



## Minutes of the Meeting

**Event:** *INTERACTIVE SESSION* on “**Importance of IP for Academia**” on 29<sup>th</sup> April 2022 at Department of Biotechnology, Panjab University, Chandigarh.

### **Organizers:**

1. DST-Centre for Policy Research at Panjab University, Chandigarh.
2. IPR-Chair, Panjab University, Chandigarh.

**Overview:** DST-Centre for Policy Research, Panjab University (PU), Chandigarh in collaboration with DPIIT-IPR Chair and Department of Biotechnology, PU, Chandigarh organized a fruitful conversation and discussion on the current ecosystem of IP in India and what measures need to be taken to strengthen it. The event was focused on bringing forward the meaningful contribution in the domain of Intellectual Property Rights (IPRs). Experts from United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), US embassy, India team: Mr. John Cabeca, United States Intellectual Property Counselor for South Asia and Dr. Dinesh Sharma, Sr. IP Policy Advisor were invited to share their views on the IP. Event felt the presence of as many as 50 participants comprising of faculty members and research scholars. The key speakers and special invitees were as follows:

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1. **Mr. John Cabeca**  
United States Intellectual Property Counselor,  
South Asia, USPTO, US Embassy, Delhi.

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  2. **Dr. Dinesh Sharma**  
Sr. IP Policy Advisor – India, USPTO,  
US Embassy, Delhi.

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  3. **Prof. R. Tewari**  
DPIIT-IPR Chair Professor, PU, Chd

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  4. **Ms. Mamta Bhardwaj**  
Sr. Scientist,  
DST-Centre for Policy Research, PU, Chd.

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### **Proceedings:**

#### **Welcome Remark by Prof. Kashmir Singh**

Prof. Kashmir Singh, Coordinator, DST-Centre for Policy Research, Panjab University, Chandigarh, officially welcomed all the expert speakers, guests and participants for taking part in the event on INTERACTIVE SESSION on “*Importance of IP for Academia*” and shed the light on importance of Intellectual property in the present time and what is the need of awareness about IP in Indian researcher’s mind. He also put forward the activities being conducted by Panjab Universities in IP popularization and the dealing centers/cells in the university premises.

## **Opening remark by Prof. R. Tewari**

Prof. Tewari let the attendees know about the IP situation in today's ecosystem of India. He said that India's pace in patent filling is slow though it is publishing tremendous papers in the various national and international forums. He added that it needs to catch up and demand a revamp so that the youth can play a significant role in this research. He also briefed the guests and participants about the IP ecosystem in Panjab university and presented the report to the experts on the same.

## **Speaker's views**

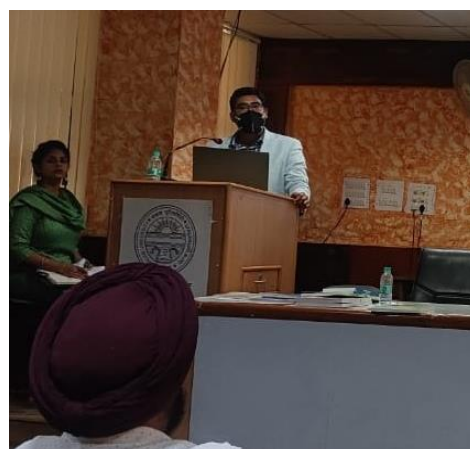
### ***Mr. John Cabeca***

- Mr. John Cabeca graced the occasion and highlighted the emerging importance of IP in Indian economy. He brought forward the importance of celebrating the world IP day not just as single day but as world IP month. He gave brief introduction about United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) and how his work domain provides advocacy to US industries as well as to Indian part about IP related queries that are felt while coming on board for collaboration/ research/ partnership, etc., apart from govt. to govt. working mechanism.
- He brought forward the importance of IP for Youth innovators. He stressed on the need to let the youth aware of IP at early ages as it is an important aspect of youth research.
- He let the attendee aware about the persisting issues such as piracy, copy that can take the limelight of the research away from the true innovator.
- He praised Panjab University, Chandigarh for bringing fruitful research and letting the youth to engage in IP.



### ***Dr. Dinesh Sharma***

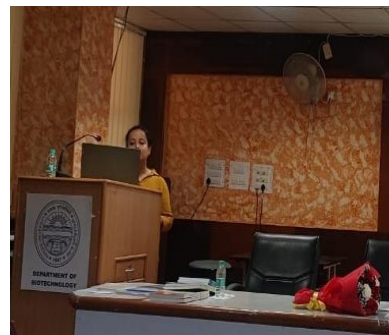
- Dr. Dinesh Sharma brought forward the importance of IP in general and how awareness and improvement in IP research can resolve many conflict while filling patents by innovators.
- He further stressed up on the IP awareness and how that could affect the economy enforcement for a country by playing important role in decision making while doing investment in India. He quoted one study that shows how patent protection and FDI are positively correlated and increase of 1% in patent protection could lead to 2.8% up in FDI for an investment with similar trends could be seen for copyright also.



- He stressed on quality in IP instead of quantity and let the attendee aware about various factors such as substantial and procedural issues that could led to patent rejection thereby rectification should be adopted as measure.
- He said that disclosure and protection have correlation with trade secrets and one should keep this correlation in mind while filling the patent.

***Ms. Mamta Bhardwaj***

- Ms. Mamta Bhardwaj gave overview of various initiative taken up by DST-CPR, PU in IP research for IP ecosystem enhancement.
- She gave brief idea of research taken up by the respective department and presented the various study results in particular the Institutes ranking in patent filling in India.
- Various recommendations drawn from the studies was presented and sought feedback and suggestion for working in collaboration with the USPTO Office to address the issues highlighted.



*The event was moderated and concluded by Dr. Radhika Trikha, Sr. Policy Fellow at DST-CPR, Chd. and Dr. Aditi Chauhan, Res. Asstt., IPR-Chair, PU, Chd with a Q&A session.*