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His IP competencies span teaching, training and consulting on all aspects of IP strategy and IP assets management from a competitiveness perspective in entrepreneurship, startups and business (be they small, medium or large), schools, universities, publicly funded research and development institutes, business incubators, open innovation networks, amongst others.

From 2011 to 2015, in his own time, while working at WIPO, he taught a 6-credit course on IP management in international business to Masters students of International Business at the University of Neuchatel, Switzerland.

Earlier, from Nov 1990 to Oct 1993 (when he was an IAS Officer of the 1978 batch, AGMUT cadre) he served as a Deputy Secretary and Director in the then Department of Industrial Development, Ministry of Industry, Government of India, where, amongst other things, he dealt with all IP policy matters and represented the GOI in all international negotiations including in multilateral IP negotiations in (a) the TRIPS Negotiating Group of the then GATT (predecessor of the WTO) and (b) the WIPO.

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Ms. Ara CHO currently works as deputy director of International Cooperation Division at KIPO. She received a bachelor's degree in Computer Science at Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology, a master's degree in Electrical and Computer Engineering at Sungkyunkwan University and another master's degree in Management Science and Engineering in Shanghai Jiaotong University.

Ms. Ara CHO is an experienced IT engineer with work experience as S/W engineer at Samsung Electronics for six and half year. She participated in various mobile-phone S/W development projects, which nurtured her logical thinking, S/W implementation skill, and project management know-hows.

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Huw Watkins

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Mr.Watkins is the Head of Asia Policy at the United Kingdom Intellectual Property Office. His role is to engage with government and industry organisations to support engagement on trade matters influenced by intellectual property matters. Working closely with the Department for International Trade, Huw's team intend to support the Government of India in developing opportunities for both countries to improve trade. As a former senior police officer in the UK, Huw has experience of the involvement of serious and organised crime in IP Matters. Huw is a member of the Global Network on Transnational Organised Crime as a subject matter expert on IP crime, and a member of the management committee for the Syracusa Institute in Sicily for a global project on illicit trade.



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Shri Rajesh Kumar is an IRS (Customs & Central Excise) Officer and he is currently posted as Joint Director, NACIN, Faridabad.

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Shri Rajesh is a Graduate from St. Stephen's College, Delhi. He was also awarded with Shankar Prasad Memorial Gold Medal, Savitri Prasad Memorial Prize and Commonwealth Essay Prize at St. Stephen's College, Delhi.

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Shri Rajesh has commanded the first ever Tableau of Ministry of Finance / CBEC during the Republic Day Parade, 2012, on Raj Path, New Delhi. He along with his other tableau team members were felicitated by the then Hon'ble President of India, Hon'ble Vice President of India and by Hon'ble Prime minister of India (in the year 2012).

He is a UNEP accredited trainer on Green Customs and also takes sessions on various customs related areas including IPR for Officer Trainees at NACIN.

Mr Kumar helped bust a major smuggling attempt to bring in infringing goods worth more than 5 crores at ICD TKD, Delhi

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Smitha Murthy

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Smitha Murthy has been assistant general counsel at Monsanto India since December 2014. In 20 +plus of professional legal experience her focus has been on advice, contract drafting and negotiations, and compliance processes, supervising litigation and arbitrations. These include providing strategic legal inputs to resolve key freedom-to-operate related issues, competition law and IP matters.



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Mr. Singh has been practicing in the field of Telecom & Broadcasting Laws since 2004. He has been involved in some major and landmark decisions of the industry during the course of his illustrious career. He has a vast experience in litigation involving various facets of law including IPR, Arbitration & Constitutional Law. His expertise includes Content Regulation and other Regulatory aspects regarding Broadcasting & Telecom Sectors. He regularly conducts Civil and Criminal raids vis-à-vis Anti-Counterfeiting including Custom Recordals. In 2015, Legal Era awarded him "Rising Star below 40".