

Awareness of Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) and its Relevance in Research”
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IPR plays a vital role in enhancing the socio-economic prosperity of the country. Creativity and innovation are new drivers of the world economy. With the increasing relevance of IP in this era of globalization, it's important to recognize the role which IP play in the growth of the nation. In view of this the Department of Electronics & Communication, Sree Buddha College of Engineering and Patent Information Centre(PIC) Kerala, Kerala State Council for Science, Technology & Environment in association with Internal Quality Assurance Cell conducted a one-day seminar on “**Awareness of Intellectual Property Rights(IPR) and its Relevance in Research”** on 29th January 2019 for UG, PG and Research scholars.

The venue of the program was Conference Hall, Library Block. The event started by 9.00am.Registration was opened at 9.00am and closed by 9.30am.Inaugural session was presided over by Dr. S Suresh Babu, Principal of Sree Buddha College of Engineering and inaugurated by Sri. K K Sivadasan, Treasurer of Sree Buddha Educational Society. Prof. Pavitha P P, HoD of ECE department has given the welcome address. The resource persons and Prof. Sabi S, Program coordinator was also present.

The chief guests for the event were:

Dr. Jippu Jacob, Professor & coordinator- IPR cell of Kerala state council for Science, Technology and Environment (KSCSTE), Amal Jyothi College of Engineering, Kanjirappally. He took Ph D in Farm Machinery & Power from IIT, Kharagpur at 2008. He started his career as a lecturer in Kerala University from 1977 to 1979.

Shri. R S Praveen Raj, Senior Scientist in National Institute for Interdisciplinary Science & Technology (NIIST), Trivandrum (CSIR), and is responsible for Intellectual Property Management, Business Development, Technology Transfer and Human Resources Management. Have Industrial & Teaching experience and was working in Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre, Thiruvananthapuram before joining Patent Office.

Shri. Vishnu V A, Project fellow from PIC-Kerala, KSCSTE. PIC-related services Kerala was established in May, 2003. It has been providing IPR related services to the people in the state since its inception. The Centre functions with the partial financial support from Dept. of Science & Technology, Govt. of India.



Photo: **Felicitation** by Dr. S Suresh Babu, principal of Sree Buddha College of Engineering

Soon after the opening session the seminar has started by 10.00am. It comprised three dedicated sessions that elaborated on the various facets of IPR-its relevance, the process of filing a patent and the role of Patent Information Centre on assisting the IPR Procedures in Kerala.

The first session was handled by Dr Jippu Jacob on the topic 'Overview of Intellectual Property Rights', he explained the intangible properties that could deem protection from infringement using the IPR system. A comprehensive idea of copyright, design, patents and trademark were explained in detail and the participants gathered a very clear understanding that violation of intellectual property rights, called "infringement" with respect to patents, copyright, and trademarks, and "misappropriation" with respect to trade secrets, may be a breach of civil law or criminal law, depending on the type of intellectual property involved, jurisdiction, and the nature of the action.



Photo: First session by Dr. Jippu Jacob, Professor & coordinator- IPR cell of KSCSTE

The second session on Patents by Dr. R S Praveen Raj on the topic ‘Patent ability criteria and Patent filing procedure’, has discussed the patent filing procedures in India and various other case studies elaborating the same. In his session he opined that it is important to promote intellectual property licensing practices, particularly, with a view to foster creativity, innovation and the transfer and dissemination of technology in the country. He also shared many of his life experience in patent filing process.



Photo: Shri. R S Praveen Raj, Senior Scientist in NIIST, Trivandrum CSIR

Third session was presented by Sri. Vishnu V A on the topic “Patent Searching and Support from PIC- Kerala for IP protection”. He explained how to search patent, how to apply for a patent and also gave information on many websites; both national and international related to patents and also about the cost of applying for a patent.



Photo: Shri. Vishnu V A, Project fellow from PIC-Kerala, KSCSTE



Photo: Prof. Pavitha P P, Head of ECE Department, SBCE handing over certificate to one of the participant.

The event concluded around 1:30 pm and certificates were distributed. The feedback obtained from the students showcased that the event was really informative, well structured, most effective and very useful for their future use, the overall impression about the program was very good. The successful conduction of the one-day seminar was only made possible because of the coordinated effort of the coordinators and students.