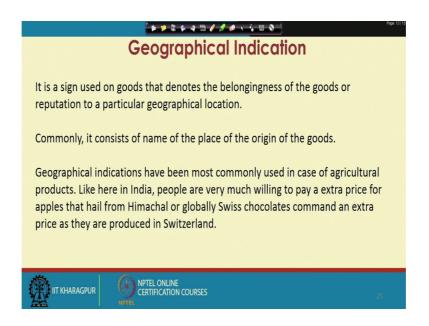
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## Lecture – 13 Intellectual Property Rights and Ethics (Contd.)

Welcome back. In the last lecture we have discussed about patents, we have discussed about trademarks, we have discussed also about industrial designs. In this section we will discuss about geographical indications.

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Now, we may think like why geographical indications need to be protected. Because it may so happen especially in kinds for agricultural products like certain things are only grown somewhere and it gets his value due to that. So, for that it is important to provide protect the geographical indications.

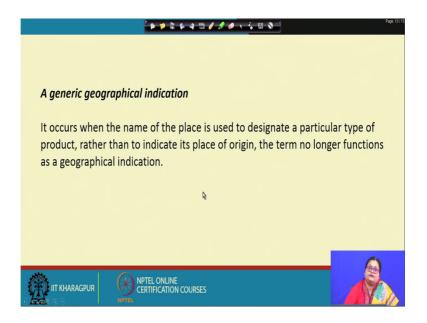
Now, then it is understand what it is. Geographical indication is a sign used on goods that denotes the belongingness of the goods or reputation to a particular geographical location. So, it commonly it consist of the place of origin of the goods. It is most commonly used in the case of agricultural products. Like here, in India people I am very much willing to pay an extra price for the apples that may hail from Himachal Pradesh or, globally like Swiss chocolates command an extra price as they are produced in Switzerland

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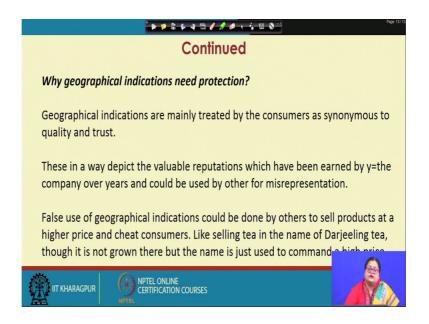
However, so, it is not only restricted to agricultural products. Each it can be used for other products as well like, automobiles from Japan and like that.

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So, what is a generic geographical indication? It occurs when the name of the place is used to designate a particular type of product, rather than to indicate it is place of origin. Then it is no longer function as a geographical indicator.

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Why it needs a protection is geographical indicators are mainly treated by the consumers as synonymous to quality and trust.

So, these in a way depict the valuable reputations which have been earned by the company over years, and could be used for by others for misrepresentations. False use of geographical locations indications could be done by others to sell products at a higher price, and cheat consumers. Like selling tea in the name of Darjeeling, though it is not grown there, but the name is just used to command a high price.

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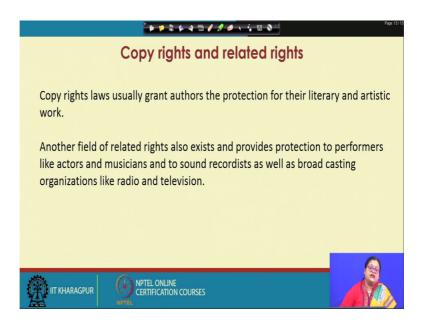


Now, there is a certain difference between the terms of like what is a geographical indication. And what is a trademark? So, while trademark is a sign used by a company to distinguish it is goods and services from those produced by others geographical indication offers, the guarantee for the production of a product in a particular place.

So, this is where it may be related like to; like in case of sweets we have the particular sweet belongs to a particular region of India, and you get it is value from that. It is not that the sweet is not being done or it is not produced in other locations, but in a particular area it has it is own expertise. Maybe, it is own special recipe which gives uniqueness to that product, special taste to a, and indicators of that the geographical indicators preserves; protecting the indication preserves that value of that item.

So, protection of geographical indications may vary from country one country to another, and it is in accordance with the national laws.

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Next we will discuss about copyrights. Copyrights are generally about the laws which grant authors, the protection for their literary and artistic work.

So, till now we were discussing till geographically indicators. We have discussed about patent. We have discussed about trademarks. We have discussed about industrial design, and we have discussed about the geographical locations. All these 4 consist of the things related to like industrial property of the goods or services.

So, if we go chronologically the way it we have discussed about it like, it is the when you are talking of patenting it is about the functioning of the product. Like, and how it functions, these are protected the ideas of like, how it is functioning, and how it is going to do. So, these are protected the main functions. And this is generally the timeframe given is 20 years, after which the patent is no longer there. And it becomes comes in the public domain, where like, anybody can come and like improve through research on that technology, on that the functioning aspects and improve on it.

We have also seen like certain things maybe certain scientific thoughts and laws. Generally, some it sometimes not given for patenting, because in the further development on it may stop for the next few years till the time the patent is it is patent protected.

So, there can there has to be a very deep thought into what all should be patented, and what all should be not patented for the greater interest of the society at large. Whenever we are talking of and this could be more with case of formulas for drugs for you know like certain diseases. And like if it becomes some for very critical deceases some drug is there and you patent it and then you very charged a very high price for it. So, which maybe moves beyond affordability range of the public at large, then is it or not. So, there will be lot of debates about it.

Next when we come to trademark. Trademark is like putting a symbol of our signature stamp, hologram these type of things on the product or services; which talks of the quality of the production, and it is a matter of trust that you are developing. Because giving the trademark means it is the assurance of the quality of the products and services. And it gives the, it helps to develop a very loyal base of customers, who will be looking for that trademark for the quality assurance, and they will all always be moving looking forward to it, and it helps to create a loyal base of customers for you; when we are talking of industrial design, and the protection of the industrial design.

