REPORT ON ONE-DAY WORKSHOP ON "INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS: THE WAY AHEAD TO PROTECT IDEAS"

(17th November 2021)

One day Workshop on "INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS: THE WAY AHEAD TO PROTECT IDEAS" was organised by COE, Govt. Degree College Sanjauli, Shimla in collaboration with Biotechnology Incubation Centre, Department of Biotechnology H.P. University Shimla-05 on 17th November 2021. The Chief patron of the workshop was Prof. Sikandar Kumar Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, H.P. University Shimla-05 and the patron were Dr. Chander Bhan Mehta Principal, Centre of Excellence, Govt. College Sanjauli Shimla-06 and Prof. Arvind Kumar Bhatt Professor, Deptt. of Biotechnology H.P. University Shimla-05. The Convener of the workshop was Dr. Maneesha Kohli Associate Professor, Govt. College Sanjauli Shimla-06 and the Co-ordinator was Dr. Ravi Kant Bhatia Assistant Professor, Deptt. of Biotechnology H. P. The workshop was sponsored by HIMCOSTE Govt. of H.P. Shimla and HPCED Deptt. of Industries Govt. Shimla.

The opening ceremony of the workshop began with auspicious lamp lighting ceremony seeking the blessings of Goddess Saraswati followed by Saraswati vandana and felicitation of the guest speakers.

The theme of the workshop was elucidated by Dr. Nidhi, Deptt. of Zoology and Prof. Deepti, Deptt. of Botany made participants aware about Intellectual property that pertains to any original creation of human intellect such as artistic, literary, technical or scientific creation whereas, Intellectual Property right refers to the legal rights given to the inventor or creator to protect his or her invention or creation for a certain period of time. The core objective of the Workshop i.e to make the target group capable of handling IP data as IPR promotes entrepreneurship, stimulate innovation and creativity was nicely explained by them.

The affable personality, Principal Dr. C. B. Mehta formally welcomed the August gathering and his address was quite lucid and relevant to the workshop on IPR.

In the inaugural session, Dr. Arvind Kumar Bhatt, Professor, Deptt. of Biotechnology, HPU deliberated on the functions of Biotechnology Incubation centre HPU. The Speaker gave us a peep into the workings of the centre focusing on how it provides working space and facilities

to the budding entrepreneurs to utilize Himalayan Resources by transferring lab technologies to Industries. His guidance to the participants on commencing a start up was quite informative and his fresh perspective on how monetization of innovative ideas can be a life changing experience with illustrations from real life was motivating for all participants.

Later the discourse of Dr. S.K.Soni, (Professor Microbiology, Punjab University Chandigarh) Key note speaker on Intellectual Property and its significance, various aspects of Intellectual property rights and its role in present era was quite intelligible and made the difficult ideas such as patents, patent rights, processing for filing patent and copy rights quite comprehensible to the participants. His elaboration on regulation of IP policy and commercialization of IP, Revenue sharing, Ownership and inventor ship of Patent was quite penetrating. And it was quite disheartening to hear that India stands at 28th place in patent filing and therefore, shows the urgency to conduct such workshops to spread awareness about IPR.

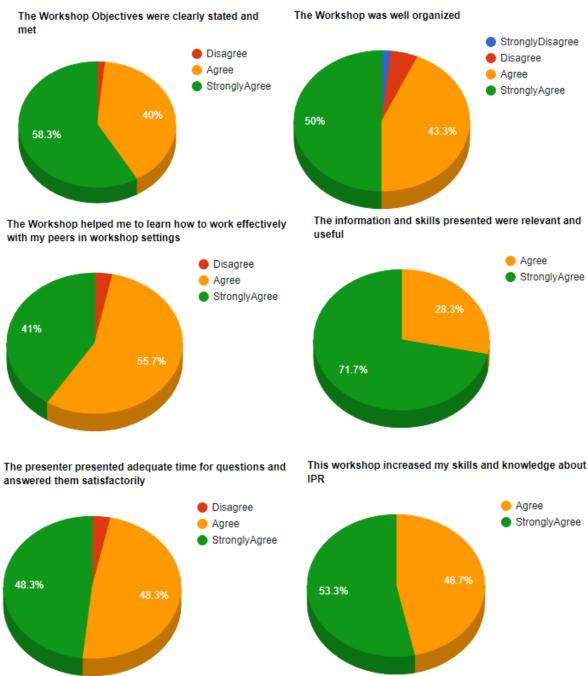
Dr Wamik Azami, Professor Deptt. of Biotechnology, Himachal Pradesh University was quite praiseworthy as he dealt with issues such as fundamental aspects of Intellectual Property rights and the Patent regime in India and abroad. He gave a detailed expiations about Patent, Patentee, Patent infringement, Patent in biotechnology and GI tag.

Dr. Shashi Dhar, Coordinator, Himachal Pradesh Patent Information Centre's, talk was quite informative as he gave an insight into all aspects of IPR innovation and invention, KIRAN IPR Scheme for Women Scientists by the Department of Science and Technology, Govt. of India.

The demonstration given by Dr. S.S. Kanwar on concept of IPR and Patent application filing through the participatory session was the acme of the workshop. The hands on training provided basic Patent training comprising in depth the entire Patent system, from its reason for existence to how to create strong Patents as valuable assets of the institution. The session was well structured, conducted eloquently and strengthened the knowledge of the participants on e – filing of patents in India

The Feedback Performa's were also distributed among the participants to assess the success of Workshop. The data collected was organized in the Pie chart presented as follows:





The convener Dr. Manisha Kohli, Deptt. of Botany and the faculty of science deserve kudos for organizing such a technically informative and enlightening workshop that has benefited the participants by the expertise of the speakers who touched all the aspects of INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS. The feedback of the workshop was presented by participants Chirag, Aditi of B.Sc IIIrd year of the College and Trisha of Deptt. of Biosciences, HPU followed by

feedback from faculty which was presented by Dr. Kirti Singha, Deptt. of Physics. The certificates of participation were distributed to the participants by Dr. Chander Bhan Mehta Principal, Centre of Excellence, Govt. College Sanjauli Shimla-06. The workshop was concluded with formal vote of thanks by the convener Dr. Manisha Kohli, Deptt. of Botany followed by National Anthem.



