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REPORT ON 'PATENT AND ACCESS TO MEDICINE'

On 29th September, 2022 the IQAC cell of the Hindi Vidya Prachar Samiti's College of Law organized a Webinar on the topic 'Patent and Access to Medicine'. The Guest speaker for the event was Dr. Gargi Chakrabarti, Associate Professor, Dharmashastra National Law University, Jabalpur.

The event started with the welcoming speech of the event coordinator, Asst. Prof. Rituparna De. She welcomed the guest and spoke about the importance of the topic of the day. She emphasized on the need to balance the intellectual property rights and human rights. After this, the guest speaker, Dr. Gargi Chakrabarti was introduced by the Asst. Prof. and IQAC Coordinator, Dr. Amar Salve. He too welcomed the guest. Soon after, the speaker started with her deliberation on the topic of the day. At first, she briefly explained the participants about what is Patent, its function and essential elements. Thereafter, she explained about the extent of patent rights in the world of medicine, how generic medicines have the potential to impact the patent rights of the original innovators of medicine, the different ways misuse of rights takes place and also discussed certain international agreements in relation to the same. The entire session was very much informative and enriching for the participants. There were more than 60 participants who have attended the session including the zoom platform and class streaming. At the end of the session, certain questions were put up by the participants before the esteemed speaker which she addressed with lot of patience and vigor. Later, a formal vote of thanks was delivered by the event coordinator Asst. Prof. Rituparna De, whereby she thanked the management of the college, entire staffs and students for their support. The event turned out to be huge success and the entire event was organized under the guidance of Hon'ble Principal, Dr. Madhura Kalamkar and the IQAC cell coordinator Asst. Prof., Dr. Amar Salve.

OUTCOME- The major outcome of the webinar was that the participants became aware about the very sensitive topic that is Patent and access to medicine. As in one side Patent protects the rights of the innovators and access to medicine is a basic human right. In this regard, they learnt about laws and policies that define the status. They also got to know about generic medicines and their impact upon patent rights. The participants learnt about certain anti-competitive practices like patent pool, reverse payment, patent evergreening, etc.

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