

PERSPECTIVES IN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW: MANY SIDES TO A COIN (2003). By Manu Luv Shahalia(Ed.). Universal Law Publishing Co. Pvt. Ltd. Ansal's Dilkhush Industrial Estate, G.T. Karnal Road, Delhi-110033. Pp.xvi + 202. Price Rs. 250/-.

THIS COMPILATION of 14 well researched papers encompasses a vast plethora of IP rights from the newly enforced geographical indications to the ethical issues involving gene therapy, to the ground realities of impact of cyber law, biotechnology patent, trademark responsibilities, not to mention the chronicling of latest IPR debates.

The papers have been selected judiciously to present various facets of the intellectual property. Collectively they provide insights as to the various issues as well as the checks and balances of ground realities that have contributed to the evolution of intellectual property rights ethereal from being mere industrial property rights.

The chapter on "Trademark Responsibility Significance in the Pharmaceutical Sector" looks at one such issue under different facets of law including IPR. Similarly the chapter on "Abuse of Meta-Tags, Link Frames and Domain Names" by Abhishek Nath Tripathi provides for a compelling reading.

Arvind B. has dealt with subliminal confusion over 'trademarks' in his paper with the same title with considerable clarity. And the ongoing debate on the concept of "Copyleft" has been well chronicled by Manu Luv Shahalia. And so has Anand Shanker Jha in his "Work for Hire: Issues of Ownership" by weighing the connotations and implications of section 17 of the Copyright Act.

Uttam Maheshwari attempts to examine the complex issues of individual rights versus public interest in "Patenting of Biotechnology: Implications on Food Security", however, the paper would have been more useful, if the patenting of biotechnology issues were delineated from the larger issues of food security. The patentability issues with regard to patenting of a biotechnological invention are many; and to understand the evolution of the Indian Patents Act 1970 *vis-à-vis* biotechnological invention *via* its three amendments requires a deeper study of the global developments in the field.

Nitin R. has ably looked at one of the aspects in his paper "Biotechnology Patents and the requirement of Non-Obviousness". He has ably charted the development of biotechnology patents in the US and the UK. However, the EU Directives would also have to be dealt with, in details, in order to understand the Indian perspective.



Coming back to Uttam's paper, the conciliation of TRIPs Agreement especially article 27 with the provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity is a vast body of work, which could well form the subject matter of a separate paper: as also the implications of Cartagena Protocol on the world food trade. We hope Uttam takes up this suggestion.

Other than the eclectic selection of the subject matter, albeit within the IPR regime, the way the papers have been arranged makes for easy reading on the eye. However, at some places, the flow of thought is broken. The authors may like to give some thought to the syntax and semantics at places, where it falters and breaks the flow.

All in all the compilation of various papers makes for good afternoon reading providing various issues for mulling over, an exercise which is so essential for any person interested in the evolution of IPR.

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