

# World Intellectual Property Day - 2017

*“He who receives an idea from me, receives instruction himself without lessening mine; as he who lights his taper at mine, receives light without darkening me.” Thomas Jefferson*

April 26, 2017

**Dear Professional Colleagues,**

**A Very Happy Intellectual Property Day!!**

World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO), an specialized agency of United Nations has declared April 26 for World Intellectual Property Day in year 2000 to raise awareness on the impact of Intellectual Property on daily life, to promote the protection of Intellectual Property and to sensitize the people about the rights on intellectual property, and to celebrate creativity, and the contribution made by creators and innovators to the development of societies across the globe.

World Intellectual Property Day – 2017 being attentive on “Innovation-Improving Lives” would focus on exploring how innovation is making our lives healthier, safer and more comfortable, turning problems into progress.

When it comes to ensuring statutory compliances then who else could be thought leader other than the Company Secretary professionals.

We, the Company Secretaries in the capacity of dedicated and recognized compliance professionals, perform varied roles in the arena of Intellectual Property Rights including:

- Advising on the matters related to IPRs, TRIPS and WTO;
- Advising on Intellectual Property Licencing;
- Drafting of Agreements related to Intellectual Property Rights;
- Promoting and creating awareness about the protection of Intellectual Property Rights at organizational as well individual fore;
- Acting as a Registered Trade Mark Agent under Trade Marks Rules, 2017;
- Acting and Advising in Arbitration, Mediation and Conciliation on the issues related to IPR;
- Acting and Advising in International Commercial Arbitration on IPR Issues;
- Conducting Audit related to IPR Compliances;
- Advising on Software Copyright and licencing;
- And many more.

This shows that as a professional commune, we not only own the expertise and excellence in resolving issues related to law on Intellectual property rights, we also have the opportunity as well as proficiency in advising, guiding and promoting the protection of Intellectual Property Rights at par.

The Institute has also constituted a Task Force on Intellectual Property with the objective of creating awareness on IPRs amongst members. I invite your suggestions in areas related to IPR, if any, on [suggestions@icsi.edu](mailto:suggestions@icsi.edu).

With this, I wish all of you a very Happy World Intellectual Property Day, 2017 and urge all of us to let's take a pledge to serve our professional excellence and proficiency to create awareness about the Intellectual Property Rights, to promote and sensitize the protection of Intellectual Property, so that a resilient culture of duly protected and recognized Intellectual Property Rights could be established across the globe.

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