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## Awareness Programmes organized by PIC-Kerala during the period October – December 2008

### Exhibition at Cherthala on “Intellectual Property Rights” (from 19 – 26 October 2008)

PIC-Kerala conducted an IPR exhibition as part of the Centenary celebrations of Sri. R. Sankar, Founder of S.N. Trust, at S.N. College, Cherthala, from 19 – 26 October 2008, which was inaugurated by Sri. V. S. Achuthanandan, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Kerala. Information's about Patent filing procedures, fee for registering different forms of IPR, lifetime of rights, myths about IPR, Patent related news, do's and don'ts, etc., were displayed in the exhibition stall. The publications like PIC Brochure, Malayalam Booklet on IPR and PIC Leaflets were distributed to the participants during the exhibition. More than 3000 people including Students and Faculty from various Colleges & Schools, Social workers, Grassroot innovators, general public, etc., visited the stall. Many queries regarding different aspects of IPR raised from the participants were cleared during the exhibition. The participants especially Students, showed great enthusiasm on IPR.



Views of the exhibition organized by PIC-Kerala in association with S.N. College, Cherthala.

### Workshop in Thiruvananthapuram on “Intellectual Property Rights” ( 23 – 25 October 2008)

PIC-Kerala in association with Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Chair, Department of Law, University of Kerala, organized a three day Workshop on IPR, at Senate Chamber, University of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram, from 23 to 25 October 2008. The Hon'ble Minister for Education, Sri. M. A. Baby inaugurated the workshop.

The Hon'ble Minister also inaugurated the LLM course on IPR, launched by the Kerala University. Nine lectures were delivered during the Workshop.

1. 'An overview of IPR' by Dr. Ajit Prabhu V, Principal Scientific Officer, KSCSTE.
2. 'Protection of Traditional Knowledge' by Dr. S. Rajasekharan, Senior Scientist, TBGRI.
3. 'Protection of Copyrights in common law and statutory law' by Sri. Manoj Krishnan, Lecturer, Govt. Law College, Trivandrum.
4. 'Activities of KSCSTE & PIC-Kerala' by Er. Binuja Thomas, Scientific Officer, KSCSTE.
5. 'Kerala State's IPR policy' by Sri. Suhruth Kumar, Lecturer, Govt. Law College, Thiruvananthapuram.
6. 'Plant Breeders' Rights and Farmers' Right' by Smt. Meenakumari, Lecturer, Govt. Law College, Thiruvananthapuram.
7. 'Law relating to Trademarks' by 'Adv. Rajashree.
8. 'Law relating to Patents' by Smt. Binu Poornamodan, Lecturer, Govt. Law College, Thrissur.
9. 'Industrial Designs' by Sri. Girishankar S.S, Lecturer, Govt. Law College, Thrissur.
10. 'Copyrights and Open Source Model' by Dr. A. Achuthshankar, Director, Centre for Bioinformatics, Trivandrum.

### Seminar at Kannur on “Intellectual Property Rights” (on 25 October 2008)

PIC-Kerala in association with Science Park, Kannur, organized a one day Seminar on IPR at Science Park, Kannur, on 25 October 2008. The technical sessions were lead by experts in the field of IPR as follows.



Sri. M. A. Baby, Hon'ble Minister for Education, inaugurating the Workshop

1. 'An overview of IPR' by Dr. Ajit Prabhu V, Principal Scientific Officer, KSCSTE.
2. 'Protection of Traditional Knowledge & Biodiversity' by Dr. S. Rajasekharan, Senior Scientist, TBGRI, Thiruvananthapuram.
3. 'Copyrights & Trademarks' by Sri. V.P. Balagangadharan, Scientist & Group Head – Technology Transfer & Documentation Group, VSSC, Thiruvananthapuram.
4. 'Geographical Indications & Agricultural Products' by Dr. Neema V.P, Professor, Pepper Research Station, Panniyoor.

More than 100 participants including Scientists, Govt. Officials, Students, Faculty, etc., participated in the Seminar.



Dr. S. Rajasekharan, Senior Scientist, TBGRI, delivering his lecture



A view of the participants

## **Seminar in Thiruvananthapuram on “Intellectual Property Rights in IT” (on 30 October 2008)**

PIC-Kerala in association with Computer Society of India, Trivandrum Chapter, organized a one day Seminar on IPR in IT, at Technopark, Thiruvananthapuram, on 30 October 2008. Sri. N. Radhakrishnan Nair, Chief Executive Officer, Technopark, inaugurated the Seminar. The technical sessions were moderated by eminent experts in the field of IPR.

