

Seminar on Access to Knowledge

31st Jul 2010:: 9.30 a.m to 4.30 p.m.

at

**Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board Auditorium
Guindy, Chennai - 600032**

Organized by

Consumers Association of India

In association with

**Madras Library Association (MALA)
Computer Society of India, Chennai Chapter
IEEE Computer Society, Madras Chapter**

Consumers Association of India, a registered voluntary charitable trust working in the field of consumer awareness, is organizing a one-day seminar in July 2010 in association with the Madras Library Association, Computer Society of India and IEEE Computer Society.

This one day seminar on IPR, Copyright law, problems in access to knowledge, entitled "**Access to Knowledge**" for IPR professionals, librarians, information professionals, research scholars and library & information science students is being organized to create awareness among the community and spread deliberate on the access barriers, impacts on violation of the IPR, open source materials etc.

The seminar objectives & aims include:

- To be an eye opener for consumers in India – professionals, researchers, teachers and students on the existing realities of the production and dissemination of knowledge.
- To create a platform for the stakeholders to understand the current status of knowledge products and services.
- To enable the younger generation to understand the existing situation in terms of undue and unjustified barriers in the knowledge industry

Librarians and Information Professionals are the managers of the knowledge products and services and source the products and services from the suppliers such as publishers and book sellers etc. Further, they are the main point of contact for the students during their study. As a group of opinion leaders they create a conducive climate to disseminate the information to the stake holders. Through this seminar, we hope to provide valuable inputs for building the “open access to knowledge” campaign and facilitate interactions. The proposed sessions of the seminar will include:

- Inaugural session: Panel Discussion with eminent personalities as panelists.
- Access Barriers - Problems and Solutions.
- Copyright Law, Amendments, IPR issues in relation to books, films, Music, translations, online content, software.
- Libraries & Librarians - How to protect, help in output quality.
- Questions and Answers - Audience, Research Scholars, Academicians
- Summing up of day's proceedings

While the participation in this seminar is **FREE, PRIOR REGISTRATION IS A MUST.**

Kindly send an email to cai.india1@gmail.com on or before 20th July 2010 to register, providing details of your name, address and contact details.