

Seminar on “Patenting system in India, filing procedure and commercialization” conducted on 14.03.2018 by Dr. M. Sundararaman, Co-ordinator, IPR cell, Bharathidasan University, Trichy -24.

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Resource Persons : 1. Mr. Prasad Rao , Deputy Controller of Patents & Designs, Patent office, IPR Building, Chennai
2. Mr. Preethi Narayanan, Patent Agent, Chennai”.

Topic-1 : Patent System In India

Topic-2 : Patent filing procedure and commercialization”.

Venue : University Auditorium

Date : 14.03.2018

The seminar program commenced with invocation of Tamil Thai Vaazhthu. Dr. M. Sundararaman, Co-ordinator, IPR cell, Bharathidasan University, Trichy -24 welcomed the gathering. Dr. N. Thajuddin, Dean, Faculty of Science, Bharathidasan University, Trichy -24 presented mementos to the two invited experts and offered his felicitation to this program. The core seminar program started with the two experts, one is Mr. Prasad Rao, Deputy Controller of Patents & Designs, Patent Office, IPR Building, Chennai and the second expert is Ms. Preethi Narayanan, Patent Consultant, Chennai.

Mr. Prasad Rao, being the government authority, dealt in detail about “Patent System In India”. He explained the various IPR laws in India and abroad, IPR system and offices in India and narrated the whole official machinery of IPR administration in India. He elaborated as how IPR became an asset, various forms of IPR such as patents, industrial designs, trademarks, geographical indications, integrated circuits and trade secrets. He explained the procedures, validity, extendibility and fees structures involved in obtaining all forms of IPR. He stressed the eligibility criteria for patents, mechanism involved in obtaining Indian and foreign patents and the need for patent searches. Finally he focussed on how to win patents and its commercialization. The questions were reserved for the discussion session. Subsequently, Ms. Preethi Narayanan were delivered lecture on “Patent filing procedure and commercialization”. She elaborated the way to prepare a patent document for filing with the patent office. She explained various components of a patent document, the methods of preparation, various kinds of forms which one has to fill and submit to the IPR office.

Various stages involved in the processing of patents were explained. The legality involved in patent filing, patent opposition and litigation aspects were discussed. She explained the strategies adopted for commercialization. She end up with putting questions to the audience in the form of multiple choice questions which evoked good reply and interaction from the participants.

The third part of the seminar namely, discussion session was conducted by both Mr. Prasad Rao and Ms. Preethi Narayanan, faculty and research scholars have raised their questions or put forth their opinions. Questions related to eligibility for patenting, how to convert research work into patents, patent searches, etc were discussed. The program ended up with the proposal of vote of thanks by Dr. P. Malliga, Professor, Dept of Marine Biotechnology, Bharathidasan University and singing of National Anthem.