1. 'Introduction to IPR with Special Emphasis on Patenting' by Sri. V.P. Balagangadharan, Scientist & Group Head – Technology Transfer & Documentation Group, VSSC, Thiruvananthapuram.
2. 'Patent drafting & filing' by Sri. Anoop Joy, Patent Examiner, Patent Office, Chennai.
3. 'Legal aspects of IPR' by Adv. Benoy. K Kadavan, Advocate, High Court of Kerala.

More than 30 professionals from various firms in Technopark participated in the Seminar.



Sri. N. Radhakrishnan Nair, CEO, Technopark, inaugurating the Seminar.



Sri. V.P. Balagangadharan, Senior Scientist, VSSC, delivering the lecture

## **Seminar at Idukki on “Intellectual Property Rights” (on 6 November 2008)**

PIC-Kerala in association with M.E.S. College, Nedumkandam, organized a one day Seminar on IPR, at Nedumkandam, Idukki, on 6 November 2008. Four technical sessions were held in the Seminar.

1. 'An overview of IPR' by Adv. Febin James, School of Legal Thoughts, Kottayam.
2. 'Geographical Indications, Plant Variety Protection, Farmer's Right's by Shri. J. Thomas, Director Research, Indian Cardamom Research Institute.
3. 'Activities of KSCSTE & PIC-Kerala' by Mr. Safikh.S, Project Scientist, PIC-Kerala.
4. 'Legal aspects of IPR' by Adv. Febin James, School of Legal Thoughts, Kottayam.

More than 250 delegates including Students and Faculty from the host institution and nearby Colleges participated in the Seminar.



Adv. Febin James, Advocate, School of Legal Thoughts, Kottayam, delivering the lecture



Shri. J. Thomas, Director Research, ICRI, delivering the lecture



Mr. Safikh.S, Project Scientist, PIC-Kerala making the presentation

## **Seminar in Thiruvananthapuram on “The Current IPR Regime” (on 12 November 2008)**

PIC - Kerala in association with Christian College, Kattakkada, organized a one day Seminar on “The Current IPR Regime” at Trivandrum, on 12th November 2008. The technical sessions were moderated by experts in the field of IPR.



A view of the Participants

1. ‘WTO and IPR’ by Dr. P. Pushpangadan, Director General, Amity Institute for Herbal and Biotech Products Development, Trivandrum.
2. ‘Activities of KSCSTE & PIC-Kerala’ by Er. Binuja Thomas, Scientific Officer, KSCSTE.
3. ‘Protection of Traditional Knowledge associated with Biodiversity’ by Dr. S. Rajasekharan, Senior Scientist, TBGRI, Trivandrum.
4. ‘Legal aspects of IPR’ by Adv. Febin James, School of Legal Thoughts, Kottayam.

‘More than 100 delegates including Students and Faculty from the host institutions and from nearby Colleges, participated in the Seminar.

## **Seminar in Thiruvananthapuram on “Intellectual Property Rights” (on 16 November 2008)**

PIC-Kerala in association with IGNOU, Trivandrum Chapter, organized a one day Seminar on IPR at Institute of Management in Government, Thiruvananthapuram, on 16 November 2008. Sri. P.J.Thomas, Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Kerala, inaugurated the Seminar. There were four technical sessions in the Seminar.

1. ‘An overview of IPR’ by Sri. V.P. Balagangadharan, Scientist & Group Head – Technology Transfer & Documentation Group, VSSC, Thiruvananthapuram.
2. ‘Activities of KSCSTE & PIC-Kerala’ by Er. Binuja Thomas, Scientific Officer, KSCSTE.
3. ‘Patent drafting & filing’ by Dr. S. P. Subramaniam, Assistant Controller of Patents & Designs, Patent Office, Chennai.
4. ‘Protection of Traditional Knowledge’ by Dr. S. Rajasekharan, Senior Scientist, TBGRI.

Around 100 participants including Students, Faculty, Scientists, Govt. Officials, participated in the Seminar.



Sri. P.J. Thomas, Chief Secretary to Govt. of Kerala, inaugurating the Seminar



Sri. V.P. Balagangadharan, Senior Scientist, VSSC, delivering his lecture



A view of the participants of the Seminar

## **Seminar in Thiruvananthapuram on “Intellectual Property Rights” (on 22 November 2008)**

PIC-Kerala in association with L.M.S.U.P. School, Kottukonam, Trivandrum, organized a one day Seminar on IPR, at Kottukonam, on 22 November 2008. Adv. Hareendran, Lecturer, Govt. Law College, Trivandrum, delivered a lecture on the topic 'Introduction to IPR'. More than 150 delegates including Students and teachers from the School participated in the Seminar.



