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REPORT ON WEBINAR ON COMPULSORY LICENSING: A CURE FOR DISTRIBUTING THE CURE!

The DPIIT-IPR Chair of the National Law University, Assam had organized a Webinar Compulsory Licensing: A Cure for Distributing the Cure! On 29.07.2024. The Webinar was organized for raising awareness and understanding of hepatitis threatening condition affecting millions of people worldwide. The programme was held in online mode from 3.30 pm to 4:30 pm. The programme commenced with a brief introductory note by Dr. Sharmistha Baruah who is a Research Officer of DPIIT-IPR Chair at NLUJAA. Dr. Baruah also welcomed and introduced Dr. Pankaj Kumar, DPIIT-IPR Chair Professor, National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam as the resource person of the webinar.

The poster features the NLUJAA logo at the top. Below it, the text reads: 'DPIIT-IPR Chair National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam Organizes Webinar on Compulsory Licensing: A Cure for Distributing the Cure!'. It also mentions 'WORLD HEPATITIS DAY (28th July)'. A photo of Dr. Pankaj Kumar is shown with the text: 'Speaker Dr. Pankaj Kumar DPIIT-IPR Chair Professor NLUJAA, Assam'. Event details include: 'Monday, July 29, 2024' and '3:30 PM-4:30 PM'. A Google Meet joining link is provided: 'https://meet.google.com/rsg-itka-gdy'. Images of Sofosbuvir tablets and a hand holding a pill are also present.

Dr. Kumar started his session by discussing about the need of Compulsory Licensing in the field of Patented Invention, which is also mentioned in the WTO Trips Agreement: AIMS. He gave a general overview about the patent rights and explained the executive rights over his (patent owner) invention for a period of 20 years and how the patentee can exclude others from making any use of his patented product. He also illustrated what would the patent owners do and elaborated what if things do not work that way. He also addressed the problems associated with patents and its use without authorisation of the patentee. He also gave the concept of Compulsory Licensing which has been imposed on pharmaceutical manufacturers by some countries u/a 31 of TRIPS. He also described various sections related to patents and CL and also about Doha declaration and its importance in this field. He also narrated the procedure for granting a CL and also opposition to grant of CL and termination of CL. Towards the end of the session, he gave a brief idea about CL and its relevance in the Indian Judicial System.

The screenshot shows a Zoom meeting interface. The main window displays a presentation slide titled 'Malaysia's Compulsory License for Sofosbuvir in 2017'. The slide content includes: 'Disease: hepatitis C', 'Drug: sofosbuvir - an antiviral drugs to treat chronic hepatitis C virus (HCV) infection. It is highly effective, with cure rates exceeding 90%', 'Manufacturer: Gilead Sciences', and 'Reasons for Compulsory Licensing: 1. affordable treatment & 2. inaccessible as to cost'. To the right, a video feed shows Dr. Pankaj Kumar speaking. The bottom of the screen shows a grid of participant icons and a meeting control bar with the time '3:39 PM' and the title 'Compulsory Licensing: A Cure for Distributing the ...'.

The screenshot shows a Zoom meeting interface. On the left, a presentation slide titled "Use without authorization" is displayed. The slide content is as follows:

"Use without authorization"

- The approach of the TRIPS Agreement:
 - Too difficult to agree on all the various existing systems or that there should be only one or two categories:
 - Public non-commercial use ("Government use")
 - Compulsory licences or non-voluntary licences: existing systems of CL for public interest, licences of right, CL for non-working or insufficient working, for anti-competitive practices)
 - Dependent licenses (for dependent inventions)
 - So, better focus on the conditions of use without the patentee's authorization (because certain situations require different conditions, certain grounds have to be mentioned, e.g. Emergency, anti-trust, etc.).

On the right, a video feed shows a man with glasses and a light green shirt speaking. Below the video feed is a grid of participant avatars with names: Sharmistha Baruah, zaheer alam, Ranjan Upadhyaya, Nirmala.r Harish, Bharti Jain, praneeta pawale, Vignesh G, 28 others, and SPRIHA NLUJAA. The bottom status bar shows the time as 3:47 PM and the meeting title as "Compulsory Licensing: A Cure for Distributing the ...".

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