REPORT: 2-days Workshop: 14th & 15th September 2013

Patenting in Pharmaceuticals

The Post-Graduate Research Center for Pharmaceutical Studies & Drug Delivery Technologies of Gujarat Technological University organized a two days workshop on "Patenting in Pharmaceuticals" at GTU's Gandhinagar campus. The inaugural function was held on Saturday, 14th September 2013. In this workshop, 120 faculty members including M.Pharm students from more than 30 pharmacy colleges affiliated to GTU actively participated.

Inaugural session was begun with prayer to the almighty, lamp lighting followed by a welcome speech by **Dr. G.P. Vadodaria**, I/c Registrar of GTU. He mentioned that this is the 25th FDP that GTU is organizing in the field of Patent and IPR. He suggested that all the participating faculty members and students should take maximum benefit of all the experts who had come from different part of the country. **Dr. Manish A. Rachchh**, Program Coordinator and Associate Professor at GTU gave an introductory speech and explained the objectives of the workshop. **Dr. Chandrasekhar Tanikella**, Director, Patent Facilitating Center (PFC), TIFEC, New Delhi mentioned about the importance of out-of-box thinking for innovation and IPR.

Honb. Dr. Akshai Aggarwal, Vice chancellor of GTU, in his presidential address, explained in detail about the GTU objectives to promote and nurture the innovation at institute level so that each and every student of GTU would become employable. He mentioned that IPR and Patents will not generate only prestige to individual scientist, but it will also generate revenue for the researchers too. He mentioned that for the last two years, GTU had been creating awareness about IPR and Patent among faculty and students of Pharmacy and Engineering and as a result till date 177 Patents have been filed by GTU faculty and students. He also informed the participants about the new initiatives started this year by GTU Innovation Council namely "Patent Clinic Workshop", wherein all mentoring support is provided by GTU to draft and file the patents of students/ faculty members. He suggested to all the participants to take maximum benefit of this platform. He also

mentioned that from this year GTU has introduced "Patent Search & Analysis Report Generation" as a part of syllabus of the 7th semester engineering in all branches.

Prof. Praful Bharadia, Principal of B. S. Patel Pharmacy College, Linch, Mehsana and **Prof. Rajesh K. S.**, Principal of Parul College of Pharmacy, Waghodia, Baroda remains present to convey their well wishes. Lastly vote of thanks was given by **Mr. Amitkumar Patel**, IPR coordinator of GTU.

Scientific sessions begun with **Dr. Chandrasekhar Tanikella**, Director, PFC, TIFEC, New Delhi who has discussed about nurturing creativity and role of IPR. **Mr. Padmin Buch**, Director, GITCO, Ahmedabad had discussed about the impact of patent on Pharmaceuticals industries and academia. Dr. Unnat Pandit, Dept. Managar (IPR cell), Cadila Pharmaceutical Ltd., Ahmedabad discussed about the implication Patents in generic Pharmaceuticals industries of the country. **Dr. Manish A. Rachchh**, Program coordinator and Associate professor of GTU, Ahmedabad had given talk on Types of subject matter patentable in Pharmaceuticals and how to select research topics for dissertation at M. Pharm or PhD level, so that later on it can be patentable. **Mr. Anil Pandey**, Dept. Manager (IPR), CII, Ahmedabad has given various examples of grass root innovators and how IPR played a crucial role for them to generate revenue.

On Sunday, scientific session begun with speech of **Dr. Manish A. Rachchh**, Program coordinator and Associate professor of GTU, Ahmedabad, who discussed about Open source Patent search database and demonstrated online to participants with examples. **Dr. B. P. Singh**, Deputy Controller of Patents & Director NIIPM, Nagpur has given a lecture on drafting and filing procedure of Patent in India. **Ms. Nidhi Bhatt**, Registered Patent Agent, H. K. Acharya & Co., Ahmedabad discussed about claim drafting with examples. **Prof. Anamik Shah**, Saurashtra University, Rajkot could able to come up due to his ill health. Lastly **Mr. Dinesh Jotwani**, Director, Indian Academy of Law & Management, New Delhi had given a practical overview on how to commercialize the patent and generate revenue out of it and demonstrated the way from Saraswati to Laxmi.



At the end of workshop **Dr. Manish A. Rachchh** and **Dr. B. P. Singh** conducted an IPR quiz, wherein one representative from each participating college was invited to participate. All the students have interestingly and joyfully participated in this quiz competition. The prizes were given to top 3 winner colleges. On behalf of all the participants, **Prof. N. P. Chotai**, senior professor from A. R. College of Pharmacy, Vallabh Vidyanagar has given his feedback and appreciated the efforts of GTU and the whole of the organizing committee for such a wonderful brainstorming two days workshop and assured the **Honb. Dr. Aggarwal** that, they would try to file maximum number of Patents from their academic research projects. To make this program successful along with Dr. Manish A. Rachchh, **Mr. Yogesh Vaghela** and **Mr. Dhaval Shingala** made tremendous efforts.





Inauguration session of the workshop: (L to R) Dr. G. P. Vadodaria, Mrs. Shakun Aggarwal, Honb. Dr. Akshai K. Aggarwal and Dr. Chandrasekhar Tanikella



Deep pragtya by the dignitaries (L to R): Honb. Dr. Akshai K. Aggarwal, Prof. Praful Bharadia, Mr. Padmin Buch and Mrs. Shakun Aggarwal



Welcome speech by Dr. G. P. Vadodaria



Introductory Speech by Dr. Manish A. Rachchh





Guest of honor speech by Dr. Chandrasekhar Tanikella



Presidential speech by Honb. Dr. Akshai K. Aggarwal



Vote of thanks by Mr. Amitkumar Patel



All dignitaries joined for National Anthem at the end of Inaugural session



Dr. Chandrasekhar T. delivered session on "Nurturing creativity and role of IPR"



Mr. Padmin Buch delivered session on "IPR & Patent: Basics, Context & Strategic Implications for Pharma Industry & Academics"



Dr. Unnat Pandit delivered session on "Patent & Indian Generic Pharmaceuticals"



Dr. Manish A. Rachchh delivered session on "Patentable subject matters in Pharmaceuticals"



Mr. Anil Pandey delivered session on "Grassroot Innovation in India"



Discussion with Media on Day -1 (L to R): Dr. Manish A. Rachchh, Mr. Padmin Buch and Ms. Bhavita Shukla



Day 2: Dr. Manish A. Rachchh delivered session on "Patent Search using Open Source Database"



Dr. B. P. Singh delivered session on "Paten Drafting & Filing procedure in India"



Ms. Nidhi Bhatt delivered session on "Claim Drafting"



Mr. Dinesh Jotwani delivered session on "How to generate revenue from Patent?"



Dr. B. P. Singh has given award to 1st winner of IPR Quiz



Dr. B. P. Singh has given award to Runner up of IPR Quiz



Participants View -1



Participants View -2