

Report

MERI organized 6th National Conference on Management and Technical Innovations for Intellectual Property Rights (MTIIPR) on 10th March, 2018.

The conference was sponsored by Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology.

The conference was divided into two technical sessions (Basics of IPR and Software Patentability Issues and Emerging trends in IPR related to ICT), one session by master trainer Meity (EPO) and one Panel Discussion (Necessity & benefits of possessing a strong IP for Startups).

The Chief guest for the conference were Dr. A. K. Garg, Director innovation & IPR Meity and Guest of Honor were Dr R. Saha, Senior Advisor Confederation of Indian Industry (CII). Dr A.K Garg talked about importance of IPR in global scenario and in brief explained about various schemes (assistance) of government for patent registration. Dr. R Saha emphasized on need for development of IPR in present scenario. He also gave overview of different patents filed in India and abroad by giving different examples like the person and his income generated by the patent of the idea of having a pin over a cola tin.

Various keynote speakers from Institutes like IIT Delhi, Indian Law Institute, MDI Gurgaon, TIFAC and industry leader from Gemalto and advocates from IP Attorney shared their thoughts.

Technical Session I - IPRs as Trade Currency for Research translation into commercialization was the topic covered by Dr. Archana Chugh, Associate Professor in *Kusuma School of Biological Sciences*, IIT Delhi. She told that IPR is Territorial in nature, Legally enforceable and deals with negative rights. She also focused on Patent, patentability criteria, technology, categories of technology etc. Being a Senior Project Lead at Gemalto, Mr. Prashant Singhal showed various patents done by his organizations. He told us how to identify the patentable ideas. Novelty, Inventive Step, Commercial interest / Implementation probability, Infringement detectability are the four steps for an invention to become a patent. With the help of visual aid he showed the new ideas which are being patented by his organization.

Next Session was a master trainer session. Patent search and analysis was discussed by Ms. Dipti who is Principal Training Co-ordinator at PFC-TIFAC. She demonstrated how to check for patentability. She told about the need of search and various types of searches. She practically showed what all is stored for a patent, about classification code (CPC) and about International Patent Classification (IPC). She told how to search for different databases using Google Patent, using USPTO, using EPO-Espacenet, using WIPO-Patentscope and using IPO- inPASS. She also did their comparative analysis.

Technical session-II started by Mr. Promod Kumar Singh, he is the Mentor, The Legist of Intellectual property attorney, he shared his views and knowledge base on the topic "Intellectual

property and innovation in information and communication technology(ICT)” in which he talked about the growing trends of formal and informal intellectual property rights, importance of trademarks, copyrights, growing social impact of IP regime vs negative health impact, and lastly he concluded that how performance of the companies holding IPR are better than those of not holding IPR’s. Session was taken ahead with deep discussion over the “Emergence of trends in ICT IPR(Patents)” by Dr. Nakul Gupta, Assistant Professor and Coordinator, Centre for Entrepreneurship MDI Gurgaon, in this session he discussed about his research on discovering innovation by several approaches like rationale, motivation, knowledge and its tactics that transforms ideas to be innovative and he also told us how technology and its know-how can be a surplus for being innovative. He further talked about the various classification of Patents & creation of knowledge with the help of certain studies he made and converting Simple Patent Citations into Knowledge Networks. Dr. Deepa Kharb, Assistant Professor, Indian Law Institute told about Intellectual Property Law and linked it with many examples of cyber law also.

Panelist for the Panel Discussion were Ms. Dipti , Master Trainer TIFAC, Mr. Pramod Singh, IP Attorney, The Legist and Dr Nakul Gupta, Assistant Professor, MDI Gurgaon. **Chairperson** were Prof.A.K. Agrawal. They gave answers to all questions of audience, and cleared concepts of IPR.

A mobile App quiz was also conducted by PAMS App , IPR/SIPEIT Team (CDAC-Pune) for checking the awareness of students in the field of IPR. Around 117 users participated in the quiz. First three winners were given certificates and prizes.

Finally the conference ended by Vote of Thanks given by Prof. A. K Aggarwal.