11ᵀᴴ PATENT CLINIC (PC)

A Program for

"PATENT SEARCH, DRAFTING & FILING"

for

Students of Engineering and Pharmacy & Faculty Members of GTU

on

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At the mid of the last academic year, the final year students of BE, ME, B. Pharm and M. Pharm are on the verge of completion of their research projects. Literature search is the first step to begin any project/dissertation. Many of the students have unique inventions, but they are not aware about the Intellectual Property Rights (IPR). Some of their solutions are quite unique and might fulfil the criteria of Patentability.

To assist and motivate such students to decide whether their projects are patentable or not, under the visionary leadership of **Hon'ble. Vice Chancellor of GTU, Dr. Akshai K. Aggarwal,** Gujarat Technological University has launched unique program named "*Patent Clinic*". If the projects are patentable, then drafting and filing the Provisional Patent applications is the second objective. GTU has successfully organized two days' workshop on "Patent Search, Drafting & Filing" (11th Patent Clinic) at GTU Chandkheda campus, Ahmedabad on 6th & 7th February 2015 (Friday and Saturday). In this workshop 130 students and faculty members who possess novel and innovative projects have participated to take the advantage of experts in filing their respective patent applications. So far ten patent clinics have been completed and total 60 provisional patents have been filed by faculty and students.

During each of the Patent Clinic (PC), GTU invites many IPR experts from various industries and organizations as resource persons for Patent Search and for the procedure of filing applications for patent. The issues of types of patent applications, requirements for provisional patent application, explanation for various patent application forms and fees, patent and/or literature searching and drafting of provisional patent application for each individual innovative project were discussed at 11th PC programme. Students were motivated to file their inventions in form of patent application. Patent searching through different online databases were conducted during this programme. Participants have given hands on training of patent searching through various free as well as paid databases.

Out of 135 participants participated in the 11th PC program, after an intensive exercise during the two days, about 35 participants found their projects as novel, innovative and patentable and filed for provisional patents.

Dr. Manish A. Rachchh, Associate Professor, Centre for Pharmaceutical Studies & Drug Delivery Technologies, Gujarat Technological University (GTU), delivered a talk on "*Patent Search using Open Source Database*". He has guided students regarding how to search relevant patents through freely available various online databases like Esapcenet, IPO, USPTO, Patentscope, etc along with some examples. He explained about how to search for relevant patent documents along with different classification systems like IPC, CPC, etc. by using freely available patent databases. He has also conducted session on "*Patent Drafting and filing Procedure in India*" on IInd Day. He also motivated students to draft and file patent applications for their inventions. He assured that GTU would provide all the support to them regarding filing of patents.

Mr. Anil Pandey, IPR coordinator, CII, Ahmedabad delivered a talk on the "*Patent Search using Paid Databases like PATSEER and TOTAL PATENT*". He also organized the facility of using these databases for the two days for all the participants. He had also assisted the participants in the patent search process by using online paid databases. He has promised that he would provide facility of searching by using paid databases on the request by the participants whenever they need.

Mr. Amit Patel, Assistant Professor (IPR) Gujarat Technological University (GTU), has also helped all the participants for patent search and for drafting their patent applications.

Snapshots of this workshop: