



## Webinar on **IP Sector Imperatives during COVID-19**

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13<sup>th</sup> April 2020 | 3:00-4:00 PM

### **WEBINAR REPORT**

FICCI organized a Webinar on 'IP Sector Imperatives during COVID-19' on 13<sup>th</sup> April 2020. The webinar underlined the role and importance of IP during the current pandemic and discussed the imperatives from the IP sector in addressing the challenges and concerns posed by the pandemic and the significant role that IP could play in saving human lives in these unprecedented times. The webinar had the Opening Remarks by Mr. Arun Chawla, Deputy Secretary General, FICCI followed with Special Address by distinguished guests such as Mr. NK Sabharwal, Chair, FICCI IPR Committee and Former Dy. Director General, WIPO; Dr. Malathi Lakshmikumar, Executive Director & Practice Head, Lakshmikumar & Sridharan Attorneys and Ms. Vijaylakshmy Malkani, Sr. IP Counsel, Hindustan Unilever Ltd. The webinar was attended by over 100 participants including IP professionals, law firms; researchers, innovators, patent attorneys; legal counsels, academia and leaders from IP industry. The discussions revolved around the current IP issues due to COVID-19 pandemic such as IP administration - challenges & way forward; role and significance of IP rights during pandemic and Government support to researchers, patent professionals, innovators and start-ups to carry out research and innovation to find an early solutions to the disease.