Workshop on Intellectual Property Rights

REPORT

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A Workshop on intellectual Property Rights was conducted at Mahatma Gandhi College Thiruvananthapuram on 1/12/2015. The workshop was jointly organized by KSCSTE/PIC Kerala and Post Graduate Department of Zoology and Research centre, Mahatma Gandhi College, Kesavadasapuram, Thiruvananthapuram. The venue was the seminar hall of the
college. 120 participants were attended the Workshop. The workshop was inaugurated by Sri. V. P. Balagangadharan, Former Brahmaprakash scientist, VSSC, Thiruvananthapuram at 10 am. College Principal Dr. Hema Nair. R presided the session. Welcome speech was by Dr. R. Rajendran Nair, HOD, Dept of Zoology. The Key note address was delivered by Dr. Ajith Prabhu, Additional Director, PIC Kerala. Dr. A. G. Oleena (Senate member, University of Kerala) and Dr. C. Sreelatha (Associate Professor, Dept. Of. Zoology) felicitated the meeting. The session was concluded by the vote of thanks of Dr. Biju kumar. B. S (co-ordinator).

The inaugural session was ended at 10.45 am. After a short tea break, the first Technical session was started at 11 am. This session included the Scholarly and interesting talk by Sri. V. P. Balagangadharan on “IPR - Tool to protect Inventions and Creations”. His lecture started with the topic, ‘What is Intellectual Property’. Then he discussed on different aspects of Intellectual Properties like What is a Patent, Patent Rights, Trademarks, Industrial Design, Geographical Indication, IC Layout (Semiconductor, Trade Secret, Copyright, Protection of plant varieties, Farmers’ Rights and Researchers’ Rights. He concluded the talk by explaining the rationale of protection and the nature of IPR. IPR are monopoly rights. He emphasized that IPR have to be renewed from time to time for keeping them enforced except in case of copyright and trade secrets.

Technical Session – II was started at 12.15 pm by the talk of Dr. Bismi Gopalakrishnan (Hon. Director, Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Chair, Centre for Human Rights and Social Justice, Department of Law, University of Kerala) on the topic ‘Copyrights & Trademarks: Case Studies’.

Her presentation began with explaining the various aspects of copy right. She discussed in detail about the topics like ‘What is copyright?’, ‘What do we mean by author or creator?’ Originality of Literary works, Judicial decisions (Copyright in judgments produced by courts vs government) etc. She concluded the session by discussing about Trademark”, “Service Mark and Collective mark. Her presentation was much informative as she cited interesting case studies. The session was ended at 1.15 P.M.

After lunch break, the Third session was started at 2.00 P.M with the presentation of Shri. R. S. Praveen Raj (Senior Scientist, National Institute of Interdisciplinary Science & Technology, Trivandrum) on the topic ‘Patent filing procedures and Case Studies’. His presentation began with explaining ‘what is patent’. He discussed the matter with the Instant camera story of Poloroid VS Kodak. He distinguished Patentable and Non patentable inventions in India. He gave various examples of patents in Life Science. The procedure for the application of patents and the various steps of granting of patents are described. He concluded the session by explaining about post grant oppositions and Claims.

The concluding session was began at 3.15 pm. The session was led by Sri Arun Alfred (Project Scientist, KSCSTE) on the topic ‘Patent Searching and Support from PIC-Kerala for IP protection’. In his talk he explained the valuable helps and support given by PIC for the persons seeking patents. He also narrated the procedure for applying patents.
The workshop was concluded at 4\(^{0}\) Clock after tea.

The Workshop was highly informative to students, teachers and Research Scholars. Two Scientists and five Research Scholars from J.N.TBGRI, Palode were participated. Teachers from other Colleges and departments were also participated in the workshop. In short the workshop provided valuable awareness and insight on the various aspects of IPR.

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