It is the, it is not only the quality of the service and the assurance of the quality of the product that we are looking for as your in the trademark, but here we are also trying to protect about the aesthetic nature of the design, and industrial design protection helps us to do that it helps us to protect the aesthetic part of it.

So, if you see a progression from like in patent, we are talking of the functioning of the technical aspect of it in trademark, we are looking of the quality part of it with related to

it is performance, and in industrial design we are looking for the like, aesthetic part of

the design. So, it is not only the technical aspect and it is quality assurance for it is

performance aspect, but we are also trying to protect further. Aesthetic, how it looks

good, how it gives a good feeling while we are looking at the design, and whether that

can be protected or not.

Next when we are moving to the geographical indicators. Here we are also trying to give

a protection for the like uniqueness of the things produced in a particular area or locality,

because there may be some craftsmen some idea which has developed in a particular

place. And it has like through years of research or expertise. It has gray gained

competence in that particular place which is added value to it.

More so like this is more attached to agricultural products, but it can be extended as we

told in automobiles. It can be extended to sweets; it can be extended to anything.

Because it is the due to the like presence of people or more researchers held in that

particular place, which is had some value addition to the predictor services, which we

which gives it so particular worth, which increases it is value, which same thing we

cannot get from the products of the maybe, on the similar nature developed elsewhere. It

is that particular location which is added value to it and worth to it. So, the geographical

indicators protect for that. All these 4 discussions where regarding the industrial property

of nature for the intellectual property.

Next when you talking of the copyrights: it is about the protection of the literary type of

things, like which for the authors for their literary and artistic work. It is a protection for

the performers like actors and musicians and to sound recorders as well as broadcasting

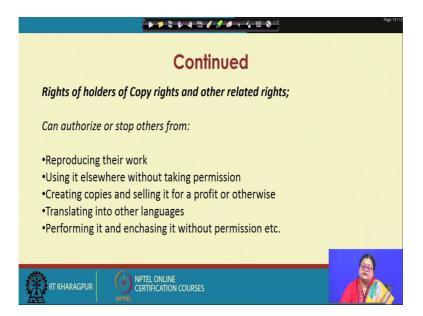
organizations like radio and television.

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So, works which are covered by copyright include, but are not limited to novels, poems, plays, reference works, newspapers, advertisement, computer programs, database, films, music, compositions, choreography paintings, drawings photographs, sculpture, architecture, maps and technical drawings. These are important in terms of like research works done maybe some models suggested and all for the like, when we are talking with relevance to like the particular engineer or maybe like, when you are talking for other performers.

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So, what are the rights of holders of copyrights are; they can authorize or stop others from reporting their work, using it elsewhere without taking permission creating copies and selling it for profit or otherwise, translating into other languages, performing it and enhancing it without permission etcetera.

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Why it has become more important these days, is because with the advances in technology. So, copyrights and related rights have expanded enormously, because of the new ways of disseminating creations by search forms as satellite broadcasting compact discs and DVD's

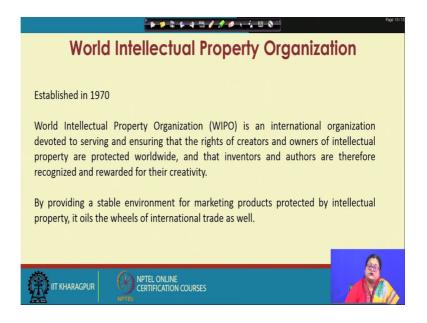
So, with this new technology, it has become easier for people to copy others works. And so, maybe claim it as it is own work. So, in that area like it has become more and more important to discuss about the copyrights and related rights of the like copyrights, and related rights, and how to protect it.

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What are the benefits of copyrights are? It is important for fostering human creativity. So, giving recognition boosts of the confidence with the artists and enhances their activity and a creative point. So, it encourages companies to invest in creation development and global dissemination of their work.

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The world intellectual property organization is an organization which is established in 1970 to is an international organization, devoted to serving and ensuring the rights of creators and owners of intellectual property are protected worldwide. And that inventors and authors are therefore, recognized and rewarded for their creativity. By providing a

stable environment for marketing products, protected by intellectual property, it oils the wheels of international trade as well.

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World intellectual property; organization it serves as a forum for it is member states to establish and harmonize rules and practices for the protection of intellectual property rights. It also services global registration systems for trademarks, industrial designs and appellations of origin, and global filing system for patents. These systems are under regular review by world intellectual property organization member states, and other stakeholders to determine how they can be improved to serve the needs of the users and potential users.

In the next upcoming lectures, we will discuss about certain critical questions of dilemma pertaining to these issues of intellectual property rights with relevant to this today's discussion of trademarks copyrights in industrial designs geographical indicators, and how to solve these at what is the correct nature of a showing to this critical questions what is their what are these dilemma questions, what are these questions which have put us at the crossroads of decision making, and how do we take an ethical decision about which way to move for.

So, we will also maybe initiate question of debate like whether which all rights can be protected then how much to share, how much not to share so that in like inform how much information to share, how much information not to share, how much can we refer

to others and how much you cannot refer to others in our own designs and reference to works. And how these engineers, how these discussions are more relevant for engineers while they are planning their own designs, or they are in the work situations they are trying to use others references in their own work, to what extent they can do it, and where they need to refer to the work of others, and give proper acknowledgement to people.

So, these are important discussions. And in consecutive lecture sessions we will be coming up with these discussions which will help us to get a more clear idea about the use of these things in engineering practices.

Thank you.