

## ANTITRUST PROGRAMME FOR YOUNG FELLOWS 2014

The School of Competition Law & Market Regulation, IICA in partnership with CCI, organised the “*Antitrust Programme for Young Fellows 2014*” comprising of two components -“*Antitrust Writing Contest*” and “*Antitrust Summer School*”. The Summer School, a five-day workshop module, is envisaged to be an annual event. It is aimed at students, researchers, practitioners in the field of Competition Law.

The Antitrust Writing Contest registered **56 entries** from students of diverse academic backgrounds including Law, Economics and Business Management, on varied topics of antitrust law. The top three entries won cash prizes and top five entries (including the cash awardees), received a fellowship to attend the five day residential summer school.

The residential Antitrust Summer School witnessed the participation of **40 candidates** representing a heterogeneous group of young lawyers, in-house counsels, business executives from public and private sector enterprises and students.

The training programme, which was organised at IICA campus, Manesar, commenced on July 1, 2014 with the welcome address and theme introduction by **Mr. Dhanendra Kumar**, Former Chairperson, CCI & Principal Advisor, IICA. Sh. Kumar in his address threw light on five years of antitrust enforcement in India and the significant jurisprudence that has evolved since then. **Mr. Ashok Chawla**, Chairperson, CCI traced the journey of competition law in India in his inaugural address and distributed certificates to the winners of the antitrust writing contest.

The programme provided a platform for the best minds engaged in antitrust both national and international-to share expertise and experience on several important issues. The programme was structured entirely on case studies where participants argued both sides of the case. Each session was steered by distinguished panellists who guided the participants in solving the problem and enlightened them with the technical concepts involved. Close on 40 resource persons representing law firms, CCI, Academia and international competition commissions, conducted sessions during the five-day programme.

**The valedictory address was delivered by Mr. Justice VS Sirpurkar**, Chairperson, COMPAT who expressed the imminent need of wider advocacy of competition amongst judges, lawyers, business executives, researchers, and the student community. The guest of honour **Mr. M.F. Farooqui**, Former Telecom Secretary informed the participants of complexities involved in regulating high-tech sector, where markets are difficult to define and only a thin line of difference exists between innovation and abuse. The programme culminated with presiding remarks by **Dr. Bhaskar Chatterjee**, DG & CEO, IICA who focused upon the need for spreading awareness of Competition Law with the participants acting as transmitters. The programme concluded with distribution of certificates to the participants.