



## World IP Day 2023

### Women and IP: Accelerating Innovation and Creativity

#### Background

The theme for this year's World Intellectual Property Day is Women and IP: Accelerating Innovation and Creativity. It celebrates the “can do” attitude of women inventors, creators and entrepreneurs around the world and their ground-breaking work.

The theme fittingly reflects Prime Minister Modi's vision on “Nari Shakti (women power)” playing a vital role in India's socio-economic developmental journey in the next 25 years. Women's economic empowerment is also a key focus of India's G20 agenda. It is also in line with one of the three thematic priorities of Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) International Women and Girls Strategy 2023 to 2030, which is empowering women and girls.

To mark the World IP Day 2023 and India's G20 initiatives on women empowerment and to contribute to the above discussion, National Law University Delhi (NLU), the Indian IPO and IPO of the UK will come together to host this event that will have panel discussions with inspiring professionals, discussing the role of IP in women empowerment and how IP has supported their growth as inventors, creators and entrepreneurs. Discussion will focus on inspiring career journeys of influential women inventors, the importance of encouraging more women to participate in the IP system, any barriers to women's participation in innovation and IP, opportunities to ensure inclusion of more women in the IP system, and how to measure the progress.

#### Attendance by Invitation Only

Women lawyers, entrepreneurs, innovators, creators, selected students from educational institutions including NLU, colleagues from IPO India and British High Commission New Delhi.

**Date:** 5<sup>th</sup> May, 2023 [Friday]

**Time:** 3:15 pm to 9:00 PM

**Venue:** 2 Rajaji Marg, New Delhi- 110011

**Outcome and Next Steps:** The discussion in this programme will inform a short report that highlights how IP supports entrepreneurship, innovation and creativity and contributes to women's economic empowerment.

## **Tentative Programme:**

**3:15 pm- 3:45 pm - High Tea and Welcome**

**4:00 pm 4:15 pm - Inaugural Session**

Introduction: Ms Pragya Chaturvedi, IP Attaché, British High Commission

Welcome Remarks: Mr. Huw Watkins, Head of Asia Policy, UK Intellectual Property Office

Special Address: Dr. Sarah Whitehead, Interim Director of International Policy, UK Intellectual Property Office

Special Address: Dr. Usha Rao, Assistant Controller, Intellectual Property Office India

### **Panel 1 [4:15- 5:15 pm]: Accelerating Innovation and Creativity: The Role of IP in Women Empowerment**

Women have led the world in the scientific sphere, creativity and by building great brands and businesses. How does Intellectual Property play an enabling role in accelerating innovation and creativity and thereby empowering women?

- Ms. Jayashree Watal, Visiting Professor, NLU Delhi- Moderator
- Ms. Latha Nair, Partner, K&S Partners
- Ms. Sunita Sreedharan, CEO, SKS Law Associates
- Ms Gauri Kumar, India and South Asia Consultant, INTA
- Dr Yogesh Pai, Associate Professor, NLU Delhi

### **Panel 2 [5:15- 6:15 pm]: IP Journeys of Women inventors, creators and entrepreneurs**

Inspiring women inventors, creators and entrepreneurs will come together to share they leveraged IP to support their journey and what can we do to include more women within the IP system to accelerate innovation, creativity and business growth.

- Dr Malathi Lakshmikumaran, LKS- Moderator
- Dr Shubra Chakraborty, Director, National Institute of Plant Genome Research (TBC)
- Prof. Archana Chug, Professor, Kusuma School of Biological Sciences, IIT Delhi
- Dr Satya Dash, Founding CEO, BITS BioCyTiH Foundation and Founding Team, BIRAC
- Dr. Namita Gupta, Senior Manager, FITT, IIT Delhi

### **Dinner Keynote [7:00 – 7:30 p.m.]:**

**Introductory Remarks:** Ms Christina Scott CMG, British Deputy High Commissioner to India

**Guest of Honour and Keynote Address: Women in IP Bar and Bench**

Hon'ble Justice Prathiba M Singh, Judge, Delhi High Court (TBC)

**Concluding Remarks by Special Guest:** Prof. (Dr) Harpreet Kaur, Registrar, NLU Delhi

*Please join us over drinks from 6: 15 onwards, followed by a seated dinner.*