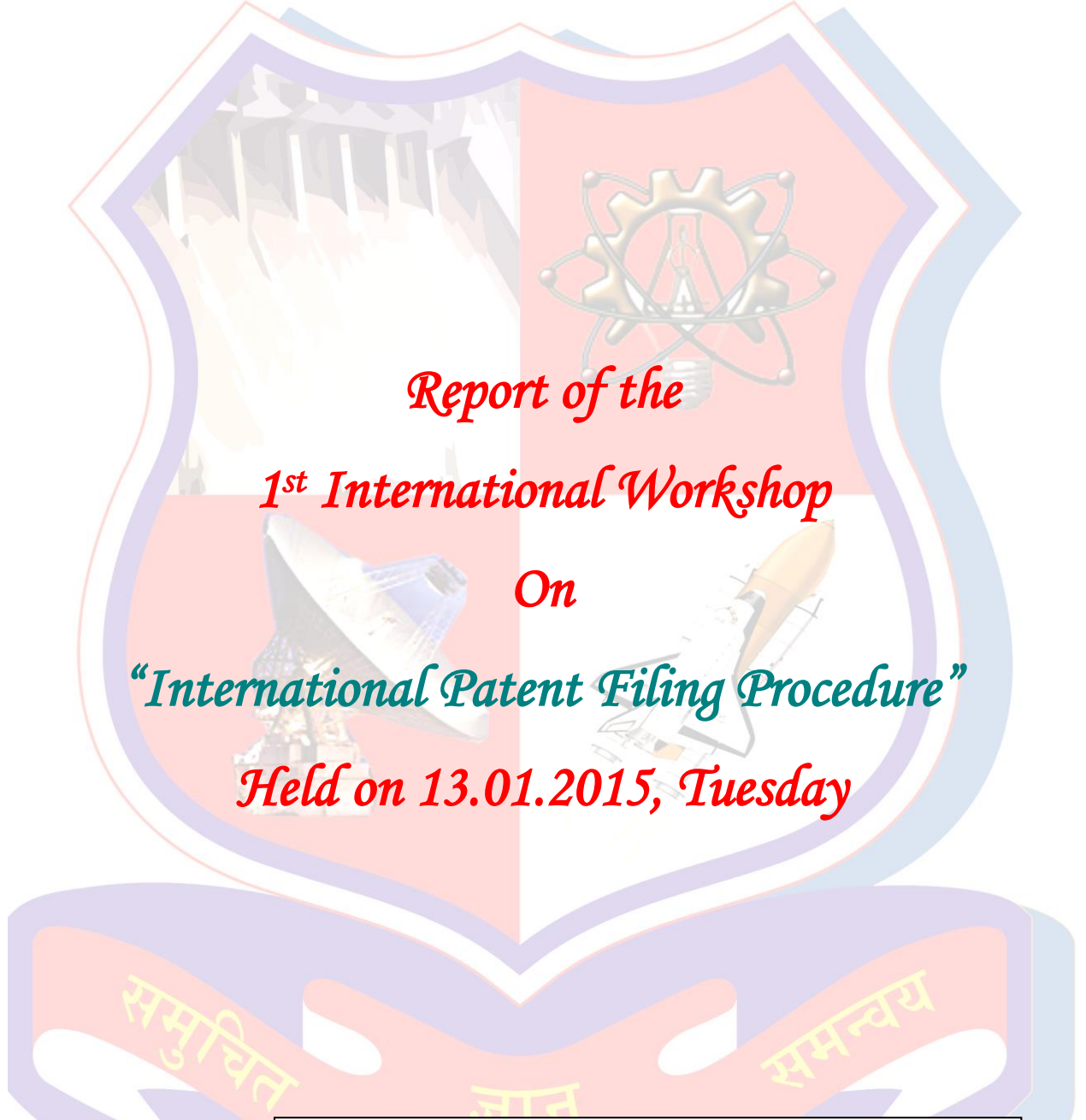


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Report of the

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On

“International Patent Filing Procedure”

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Under the visionary leadership of **Honb. Dr. Akshai Aggarwal**, Vice Chancellor of Gujarat Technological University (GTU), GTU has started a vigorous drive to create IPR and Patent awareness among faculty and students of engineering and pharmacy to increase the innovation index in the project work done by the students/faculty.

