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Awareness Programmes organized by PIC-Kerala during the period July - September, 2009

Half Day Programme of Lectures on "PCT and its implications" and "Filing of International Patent applications"

PIC-Kerala organized a half day programme of lectures on "PCT and its implications" and "Filing of International Patent application" at KSCSTE Auditorium, Sasthra Bhavan, Thiruvananthapuram, on 7th July, 2009. Dr. Ajit Prabhu V, Principal Scientific Officer, KSCSTE welcomed the speakers. Shri. Chid. S. Iyer, Patent Attorney, Surghue, Washington delivered the lecture on "PCT and its implications". Dr. Jyothi Iyer, Patent Attorney, USA, delivered the lecture on "Filing of International Patent application". The lecture sessions were followed by discussion in which lot of queries on various issues of IPR were answered. About 100 participants including Scientists, Researchers, Students and Faculty participated in the programme.



Dr. Ajit Prabhu V, Principal Scientific Officer, KSCSTE welcomes the speakers



A view of the participants



Interactive Seminar on “IPR awareness” through EDUSAT

PIC-Kerala in association with IT@School Project and Directorate of Technical Education organized an Interactive Seminar on IPR awareness through EDUSAT on 29th July, 2009. Dr. Ajit Prabhu V, Principal Scientific Officer, KSCSTE gave an introduction to the programme. Dr. E. P. Yesodharan, Executive Vice President, KSCSTE delivered the special address. The programme was telecast

from the EDUSAT studio in Thiruvananthapuram and was transmitted simultaneously to 12 Engineering Colleges in the State equipped with Satellite interactive Terminals (SITs). Two lectures were delivered in the Seminar.

► 'New Dimensions of IPR with special emphasis on Patents' by Dr. R. Saha, Director, Patent Facilitation Centre - TIFAC, New Delhi.

► 'Patent drafting and filing procedure' by Prof. R. Lakshminarayanan, Patent Attorney & Head Patent Division, Krishna & Saurastri Associates, Bangalore.

► 'Activities of KSCSTE & PIC-Kerala' by Er. Binuja Thomas, Scientific Officer, KSCSTE.

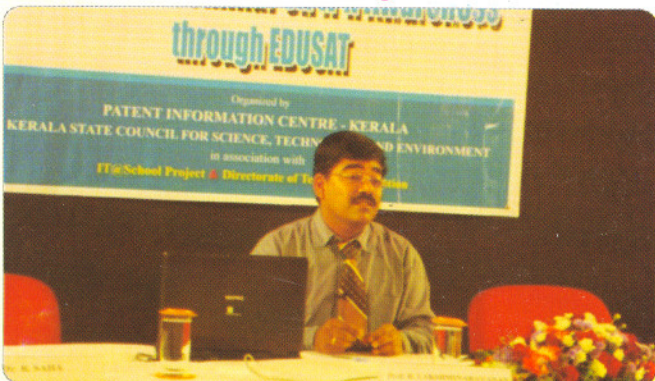
More than 1200 participants including Students and Faculty in 12 various Engineering Colleges participated in the Seminar.



A view from the inaugural session.



Dr. R. Saha, Director, PFC-TIFAC delivering his lecture



Prof. Lakshminarayanan delivering his lecture



A view of the Participants



Seminar on "Role of IPR in Research" at Kollam

PIC-Kerala in association with S.N. College, Kollam organized a Seminar on "Role of IPR in Research" at S.N. College, Kollam, on 20th August, 2009. Prof. V.S. Lee, Principal, S.N. College, Kollam inaugurated the Seminar.

Three lectures were delivered in the Seminar.

➤ 'Introduction to IPR' by Er. Binuja Thomas, Scientific Officer, KSCSTE.

➤ 'Patenting System in India' by Prof. R. Lakshminarayanan, Patent Attorney, Krishna & Saurastri Associates, Bangalore.

➤ 'Drafting & filing of Patent applications' by Prof. R. Lakshminarayanan, Patent Attorney,

Krishna & Saurastri Associates, Bangalore.

➤ 'Role of KSCSTE & PIC-Kerala in promoting IPR in the State of Kerala' by Mr. Safikh.S, Project Scientist, PIC-Kerala.

