

## World IP Day – First All India Essay Writing Competition Results

As announced in our Issue No. 15, Vidya Darshan Rana Charitable Trust in collaboration with S.S. Rana & Co. organized the **First All India Essay writing Competition** on the occasion of Intellectual Property Day. Several entries were received from colleges across India. We were overwhelmed with the response and would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for the participation. Like they say “The most important thing is not to win but to take part!”, but again there has to be a winner. So without much ado, the names of winners are as follows:

**First Prize** goes to: **Anil Sebastian** from **National Law School of India University, Bangalore**  
Anil deliberated on the Compulsory Licensing of Patented Drugs in India. A paragraph of his essay is presented below:

“...When the law confers upon an entity certain legal rights, it is usually because there is understood to be a public interest in the recognition of that right. Intellectual Property Rights are no exception to this general principle. Particularly with respect to inventors and innovators, these rights are awarded so as to reward them for their efforts, and to encourage them to do more of the same in the future. After all, the creation of more such intellectual property is seen to be of value to the public at large. However, there may be situations when the public interest in fact demands that these Intellectual Property Rights be restricted. The expected benefit to the public from the creation of more intellectual property often turns out to be a false hope. In the case of patented, life-saving drugs, this is most commonly because the price that the public needs to pay to gain access to the product is unaffordable. It is in such peculiar situations that the law seeks to reorient itself with the help of tools such as compulsory licensing...”

We also invite Anil Sebastian to author an article in any of the forthcoming issues of the IPConnect.

**Second Prize** goes to: **Deepakar Livingston. P.** from **I.L.S. Law College, Pune**

**Third Prize** goes to: **Sayali Kanitkar** and **Pragati Deulkar** from **I.L.S. Law College, Pune**

Other commendable entries were of Blessy B Mathew, Neha Wadhwa (from Rajiv Gandhi Technological University, Bhopal) and of Prashant Kshirsagar.

Our hearty congratulation to all the winners and participants. The prize money and certificates are being forwarded to them.