GTU started its IP Mission on 3rd September 2011. From **September 2011 to December 2014**, GTU has conducted more than **50** workshops on IPR including workshops on Patenting in Pharmaceuticals/Engineering, Basics of IPR, Patent Search, Drafting and Filing workshops, Patent Search & Analysis Report Generation (PSAR) workshops, etc. **4,541** Faculty Members and more than **3,000** students of engineering and pharmacy participated in these workshops. Further, appx. 70,000 students of BE (Sem.-7) and 2,000 students of M. Pharm (Sem.-3) have studied and uploaded **3.15 lac patents** on web portal created by GTU during the last 2 years. Such a massive drive **has not been** done by any University in India. Due to all these efforts, faculty and students of GTU have filed **288 preliminary patent applications** during the last 3 years.

As Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) is an important issue in today's knowledge-based society, to support and guide the students and/or Faculty members of GTU who have desire to file patent applications globally, GTU organized one day workshop on **“International Patent Filing Procedure”** on **13th January 2015, Tuesday** at GTU Chandkheda Campus. About **160** participants including Faculty members and students from Engineering and Pharmacy colleges participated in this workshop.

At the Inaugural session **Dr. Manish A. Rachchh**, Program Coordinator and Associate Professor at GTU gave an introductory speech and explained the objectives of the workshop and urged all the participants to take advantage of IPR eco-system developed by the University to file their patents. **Shri J. C. Lilani**, I/c Registrar of GTU delivered the welcome speech and 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 world. **Shri. Padmin Buch**, Head – IPR Cell, EDII gave the keynote speech and appreciated the new initiative started by GTU by organizing the workshop on International Patent Filing. **Shri B. P. Singh**, Deputy Controller of Patent, Patent Office of India, New Delhi appreciated the efforts done for IPR and Patent awareness and IPR eco-system developed by GTU IPR cell under the visionary leadership of **Honb. Dr. Akshai Aggarwal**, VC of GTU and mentioned that **GTU had become the Role model for all Technical Universities of the country in the field of IPR and Patent Drive**. He urged that all Technical Universities should adopt GTU model to create IPR Eco-system in their respective Universities to foster innovation. Upon recommendation of VC, GTU, he further gave assurance that the Patent Office will look forward to subsidize application fees for Universities. **Prof. Heinz Goddar**, German and European Patent Attorney, Partner in Boehmert & Boehmert, Munich, Germany also appreciated IPR mission started

by GTU. He also offered his honorary service to conduct contact classed for the GTU's one-year Post Graduate Diploma in IPR (PGDIPR) course.

Honb. Dr. Akshai Aggarwal, Vice Chancellor of Gujarat Technological University (GTU), during his presidential speech, encouraged students and faculty members to come forward to file patent applications for their inventions. He promised that GTU will help all the students and faculty members to file their patent applications (Ordinary as well as International Patent Applications). He emphasized that there is need to convert the student ideas into viable marketable products and mentioned that GTU has started Student Start-Up Support System (S4) wing. He added that GTU had released its Policy for the benefit of students. He also quoted the examples of certain students who got better placement and package due to patents that they has filed. He expressed his concern to experts to find solutions for the cases wherein students' after filing provisional application and having completed their study, did not coming forward to file their complete specifications. He also raised his concern about fees for International patent filing and suggested that the experts might guide participants about any special provision available so that fees required to be paid can be minimized.

Scientific session begun with **Shri B. P. Singh**, Deputy Controller of Patents, Patent Office of New Delhi who has discussed about "*International Patent Filing Procedure (PCT and Conventional application) in India*". Another topic on "*European Patent System and filing procedure*" was taken by **Prof. Heinz Goddar**, German & European Patent Attorney and partner of Boehmert & Boehmert, Munich, Germany. **Shri. Padmin Buch**, Senior visiting faculty & Head of IPR cell of Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India (EDII), Ahmedabad has chaired this entire Session-01.

Session-02, was started by talk of **Dr. Stefan Schohe**, German & European Patent Attorney and partner of Boehmert & Boehmert, Munich, Germany on the topic of "*Patentability criteria for Computer related invention in Europe*". Then after **Dr. Rajesh Acharya**, Managing Director, H. K. Acharya & Co. has conducted session on "*Patent Filing Procedure in USPTO*". **Shri B. P. Singh**, Deputy Controller of Patents, Patent Office of New Delhi has chaired this session-02.

Entire event was successfully coordinated by **Dr. Manish A. Rachchh**, Asso. Professor, GTU along with **Mr. Amit Patel**, Asst Prof, GTU and **Ms. Munira Sherasiya**, Research Assistant, GTU, Ahmedabad.