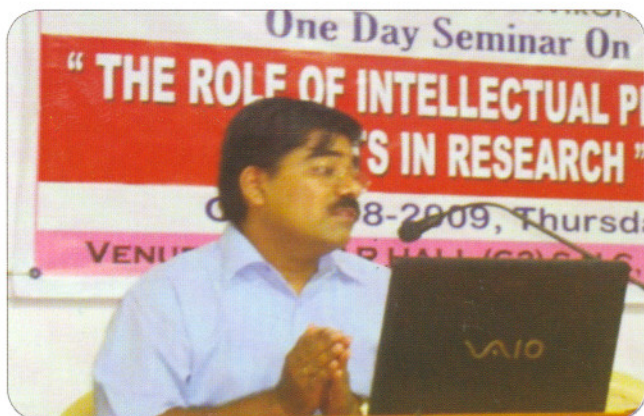
More than 100 participants including Students and Faculty from the host institution and from nearby Colleges participated in the Seminar.



Prof. V.S. Lee, Principal, S.N. College, Kollam inaugurates the Seminar



Er. Binuja Thomas delivering her lecture



Prof. Lakshminarayanan delivering his lecture



View of the Participants



Inauguration of IPR Cell in Kerala University

PIC-Kerala, with the financial support from TIFAC, New Delhi has established an IPR Cell in Kerala University at Centre for Bioinformatics, University of Kerala, Kariyavattom, Thiruvananthapuram. The Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Kerala University inaugurated the IPR Cell on 24th July, 2009. During the function, Dr. Ajit Prabhu V, Principal Scientific Officer, KSCSTE & Nodal Officer PIC-Kerala explained the necessity of an IPR Cell in the University and how it should function. Dr. Achuth Sankar. S. Nair, Director, Centre for Bioinformatics, University of Kerala and also the Co-ordinator of the IPR Cell in the University explained the services and facilities which will be provided by the IPR Cell to the Students and Faculty community in the University. University Senate Members, Officials from various Departments, Faculty members from various departments in the University and Students participated in the function. This was the second IPR Cell established by PIC-Kerala in the Universities. Later, to formulate the action plan of IPR Cell, a discussion meeting was organized on 29th July, 2009 afternoon, in which faculty members from all the departments in the University and Officials from PIC-Kerala were attended. The meeting was chaired by Dr. R. Saha, Director, PFC-TIFAC, New Delhi.



Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Kerala University inaugurates the IPR Cell in the University



A view from the discussion meet at IPR Cell, Kerala University

Radio Programme on "IPFC for MSME Sectors"

PIC-Kerala organized a programme through All India Radio on 14th September, 2009, explaining the establishment of IP Facilitation Centre exclusively for the MSME sectors and the services which will be provided by the Centre for generating awareness on IPR among the MSME's and for the protection of intellectual properties originating from the MSME's. Prof. A. Damodaran, Professor, Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore, Shri. V.P. Balagangadharan, Scientist & Head-Technology Transfer & Documentation Group, VSSC, Thiruvananthapuram, Dr. S. Rajasekharan, Scientist, TBGRI, Palode, Thiruvananthapuram, Dr. Ajit Prabhu V, Principal Scientific Officer, KSCSTE and Shri. R.S. Praveen Raj, Scientist, NIIST, Thiruvananthapuram explained the objectives and functions of the Centre in detail.

Seminar on "Intellectual Property Rights" in Thiruvananthapuram

PIC-Kerala in association with Law Department, University of Kerala organized a three day National Seminar on "Intellectual Property and Access to the benefit of Scientific progress: Human Rights Perspective" at P.W.D Rest House Conference Hall, Thycaud, Thiruvananthapuram, from 20th-22nd August, 2009. There were eight technical sessions in the Seminar in which many lectures covering various aspects of IPR were handled by experts. More than 150 participants including Faculty and Law Students participated in the Seminar

Talk on IPR

Dr. Ajit Prabhu V. delivered a talk on 'Human Rights and Intellectual Property Rights' at UGC- Academic Staff College, University of Kerala, Kariyavattom on 25th August, 2009. Around 50 participants including faculty from the Universities and Colleges from different parts of the Country participated in the programme



Workshop on “IPR and Traditional Knowledge” at Kannur

PIC-Kerala in association with Science Park, Kannur organized a one day Workshop on “IPR and Traditional Knowledge” at Kannur University Campus, Payannur on 18th September, 2009. Prof. (Dr.) Micheal Tharakan, Vice Chancellor, Kannur University inaugurated the Workshop. Three lectures were delivered in the Seminar as follows.

