



## SCHOOL OF LEGAL STUDIES

Cochin University of Science and Technology, Kerala

Organizes the Fifth Annual Summer School on

**Understanding Indian Consumer and Competition Law**

**[Online]**

12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> June, 2023

The School of Legal Studies, CUSAT, has been successfully organizing Summer School on various topics of legal and social significance in contemporary times. Following the successful completion of the first four editions of the Annual Summer School on 'Consumer and Competition Law' in 2018, 2019, 2021, & 2022, the School is proud to announce its Fifth Annual Summer School on the topic 'Understanding Indian Consumer and Competition Law' which is scheduled from 12<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> June 2023.

### **About the School of Legal Studies:**

One of the oldest law schools in India, the School of Legal Studies was established in the year 1962 as a part of Kerala University, offering post-graduate courses and research in law. The Law School joined the folds of the University of Cochin, in the year 1971, which was later reorganized and renamed as Cochin University of Science and Technology in 1986 for the promotion of graduate, post-graduate studies and advanced research in various fields.

Over the decades, since its inception, the Law School has blossomed into one of the top institutions engaged in teaching and research of law in India. The best testimony to the success of this experiment is the presence of SLS alumni as professors and academicians in top law schools in India and as advocates at the various High Courts and

the Supreme Court of India, apart from their active and successful positioning as Law Officers in reputed institutions like SEBI and nationalized banks. The versatility and quality of the skills of SLS graduates are evident from having their graduates at the helm of the Indian judiciary as Justices of the Supreme Court, various High Courts in India and as judicial Officers in other Courts. SLS has also entered into yet another era of producing skilled and versatile graduates working with corporate houses, consulting firms, Public Sector Undertakings, other Government bodies, and NGOs.

Among the unique and innovative initiatives the School has undertaken, the Summer School has its own standing as it deals with emerging areas that have practical relevance to persons from all walks of life. The School of Legal Studies is also one of the very few institutions in India where Competition Law and Consumer Law are taught as undergraduate law subjects and as specialized papers at the –post-graduate level.

#### **About the Summer School:**

Only a very few percentages of the population of a country become professionals like Doctors, Engineers, Advocates etc. The same is the case with businessmen. But, without exception, in one way or another, all are consumers of various services or products. Ultimately every law that governs trade or business should have its primary concern over making quality products available to consumers and protecting them from all sorts of exploitation. Globalization and liberalization and the development of markets in India have brought stiff competition among the different market players and stakeholders.

Unhealthy competition leads to the adoption of anti-competitive practices and thus to the exploitation of the consumers. One of the main objectives of the Competition Act of 2002 is to address this issue. It aims to curb anti-competitive practices with a view to promoting effective competition in the market, which ultimately results in the maximization of consumer welfare. It ensures effective competition by preventing anti-competitive agreements, abusive practices and combinations having anti-competitive effects. Since Competition Law is a sunrise subject that ensures more opportunities for law students, this one-week Summer School on Consumer and Competition Law will provide an opportunity to get hold a comprehensive and in-depth understanding of these subjects along with their practical applications. This Summer School is a flagship initiative of the School of Legal Studies that laid a milestone in the academic field of Consumer and Competition Law in India.

#### **Mode of the Summer School:**

Online through Zoom Meeting.

## **Who Can Apply?**

This summer school is open to all those who are interested in the subject of consumer and competition law.

## **Selection:**

Selection is based on first come, first serve. Therefore, it is requested that to submit the registration form at the earliest.

## **Attendance and Final Evaluation:**

Classes will be held for 5 days from 09:45 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Participants are required to attend **ALL classes**. Attendance for the purpose of the evaluation is compulsory. An online examination (MCQ) shall also be conducted at the end of the course.

## **How to Apply:**

Interested candidates are required to fill up the Google Form on or **before May 25, 2023**

For Registration, kindly fill out the Google form here:

<https://forms.gle/6QaEUk6GV4hrNXAW7>

## **Registration Fee:**

For all participants **Rs. 750/-**

## **Mode of Payment:**

The payment of the registration fee should be made to:

**Name of Payee:** The Director, School of Legal Studies

**Bank:** State Bank of India

**Branch:** Cochin University Campus Branch

**Account Number:** 57014606912

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