attended the Stakeholders meeting at the Intellectual Property Office, Dwarka on 11th December, 2019 and made submissions to Mr. O.P. Gupta, The Controller General of Designs, Patents and Trademarks in respect of the processing of the trademarks applications and also the various challenges or issues being faced by the stakeholders and recommendations to rectify the same.
6. The Delhi High Court has passed an order dated 20/12/2019 in which AIPPI, amongst other groups, has been directed to file an Amicus brief on the issue of whether the procedure stipulated under Rule 124 of the Trade Mark Rules, 2017 would have to be followed in order to get the Trade Mark included in the list of well-known Trade Marks published by the Trade Mark Registry even after Court has determined a Trade Mark to be well-known) (copy of the order attached). The submissions have been prepared by Mr. Hemant Singh.
7. There were approximately 27 nominations on different standing committees from India group. No nominations were made for any of the statutory committees.
8. Study Committee reports prepared, finalized and submitted. There were a total of 4 questions, each examined by one team. After approval of the reports by the

executive committee, the study question members have submitted reports online on the SurveyMonkey link. The four study questions for which reports were prepared by each Study Committee were:

- (i) Study Committees Question on Plausibility was led by Ms. Malathi Lakshmikumaran along with Ms. Vidisha Garg and Mr. Essenese Obhan;
 - (ii) Study on IP Damages was led by Ms. Mamta Rani Jha along with Ms. Bitika Sharma, Ms. Manisha Singh and Ms. Anusuya Nigam;
 - (iii) Study question on Consumer Survey Evidence was led by Mr. Neel Mason individually;
 - (iv) Study question on Copyright in AI was led by Mr. Manoj Menda along with Mr. Abhai Pandey and Ms. Niti Dewan.
9. National Regional Group has participated by making online submissions, attending conference calls and attending committee meetings at the London Congress in September, 2019.

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1. A website for AIPPI India Group website was launched on April, 2020. The link is www.aippiindia.in
2. Representations were sent in the months of March and April to the Minister of Commerce, Government of India; DPIIT and Controller General of Patents, Designs and Trade Marks Mumbai seeking *suo motu* adjournment of all IP filing timelines and deadlines at the IPO.
3. The AIPPI India Group hosted two webinars on Decoding Income Tax & GST provisions for IPR professionals on 13th May, 2020 and 13th June, 2020 where Mr. V. Lakshmikumaran delivered a talk followed by a question/answer session.
4. Study Committee reports prepared, finalized and submitted. There were a total of 4 questions, each examined by one team. Reports finalized by each study team were circulated to executive committee members and after approval by the executive committee, the study question members submitted reports online on the SurveyMonkey link.

- (i) Study question no. Q272-SGL-P-2020 on “Inventorship of Inventions made using Artificial Intelligence” was led by Ms. Mamta Rani Jha along with Ms. Anju Khanna, Mr. Essenese Obhan, Mr. Joginder Singh and Mr. Ankush Mehta;
- (ii) Study question No. Q273-SGL-TM-2020 on “Descriptive Use as a defence in Trade Mark Proceedings” was led by Ms. Manisha Singh and Mr. Prashant Gupta;
- (iii) Study question No. Q274 - SGL-C-2020 on “Rights in Data” was led by Mr. Neel Mason and Mr. Manoj Menda;
- (iv) Study question No. Q275 - SGL-G-2020 on “Standing to Litigate” was led Mr. Nishad Nadkarni and Mr. Abhai Pandey.

5. There are a total of 4 nominations which have been submitted for AIPPI Statutory Committee. Ms. Vidisha Garg was nominated for Communications committee; Mr. Shrawan Chopra and Ms. Bitika Sharma nominated for Membership committee and Mr. Shukadev Khurajam was nominated for Nominating committee.
6. Presence on social media has been bolstered by creation of a special LinkedIn page for AIPPI India Group on <https://in.linkedin.com/company/aippi-india> and a Twitter Handle @AippiG
7. The Rules of AIPPI India Group are being modified. The draft Rules are attached herewith for discussion in the AGM.