- 'An overview of IPR with special emphasis on Patents' by Shri. V.P.Balagangadharan, Scientist & Head - Technology Transfer & Documentation Group, VSSC, Thiruvananthapuram
- 'Drafting & Filing of Patent application' by Prof. R. Lakshminarayanan, Patent Attorney, Krishna & Saurastri Associates,

Bangalore.
➤ 'Role of KSCSTE & PIC-Kerala in promoting IPR in the State of Kerala' by Dr. Ajit Prabhu V, Principal Scientific Officer, KSCSTE

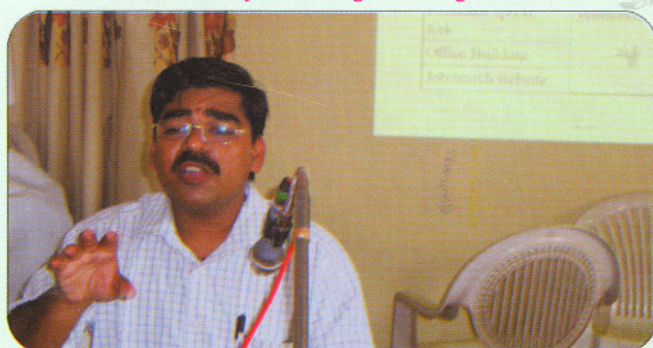
The Technical Sessions were followed by a panel discussion. More than 100 participants including Students, Faculty, Grass root Innovators and Public participated in the Workshop



Prof. (Dr.) Micheal Tharakan, Vice Chancellor, Kannur University delivering the inaugural address



Shri. V.P. Balagangadharan taking his lecture



Prof. Lakshminarayanan delivering his lecture



A view of the participants

Seminar on “IPR and Science & Technology Progress” at Palakkad

PIC-Kerala in association with KEDES, Palakkad organized a one day Seminar on “IPR and Science & Technology Progress” at Hotel K.P.M. Regency, Palakkad on 25th September, 2009. Shri. A.T. James, District Collector, Palakkad delivered the presidential address. Smt. Subaida Ishak, District Panchayath President, Palakkad inaugurated the Seminar. Dr. Ajit Prabhu V, Principal Scientific Officer, KSCSTE delivered the Keynote address. Three lectures were delivered in the Seminar. Around 100 participants including Grass root Innovators, Self Help groups and Students participated in the Seminar.



Tata sons win trade mark case against MakeMyTrip.com

TATA sons who recently filed a trademark case against New Delhi based travel portal MakeMyTrip.com at WIPO for the use of word 'TATA' in their sister website 'okaytatabyebye.com' won the case. The argument put forward was that MakeMyTrip.com had 'ill intention' behind the creation of domain name 'okaytatabyebye.com', in order to infringe the IPRs of TATA. MakeMyTrip.com on its parts contested that usage of the word TATA as a gesture finds its mention in the origin of a place Ta Ta Creek and also they added that "name is derived from common parlance since it signified travel and journey." The portal also said that services offered by both are completely different. MakeMyTrip will be appealing against the decision of WIPO at Delhi Court against the transfer of the domain.

(The Hindu Business Line, 31.08.2009)

SC issues notice to Govt and others on Novartis petition

The Supreme Court today issued notice to the Central Government, drug majors Cipla, Ranbaxy Lab, Hetero Drugs, Natco Pharma and others on an appeal filed by Swiss firm Novartis, challenging the denial of Patent for Glivec, its blood cancer drug in beta crystal form. A bench headed by Justice Dalveer Bhandari did not pass a stay order against the order of the Intellectual Property Appellate Board (IPAB), against which Novartis approached the Supreme Court. IPAB in July had denied the plea for Patent mainly under Sections 3(d) and 3(b) of the Indian Patents Act. The SLP filed by Novartis said that Section 3(d) was not applicable at all to their "breakthrough medicine Glivec". Novartis also said it objected to IPAB's contention, citing Section 3(b), that the price of the drug is "too unaffordable" as 99 per cent of all Glivec patients in India - currently more than 11,000 patients- have been receiving their medicine free of charge through the Glivec International Patient Assistance Program (GIPAP) since 2002. The battle for Glivec's patent rights is the longest and the most controversial intellectual property debate on medicines after India changed its patent rules to align itself with the TRIPS of World Trade Organization in 2005.

