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GTU organized One day workshop on "Patent Search Methodology" on 8th September 2012, Saturday at

Vishwakarma Government Engineering College (VGEC), Ahmedabad

Gujarat Technological University Innovation Council had organized one day workshop on "Patent Search Methodology" at Vishwakarma Gov. Engineering College (VGEC), Ahmedabad. Nearly 115 faculty members from more than 15 Engineering colleges of Ahmedabad and Gandhinagar zone of GTU participated in this workshop.

Prof. M. R. Patel, Principal of VGEC and Co-chair Naroda Innovation Sankul gave welcome address to all the resource persons and participants. **Dr. Manish A. Rachchh,** Program coordinator gave introductory speech and explained the objectives of the workshop. He mentioned that, after successful completion of seven different basic workshops during the previous academic calendar, now GTU has decided to impart focused training on Patent Search Methodology to faculty members, which will help them as well as their students to select IDP/UDP, which should be innovative and productive in nature. Prof. Mihir Shah, Associate professor of VGEC and joint coordinator has expressed his thanks to **Hon. Dr. Akshai Aggarwal** for arranging such innovative and practical workshops for engineering faculty members. He assured that the fruits of this workshop will be seen by the end of June 2013, when many faculty members along with their students will come forward to file their patents.

Mr. Hiranmay Mahanta, MD Techpedia.in appreciated the enthusiasm of participating faculty members and mentioned that they have to work as Innovation Officer/role model in their respective institute to inculcate the concept of innovation and IPR in their students. He mentioned that if we learn how to do patent search and analysis then it will be helpful to identify the current trend in the particular field of technology forecasting and by doing so faculty and students will be able to identify the current problems of the technology and can able to develop the solutions for the same.

The scientific session begun with **Mr. Padmin Buch**, Managing Director, GITCO Patent Cell, Ahmedabad who gave the idea about an overview of patent search and its objectives. **Dr. Manish A. Rachchh**, Registered Patent Agent and Principal, S. J. Thakkar Pharmacy College, Rajkot has given demonstration of Open source patent database particularly **ESP@CENET** for worldwide patent search and **IPO** for Indian Patent search with live case study. **Dr. Alpesh Pathak**, Head IPR, Alembic Pharma Ltd., Vadodara has explained about how to interpret different embodiments of the patent document with example.

In the post lunch session, **Dr. Manish A. Rachchh** has shared the format for Patent Search Report as well as Patent Analysis Report with all the participants. Followed by this, all the participants have assembled in the computer lab and did online exercise of patent search of their own invention using ESP@CENET and IPO database and **Dr. Alpesh Pathak** and **Dr. Manish A. Rachchh** assisted the participants in this process.

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All the participating faculty members had shown tremendous interest during the whole day program and expressed their views like ...

"This is a very unique practical workshop organized by GTU, wherein we are so much engrossed and involved that we could not able to know when the whole day has passed".

"This type of program is required to be organized on frequent basis for faculty and students."

"The program of IPR has to be incorporated as a part of syllabus in 7^{th} and or 8^{th} semester, where students are undertaking their IDP/UDP".









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To make the program successful one from GTU side Ms. Usha Banker (OSD) and her team including Mr. Harshad Patel, Mr. Ritesh Patel and Mr. Pinak K. Gajjar did tremendous efforts. From hosting institute side under the guidance of Dr. M. R. Patel, Prof. Mihir Shah, Mr. Uday Trivedi, Mr. H.S. Wani and their student volunteers contributed. From program coordinator side, Mr. Jaydeep Ghodasara, PG student has contributed to organizing the program successfully.