Adv. Hareendran, Lecturer, Govt. Law College, Trivandrum, delivering the lecture at L.M.S.U.P School, Kottukonam

## **National Seminar in Kozhikkode on “Role of IPR in the knowledge Economy” (from 28 – 29 November 2008)**

PIC - Kerala jointly with Malabar Botanical Garden ( M B G ), Kozhikkode, and in association with Patent Office – Chennai & National Institute of IP Management, Nagpur, organized a two day National Seminar on “ Role of IPR in the Knowledge Economy”, at M B G , Pokkunnu, Kozhikkode, from 28 – 29 November 2008. Dr. A. Jayathilak, District Collector, Kozhikkode, inaugurated the Seminar. Lectures on different aspects of IPR were delivered during the Seminar.



A view from the Students, L.M.S.U.P School

1. 'An overview of IPR' by Sri. V.P. Balagangadharan, Scientist & Group Head – Technology Transfer & Documentation Group, VSSC, Thiruvananthapuram.
2. 'Patenting System in India' by Shri. K. M. Viswanathan, Deputy Controller of Patents & Designs, Patent Office, Chennai.
3. 'Patent drafting & filing' by Prof. R. Lakshminarayanan, Regd. Patent Agent, Krishna & Saurashtri Associates, Bangalore.
4. 'Registration of Designs' by Shri. K. M. Viswanathan, Deputy Controller of Patents & Designs, Patent Office, Chennai.
5. 'Protection of Traditional Knowledge' by Dr. S. Rajasekharan, Senior Scientist, TBGRI, Thiruvananthapuram.
6. 'Activities of KSCSTE and PIC-Kerala' by Dr. Ajit Prabhu V, Principal Scientific Officer, KSCSTE.
7. 'Judicial responses to protection of Copyrights' by Shri. Manoj Krishnan, Lecturer, Govt. Law College, Thiruvananthapuram.
8. Practical session on “How to make claims while drafting Patents” by Prof. R. Lakshminarayanan, Regd. Patent Agent, Krishna & Saurashtri Associates, Bangalore.

The technical sessions were followed by a panel discussion. Various doubts regarding different aspects of IPR were cleared in the session. There were around 200 participants including Scientists, Researchers, Grassroot Innovators, Students and Faculty including those from NIT, IIM Kozhikkode, Law College & other Engineering & Arts Colleges, etc., in the Seminar. The participants showed keen interest in various aspects of IPR.



Dr. A. Jayathilak, District Collector, Kozhikkode, inaugurating the Seminar



Sri. K.M. Vishwanathan, Deputy Controller of Patents & Designs, Patent Office, Chennai, felicitating the function



Dr. Ajit Prabhu V, Principal Scientific Officer KSCSTE, Speaks on the occasion

## Exhibition at Thiruvananthapuram on “Intellectual Property Rights” (from 27 – 31 December 2008)

PIC-Kerala conducted an IPR exhibition in connection with the National Food and Agro biodiversity Festival (Annam – 2008) organized by Centre for Innovation in Science and Social Action (CISSA), at Trivandrum, from 27 – 31 December 2008. Information boards on IPR containing details about various aspects of IPR were displayed in the exhibition stall. The publications like PIC Brochure, Malayalam Booklet on IPR and PIC Leaflets were distributed to the participants during the exhibition. More than 3000 people including Students and Faculty from various Colleges & Schools, Social workers, Grassroot innovators, general public, etc., visited the stall. All the queries raised from the participants regarding different aspects of IPR, were cleared during the exhibition.



Views of the exhibition organized by PIC-Kerala, in Thiruvananthapuram

### Talk on IPR

Dr. Ajit Prabhu V, Principal Scientific Officer, KSCSTE, delivered a talk on “Introduction to Techno – Entrepreneurship and IPR” organized by Entrepreneurship Development Cell, University of Kerala, at Lourde Matha College of Science & Technology, Kuttichal, on 15 December 2008. About 110 Students of MBA, B.Tech and MCA, and Faculty participated in the programme

### US to provide \$250,000 for IPR protection training

The US government will provide \$250,000 dollars to India for training in protection of Intellectual Property Rights and building IPR enforcement capacity with a focus on the Delhi and Bangalore High Courts. With a view to enhance efforts to combat transnational crime, promote the rule of law and the protection of IPR worldwide, the U state Department has approved nine new projects totaling three million dollars in anticrime funds, including one in India. Training assistance to India for \$250,000 to build up the IPR criminal enforcement capacity of India, with a focus on the New Delhi and Bangalore High courts has been allocated – A spokesman from the Office of the State Department said.