(www.business-standard.com, 12.09.2009)

WTO asks Pakistan to increase Fine

WTO has asked Pakistan and other under-developed countries to increase the fine and period of imprisonment for violators of IPRs. WTO had given a grace period of five years to signatory under developed economies of south Asia including Pakistan to implement IPRs, which expired in 2007, but no concrete steps were taken in this issue. WTO has asked Pakistan that being a signatory to WTO agreement, it should increase the penalty amount to 0.5 million from 0.2 million and imprisonment period to three years for the violators of IPRs. However Government has not complied with the instructions of WTO.

(The News International, 26.09.2009)

Four Centres for legal studies to be set up

Union Minister for Law and Justice M Veerappa Moily said that the Government is thinking of establishing four Centres for Advanced Legal Studies and Research (CALSAR) next year, as per the recommendations of the National Knowledge Commission (NKC). The Centre would focus on research in IPRs. The objectives include reviewing of journals, providing multi-disciplinary approaches to law, organizing workshops and putting together a world-class faculty. Each centre would be allocated Rs 50 crore. "They would also need an annual budget of Rs 5 crore including salaries and fellowships," he said.

(Times of India, 19.07.2009)



IT firms speeds up Patent filing

Stepping up efforts to commercialize their IP, Indian IT services firms have accelerate their Patent filing process. Top three firms TCS, Infosys and Wipro filed together over 150 patent applications in fiscal 2009. Such movements are an important part of their non linear growth strategy. Infosys leads the rivals in number of patents filed, but TCS was granted the most, the changed economic conditions where customers have slashed their spending forced even the small scale IT service firms to look at patenting their IPs. Also the start ups and services companies are looking to use their IP as value addition and attract new customers, not necessarily by converting them into patents.

(The business Lines, 28.07.2009)

Delhi HC directs DCGI to give license of cancer drug to cipla

The Delhi HC allowed pharma company Cipla to produce the generic version of anti-cancer drug Nexavar and directed the drug regulators to grant it license. Earlier, German drug major Bayer Healthcare had filed a suit against cipla stating that they do not have the right to manufacture the drug as sole patent right to manufacture, sell and distribute the cancer drug Nexavar is with them. Meanwhile the HC has directed all parties including Bayer, Cipla and the Government to file their written submission in two weeks. The court has allowed the application of Indian Pharmaceutical Alliance for making it a party in ongoing case.

(www.livemint.com, 04.09.2009)

IPL clams huge copyright violations

The Indian premiere league's strict guidelines for broadcast media could hardly deter copyright infringements and it had to contend with a large number of un-authorized videos and live feeds during its second edition in South Africa this year. Over 6700 UN authorized videos on the web were pulled down while over 1300 pirated blogs or websites were shut down. Over 2800 hours of clips were across 109 channels which was in violation of broadcast media guidelines.

(press Trust Of India, 13.08.2009)

'Geographical Indication' tag for Tirupati laddu challenged in Supreme Court

The Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) has obtained a Geographical Indication Register (GIR) certificate for its famous laddoos. A scientist from Kerala has moved the Supreme Court challenging the grant of Geographical Indication Tag for "Tirupati laddu". The scientist is R.S Praveen Raj, who is working in the National Institute for Interdisciplinary Science and Technology, Thiruvananthapuram. The certificate was issued by the Controller General of Patents, Designs and Trade marks, Department of Industrial Promotion, Ministry of Commerce and Industries, Government of India. The application for GIR certificate was made in March 2008. The conferment of the GI tag on Tirupati laddu would ban others from making and marketing laddus under the same name."

(The Hindu, 09.10.2009)



Copyright violation: hotels, discotheques likely to face the music

Hotels and discotheques in the State have come under the scanner for violation of copyright act for offering customized musical night without paying license fee. Phonographic performance Ltd (PPL), which administers the broadcasting, telecasting and public performance rights on behalf of leading music companies in India, had decided to target the hotel and discotheques failing to pay license fees. PPL (Kerala) spokesperson said that music companies had authorized and mandated their performing rights over sound recording to PPL and had designated the PPL to issue public performance license in India. An associate of PPL said that an awareness campaign among hotels and discotheques on copyright issue as any infringement was a cognizable and non-bailable offence and would attract a heavy penalty of up to Rs.2 lakh and 3year imprisonment. Section 35 grants PPL the authority to issue licences to hotel and pubs for playing music during an event.

(The New Indian Express, 08.09.2009)

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