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Notice for the PhD Viva Voce Examination

Ms Meghna Biswas, Registration Number: 1960074, PhD scholar at the School of Law, CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Delhi NCR Campus, will defend her PhD thesis at the public viva-voce examination on Monday, 09 February 2026, at 10:00 am in the Conference Hall, B Block, CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Delhi NCR Campus, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh, 201003, India.

Title of the Thesis	:	Geographical Indication Protection in India: Challenges and Opportunities with Special Reference to the Rights of Traditional Knowledge Holders
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The members of the Research Advisory Committee of the Scholar, the faculty members of the Department and the School, interested experts and research scholars of all the branches of research are cordially invited to attend this open viva – voce examination.

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ABSTRACT

The protection of traditional knowledge and the associated rights of the traditional knowledge holders has gained tremendous attention in today's scenario. There had been a lot of debates at the international platforms to protect traditional knowledge either under the Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) regime or through a sui generis system. Despite heaps of discussions, there is no conclusion that can be drawn upon regarding the protection of the same. The thesis titled as 'Geographical Indication Protection: Challenges and Opportunities with Special Reference to the Rights of the Traditional Knowledge Holders' aims to explore the protection the rights of traditional knowledge holders through one of the kinds of intellectual property i.e., Geographical Indications. The study is focused upon a research problem that how far the existing provisions relating to Geographical Indications are effective and adequate to protect traditional knowledge under its ambit. This study applies doctrinal methodology of research and through legislations, case studies, articles, research paper the data have been analyzed. Regarding this, the hypothesis of the study is tested and in conclusion, it can be ascertained that insufficient and inadequate national as well as international legal framework have exploited the rights of the traditional knowledge holders over a long period of time. In addition to this, along with a number of opportunities for traditional knowledge holders under the Geographical Indications legislative framework, there are certain limitations as well. Lastly, the study has provided some suggestions for the protection of traditional knowledge under the Geographical indication laws.

Keywords: Traditional Knowledge, Geographical indications, Intellectual Property rights, TKDL, indigenous people.

Publications:

1. **Meghna Biswas**, "Significance of Traditional Knowledge in Modern Medicine Making and Health Care System in India" in International Journal of Special Education, a Scopus-indexed journal, vol 37, issue 03, 2022.
2. **Meghna Biswas**, "Traditional Knowledge and Cultural Legacies in mitigating Environmental issues" in International Journal of Early Childhood Special Education (INT-JESCE), a Web of Science journal. DOI: 10.9756/INT-JECSE/V14I2.769 ISSN: 1308-5581 Vol 14, Issue 02 2022.