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Patenting in Engineering and Prior Art Search /Patent Search

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for all Final Year Engg students at Faculty of Engineering, Marwadi Education Foundation

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GTU Innovation Council in a survey found that as many as 1900 innovative projects, made by GTU students, have benefited SMEs in the very 1st year of anchoring the Final Year projects in industries. GTU has worked during 2011-12 to build capacity of its students and faculty members in IPR/Patenting. GTU organized 2-day workshops on Introduction to IPR and patenting for faculty members all over the state. As many as 1,000 faculty members participated in these workshops. Some half day workshops for students were also organized on demand. About 3,000 students participated. The final year students and their faculty guides have all participated in IPR workshops with a great deal of enthusiasm.

The Honorable VC, GTU is determined to set a new target of creating path for minds to market and to protect the intellectual property of each of the innovations, which is being developed by various student teams guided by faculty members. Prof Anurag Lakhani and Prof R.B.Jadeja (Co-Chair Innovation Sankul Rajkot-2) had a brainstorming session with Mr. Hiranmay Mahanta soon after the final year students submitted their IDPs/UDPs. GTU Innovation Council in a survey found that the student projects, which were done last year, with proper prior art search/patent review progressed significantly better than others where such a study was not made.

This year GTU wants to ensure that our final year students and their faculty guides are able to build their capacity for Prior Art Search and Patent Search during August and September 2012 so that they can make a fast progress in developing innovative projects. These workshops may be conducted in Colleges, where Udisha clubs are active and which ask for the Workshops.

Prof Manish Rachh made a detailed plan to reach out the needy final year students. Prof Lakhani invited him to the Faculty of Engineering of Marwadi Education Foundation for the half-day workshop. Prof Manish Rachh extended his expertise in IPR/patent search to all final year students and their guides at Faculty of Engineering, Marwadi Education Foundation. Such workshops will increase the innovation potential or originality of student projects, since they will be able to learn about which innovations have been attempted before and about the way the solution has been attempted.

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The volunteers of SJ Thakar Pharmacy colleges Jaydip Ghodasara and colleagues helped in arranging this half day session and made it a huge success. While taking feedback from students post-event, many students told that they got altogether a new dimension of thinking. They wished and conveyed their full commitment to the goals of GTU while doing final year projects and to making their Innovation Sankul a unique one.



Students from various branches interacting with Prof Rachh regarding IPR and related things which can certainly improve their IDPs/UDps