(The Business Line, 10.12.2008)

### Geographical Indication for Nilgiris Orthodox tea

Nilgiris Orthodox tea has been registered under Geographical Indications act 1999. The application was filed by the Tea Board to the Registrar, Geographical indications Registry, Chennai. The registration is the recognition of the orthodox tea's manufactured in the Nilgiris known for their unique flavour attributable and specific to the geographical region of the Nilgiris. The registration will facilitate individual authorized users to handle 'geographical indications logo' acknowledging the concerned orthodox tea's place of origin and special characteristics.

(The Business Line, 16.12.2008)

### Surgeon got Patent for his innovative helmet

Dr. M.K. Kuruville, a surgeon from Kochi, got a patent for his innovative helmet which will protect the medulla oblongata and the upper end of the spinal cord of the two - wheeler riders, which is the common cause of instant deaths during accidents. The helmets in use now protect only the skull and limit the extend of head injuries. The new device can be made of the same material as the shell of a helmet. The neck piece can be fastened firmly. This allows free movement of the outer part along with the head. It will not slip out or tilt from the inner segment. The arrangement ensures free movement of the head to maintain the balance while riding. Dr. Kuruville said that the device can effectively prevent hyper – flexion and hyper – ex-tension at the occipital – atlas – axis complex and damage to the medulla oblongata and the spinal cord. The new helmet weights more than 100 grams than the normal helmets because of the incorporation of the safety feature.

(The Hindu, 14.01.2009)

### Geographical Indications for Chikankari

Bagging a Geographical Indication for chikankari is the first step that Lucknow has taken towards the promotion of the 400 – year old art. Lucknow got the GI for Chikankari in December 2008. Chikankari is actually a very complex and delicate form of embroidery that primarily uses muslin clothes. This kind of embroidery is only confined to the city of Lucknow. The term 'Chikankari' has originated from the Persian word Chikan that means muslin wrought with needlework. The government will now have to use it as a branding and marketing tool to promote chikankari in the national and international market. The government of Uttar Pradesh can now initiate legal actions against manufacturers producing Chikan anywhere outside Lucknow. The GI certification will promote genuine Chikankari as the community which is producing Chikan in Lucknow, has got the exclusive rights to manufacture and market it. The GI will not only promote Lucknow commercially but also culturally. Chikankari is the second region – specific product from UP to get a GI after 'Surkha' from Allahabad.

(The Times of India, 16.01.2009)

### Kenyan cloud over India's pharma exports to Africa

Even as India is working hard to allay the doubt of African countries on the quality and safety of medicines supplied by its domestic countries, Kenya, the third biggest African market for Indian medicines, is planning a new legislation against "counterfeiting" that could seriously jeopardize India's medicine exports to Kenya.

The Anti – counterfeit bill, 2008, placed before the Kenyan Parliament recently, indicates that copies or generic versions of all products having patent protection in Kenya or else where can be considered “counterfeit” in case of an intellectual property dispute. Since a majority of medicines manufactured by Indian Companies are under Patent protection in some Country or the other (though they do not enjoy patent protection in India or Kenya), the definition, in its current form, can be misused to delay or prevent supply of low – cost generic medicines to Kenya. Africa accounts for 14 percent of India’s \$8 – billion medicine exports. Incidentally, a majority of the African Nations and India are on the two sides of the table in the ongoing talks to review the World Health Organisation’s definition of “counterfeiting”. While India opposes all attempts to link intellectual property issues with “counterfeiting”, African nations have a different view.

(Business Standard, 16.01.2009)

### EPB seeks IPR protection for 5 products from Uttar Pradesh

To counter the threat from International Market to Country’s traditional art and craft, the Export Promotion Bureau (EPB) is initiating the process of filing of necessary applications to acquire Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) protection of unique products produced across Uttar Pradesh; through registration under GI.

The bureau along with the Intellectual Property Lab, Lucknow is ready to file the applications for some key products across the State. The five places shortlisted for the GI status are Ferozabad for glass bangles, Moradabad for metal ware, Kanpur for leather saddlery, Kannauj for Attar (perfume) and Bhadohi for carpets. A major bulk of the produce is exported to countries including Australia, USA, England, Denmark and South Africa.

(Business Standard, 17.01.2009)

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