

**GTU organized Two days workshop on “Patenting in Pharmaceuticals” on  
3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> September 2011 at AMA, Ahmedabad**

Gujarat Technological University organized two days workshop on “**Patenting in Pharmaceuticals**” at AMA, Ahmedabad whose inaugural function was held on **3<sup>rd</sup> September 2011, Saturday**. To participate in this workshop, 140 faculty members from more than 60 pharmacy colleges affiliated to GTU across the state were gathered.

Inaugural session was begin with Saraswati vandana, lamp lightning followed by welcome speech by Dr. G.P. Vadodaria, In- charge Registrar of GTU. He has emphasized that GTU is planning to sensitize all research faculty members in the field of IPR and Patent, which will ultimately reflect the strength of any individual, institute or university as a whole. Dr. Manish A. Rachchh, Program coordinator has given introductory speech and explained the objectives of the workshop. Then Honb. Vice chancellor of GTU, Dr. Akshai Aggarwal has explained in detail about the GTU objectives to promote and nurture the innovation at institute level so that each and every student of GTU will be employable. He mentioned that IPR and Patents will not generate only prestige to individual scientist, but it will also generate revenue for the researchers. He mentioned that, we have begin with Pharmacy faculty and by next month such kind of workshop will be arranged for Engineering and other technological branches of GTU. At the end, Mr. Hiranmay Mahanta had given vote of thanks and highlights the agenda of GTU Innovation council to frame virtual sectorial clusters in different domains.

Scientific sessions begun with Dr. Anamik Shah, Professor of Saurashtra University, Rajkot gave the idea about different forms of IPR and how academic researcher can go ahead to protect their IP. Mr. Padmin Buch, Director, GITCO, Ahmedabad had discussed the patent scenario in Pharmaceuticals industries followed by which Dr. Alpesh Pathak, Head IPR cell, Alembic Pharma Ltd., Baroda discussed the implication Patents in generic Pharmaceuticals industries of the country. Mr. Nagesh Nanda, General Manager, TRC, Ahmedabad had given the elaboration of how to draft the patent application, who can be the inventor and applicant of the Patent. Dr. Manish A. Rachchh, Head (PG), S. J. Thakkar Pharmacy College, Rajkot had given talk on Types of Patenting in Pharmaceuticals and how to select research topics for dissertation at M. Pharm or PhD level, so that later on it can be patentable.

On Sunday, scientific session begins with speech of Dr. Rajesh Acharya, Patent and Trademark Attorneys, who discussed about practical aspects of claim drafting. Again Dr. Manish Rachchh had taken a session on how to do patent search using free databases accessible online. Mr. Anand Singh, Marketing Manager, Sci-edge, Pune had given live demonstration of Sci-Finder databases useful for Patent search. Mr. Anil Pandey, Manager, Troikaa Pharmaceuticals, Ahmedabad had given an idea about How to file Patent application to Indian Patent office with the examples. Lastly Mr. Atulya Nath, CEO, GIIP, New Delhi had given a practical overview how to commercialize the patent and generate revenue out of it and demonstrated the way how to work out from Saraswati to Laxmi.

At the end workshop ended with valedictory session in which Honb. Vice chancellor of GTU, Dr. Akshai Aggarwal emphasize that GTU planning to file 2000 Patents by June-2012, so he suggested all participating faculties to contribute towards it by filling as many patents as they can from M. Pharm dissertation thesis. All the participants were appreciated the efforts of GTU and whole organizing committee and assure to Dr. Aggarwal that, they will try to file maximum number of Patents from their academic research projects. Mr. Hiranmay Mahanta lastly gave vote of thanks and workshop ends in a pleasant mood with positive feedback from all the participated faculty members. Honb. Vice chancellor Dr. Akshai Aggarwal appreciated the efforts of program coordinator Dr. Manish A. Rachchh and his team which includes Dr. Rina Gokani, Associate professor as well as Mr. Bipin Patel, Mr. Jigar Savjiyani and Mr. Hardik Ghelani who are M. Pharm students of S. J. Thakkar Pharmacy College, Rajkot.



Inauguration of the workshop by Honb. Vice Chancellor Dr. Akshai Aggarwal and In-charge registrar Dr. G. P. Vadodaria



Honb. Dr. Akshai Aggarwal explaining the vision of GTU for fostering innovation at academic level, which can ultimate reach upto the social level



Dr. G. P. Vadodaria, Incharge Registrar of GTU giving a Welcome speech to all the participants came from different part of the state



Dr. Manish A. Rachchh, Program coordinator of the workshop has given an introductory speech and mentioned about objectives and importance of this workshop of Patenting in Pharmaceuticals



Mr. Hiranmaya Mahanta explaining the mission and objectives of GTU Innovation council



Participating Faculty at a glance. More than 140 faculty from more than 60 pharmacy colleges gathered including



Prof. Anamik Shah, Dept. of Chemistry, Saurashtra University, Rajkot presented an overview on Different forms of IPR



Mr. Padmin Buch, MD, GITCO, Ahmedabad gave talk on Patent scenario in Pharmaceuticals



Dr. Alpesh Pathak, Head IPR cell, Alembic Pharmaceutical Ltd., Baroda gave talk on Patent implications in Generic Pharmaceutical companies



Dr. Manish A. Rachchh, Head (PG), S. J. Thakkar Pharmacy College, Rajkot gave talk on Types of Patenting in Pharmaceutical, which are more relevant to academic researchers



Mr. Nagesh Nanda, General Manager, TRC, Ahmedabad gave talk on Drafting of Patents



Dr. Rajesh Acharya, Patent & Trademark Attorney, H. K. Acharya & Company, Ahmedabad gave session on Claim Drafting



Mr. Anand Singh, Marketing Manager, Sci-Edge, Pune gave practical demonstration of Scifinder software useful for Patent search



Mr. Anil Pandey, Manager IPR, Troikaa Pharmaceuticals Ltd, Ahmedabad gave talk on Patent filling Procedure in India



Mr. Atulya Nath, CEO, GIIP, New Delhi gave talk on How to generate Revenue from the Research? by means of different types of commercialization



All the Participants had undergone interesting Self-evaluation test by doing MCQ type Assignment on the last day of the workshop after scientific sessions



Brain churning Panel Discussion at the end of 2<sup>nd</sup> Day of scientific session. L to R: Mr. Anand Singh, Mr. Anil Pandey, Dr. Manish Rachchh & Mr. Atulya Nath



Honb. Vice Chancellor Dr. Akshai Aggarwal, Mrs. Aggarwal, Mr. Hiranmaya Mahanta and Dr. Manish Rachchh at the time of Valedictory function