

Eternal University
Intellectual Property Rights: Issues and Challenges

The one day workshop on “Intellectual Property Rights: Issues and Challenges” was organized at Eternal University by financial support by Department of Science and Technology (DST), State Council for Science, Technology and Environment (SCSTE), Shimla, in association with Himachal Pradesh Patent Information Center (HPPIC), to Intellectual Property Rights Cell, Eternal University, University Baru Sahib.

The workshop was organized through four sessions including, inaugural, valedictory and two technical sessions. The workshop was participated by 250 participants including invited speakers, faculty members, research scholars and postgraduate students of Eternal University. There were seven invited lectures including three speakers from HPPIC Shimla, two from Eternal University and two outside subject and legal experts. The inaugural session was chaired by Dr. H.S. Dhaliwal, Honorable Vice Chancellor of Eternal University, and the inaugural lecture entitled ‘Plant variety protection in India’ was delivered by Guest of Honor, Dr. Manoj Srivastava, Ex-Registrar, PPVFR authority, Govt. of India, New Delhi. The technical session I comprised of two lectures. Considering the importance of IPRs, An overview/introduction of different kinds of intellectual property rights was provided by Dr. Vinod Sangwan. The related facts were also interesting and useful. The three components of IPR viz. Copyrights, trade marks and trade secrets were significantly explained as they were not covered in rest of sessions of workshop. To provide more insight into this matter, Mr. Umesh Sharma, has given an excellent talk on patentable, non patentable items, innovations with an information on various acts and laws related to IPRs. With his long experience in this field, his lecture invoked many queries in participants and those who are working on any patentable items will be highly benefited/get aware in a positive way.

The second technical session was chaired by Dr. Manoj Srivastava and started with invited talk on prior art search and other IPR issues by Ms. Ritika Kanwar from HPPIC Shimla. She has informed the participants about importance of prior art search in successful grant of patents and other related rights. Mr. Sashidhar from HPPIC has also presented an informative lecture on Geographical indicators of Himachal Pradesh. It has created a huge interest among participants with various related queries were raised and satisfied. In the same session, activities and objectives of HPPIC was explained by Dr. Aparna Sarin

and she has assured to provide all necessary help from centre for any IPR related issues in the university. Dr. Sunil Kumar, Member, IPR cell Eternal University has also informed the participants about activities and responsibilities of IPR cell in the university.

The valedictory session was graced with the presence of Hon'ble Chief Guest of workshop, Sh. Kunal Satyarthi, Joint Member Secretary, SCSTE, Shimla and it was chaired by Dr. H.S. Dhaliwal. Sh. Satyarthi was instrumental in giving his inspirational speech on IPR related facts based on his experience in council and a story based on book 'JUGAAD' to the student participants. The invited guests and speakers were honored on this occasion and certificates were also distributed.

