



Minutes of the Meeting

Symposium

on

“Intellectual Property (IP) Management in Academic and Research Institutes”

Agenda: To familiarize the researchers/academicians/industrialists involved in basic and translational research projects with the concept of IP management including IP generation, protection and capitalization to cater the growing global market demands.

Overview:

DST-Centre for Policy Research (CPR) in collaboration with Department of Biotechnology, Panjab University, Chandigarh organized a one-day Symposium on “Intellectual Property (IP) Management in Academic and Research Institutes” on October 19th, 2023. Various dignitaries graced the event and enriched the participants with their thoughts.

Proceedings:

Welcome address

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 a one-day Symposium on “Intellectual Property (IP) Management in Academic and Research Institutes” 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 let audience informed about DST-CPR’s initiative taken lead the field of IP.

Inaugural address

Prof. Y.P. Verma, Registrar, Panjab University, Chandigarh inaugurated the event and stressed upon the IP importance. He highlighted the other ways to protect the IP of an innovation and informed the audience that patent is not the only way. He said there is a need of upliftment of IP standing of India at global level. In this regard he quoted the example of US where revenue from patents is contributing one third to its GDP. He appreciated various PU department’s initiative taken lead the field of IP. He also put forward the activities being conducted by Panjab Universities in IP popularization and the dealing centers/cells in the university premises.

Key note address by Chief Guest

Dr. Sanjay Kumar, Chairman, ASRB, New Delhi was the chief guest and Keynote speaker on this occasion. He highlighted the need of thorough basic fundamental knowledge of R&D to come up with a new idea to excel in startups, he shared his various success stories where basic principles lead to great innovations. He stressed on finding the uniqueness about an innovation at the beginning itself. He emphasized on the standardization while protecting IP rights. He highlighted the need of design, trademark, geographical indicators and valorization of IP. He

familiarize the participants with patent trends and statistics in India from 2016-22. Distinguished experts in the domain of IP management enlighten the participants with their thoughts.

Vote of thanks

Prof. Desh Deepak Singh, Chairperson, Department of Biotechnology, Panjab University, Chandigarh thanked the dignitaries for sparing their valuable time and sharing their thoughts on IP Management and its relevance in today's era.

Speaker's sessions

Distinguished experts (mentioned below) in the domain of IP management enlighten the participants with their thoughts.

1. Ms. Divya Kaushik, Scientist, Patent Information Centre, Punjab State Council for Science and Technology, Punjab

Ms. Divya Kaushik, Scientist, Punjab state council for science and technology let the audience engaged by highlighting the India's standing in innovation. She mentioned the Punjab's jump from 11th to 6th in past years due to the upliftment of state's STI infrastructure. She credited the IPR's cell at various Punjab's HEIs for this upliftment. She familiarize the audience with concept of commercialization. In this regard, she let the participants to aware about Punjab's IP Portfolio standing 10th in design filing and trademark filings and going way forward in this direction. She mentioned IP asset identification is the need of hour and how IP commercialization is taking the lead. She highlighted the intermingling of IP, Law and marketing for a successful IP commercialization.

2. Dr. K.P. Singh, Professor at IISER, Mohali

Dr. K.P. Singh, Professor at IISER, Mohali led the audience through his discoveries which were got patented at national and international level. He mentioned the difficulties in leading the innovation to the stage of commercialization from an R&D expert point of view.

3. Ms. Aparna Jain and Ms. Harinder Narvan, co-founder Knowledgentia consultants, New Delhi

Ms. Aparna Jain and Ms. Harinder Narvan, co-founders, Knowledgentia consultants, New Delhi led an interactive session. Both actively engaged the audience to aware them about IPRs and how to proceed with filing patents. They informed the audience about Indian Patent laws about filing patents and the way it differs from filling outside the country. They shed the light on bridging the gap between Industry and Academia through IPR.

4. Dr. Sukhjinder Singh, Scientist at CSIR-IHBT Pallampur

Dr. Sukhjinder Singh, Scientist from CSIR-IHBT Pallampur gave insights to Technology Pool, Techno-Economic viability & Technology Transfer Agreements. Around 150 participants took part in the symposium, including faculty members, researchers, and students. He highlighted the types of licences a researcher can think of while going for technology commercialization. He stressed on the importance of management in R&D ecosystem.

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