

Periodic Report of IPFACE
Period: 1 April 2010 - 30 Sept 2010

Intellectual Property Facilitation Center (IPFACE) aims to promote awareness and adoption of intellectual property rights amongst entrepreneurs and MSMEs in India while also making accessible high-quality IP services and resources. IPFACE is a project of the Venture Center supported by the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, Government of India and National Chemical Laboratory, Council of Scientific and Industrial Research, India. IPFACE is located at the NCL Innovation Park, Pune, India




The activities and events held at IPFACE from the launch of IPFACE till September are briefed below.

A] Soft launch of IPFACE on 26 April 2010:

		<p>IPFACE was launched in the premises of NCL innovation Park. Dr. V.Premnath, Director Venture Center in his introductory remarks gave information relating to the conceptualization of IP FACE, its resources, services to be offered and various activities which are planned to be undertaken by IPFACE. This was followed by lighting traditional lamp by Dr. S. Sivaram, Chairman Venture Center and Director NCL. Dr. R.R. Hirwani, Head, CSIR Unit of Research and Development Products launched a dedicated website for IP FACE. A free introductory seminar on Intellectual Property was also held on the occasion. Mrs. Srividya Ravi, Prof. Mrs. Nilima Bhadbhade of ILS Law College and Mr. A.D.Kulkarni, Principal Technical Officer NCL. The seminar was attended by the members of legal fraternity, representatives from Medium and small scale enterprises receiving assistance from Venture Center and the resident incubatees.</p>
<p>Dr. Sivaram - launching of IPFACE</p>	<p>Dr. Hirwani- launching IP FACE Website</p>	
		
<p>Srividya Ravi, Patent Associate NCL</p>	<p>Nilima Bhadbhade - ILS Law college</p>	

B] Website and online resources:



	<p>http://www.ipface.org/: This is the official website for IPFACE that includes online resources and information relating to activities and upcoming events at IPFACE.</p>
	<p>Venture Center Library (http://www.vcenterlibrary.org/): aims to support and enhance the entrepreneurial ecosystem. It has a collection of books on IP & technology commercialization, entrepreneurship development, and technology and innovation management. It is a public library and is open to all.</p>
	<p>Easy guide to online resources (http://www.ipface.org/ipguide/index.php): IP Guide aims to provide a convenient compilation of search engines and general information related to patents, copyright, trademark, GI, industrial designs, plant varieties, layout of integrated circuits and trade secrets for inventors, entrepreneurs & IP professionals relating to intellectual property.</p>

	<p>IP News Tracker (http://www.ipface.org/newstracker/index.php): The new tracker links to latest news, news archives and scholarly literature on various topics in IPR.</p>
	<p>IP Articles Online (http://www.ipface.org/articles/index.php): This site compiles articles and presentations on intellectual property prepared by IPFACE staff, mentors and well-wishers.</p>
	<p>Guide/FAQ(http://www.ipface.org/ipcostguide/index.php): Filing for intellectual property rights and protecting it costs money and represents an investment by an inventor, entrepreneur or enterprise. This site has a bank of frequently asked questions (FAQs) to help with investment decision</p>

C] Physical infrastructure and information resources:

 <p>Entrance - IPFACE</p>	 <p>IPFACE - sign board</p>	<p>The photos represent the staff office and meeting room for IPFACE. The staff office and meeting room are equipped with network connections, laptops, printers and projector.</p>
 <p>Meeting Room - IPFACE</p>	 <p>Staff office- IPFACE</p>	
		<p>E-Classroom - Learn & share in a conducive environment. Seating capacity of upto 35 people. Includes desks to plug laptops, projector, basic utilities, parking space, free usage of foyer area on demand.</p>

D] Staff

	<p>Gayatree Wagh - Background: Engineer, PGD in IPR, Patent Agent and experience patent analytics at URDIP</p>
	<p>Vidula Walimbe - Background: Biologist, PGD in IPR, experience in patent filing at pharma company and patent analytics at URDIP</p>

E] Mentors and advisor

	Mr Anil D Kulkarni , NCL Innovations - Intellectual property, Patents, Law/contracts/agreements, Technical Officer, NCL Innovations; Legal Counsel and Mentor, IP Group, NCL; Previously, IPR Coordinator, NCL, Lawyer and Patent Agent. Basic training in Chemistry
	Dr V. Premnath , Head, NCL Innovations & Head, IP Group - Tech commercialization, company start-up, IP planning, tech roadmapping/ landscaping/ assessment, market research, business planning Head, NCL Innovations; Head, Intellectual Property Group; Scientist, Polymer Science & Engineering Division, NCL PhD (MIT), B. Tech (IIT-B) (Chemical engineering, Polymers, Biomedical materials); Chevening Technology Enterprise Fellow (Cambridge/ London Business School)
	Dr VV Panchanadikar , NCL Innovations - Biotechnology R&D, technology development, project management, lab development, Scientist, NCL Innovations; Previously, Project Leader for Biotech projects at NCL and RRL-Bhubaneshwar , PhD (Microbiology); PGDIPR (NALSAR)
	Dr Nitin S Tewari , Intellectual Property Group, NCL Innovations - Patent drafting & prosecution, IP portfolio planning, management and value addition, Scientist, IP Group / NCL Innovations, PhD (Biomed Research), WoS-C fellow of DST, Patent Agent
	Mr Kaushik Gala , Venture Center - Kaushik holds a Bachelor's Degree in Engineering (Instrumentation) from the Government College of Engineering - Pune, a Master's Degree in Science (Electrical Engineering) from the University of Minnesota - Minneapolis and a Master's Degree in Business Administration from the University of Texas - Austin.
	Mr Hasit Seth - 12+ years of experience in the legal field covering the whole value-chain of patents from invention (at EATON), drafting and litigation (US law firms Harness Dickey, F.Chau), licensing (at IPVALUE). Previously, he was a practicing counsel at the BOMBAY HIGH COURT. He has worked through law firms in US for clients like SIEMENS, IBM, PANASONIC, TRW, SEIKO-EPSON, LG, SAMSUNG and others. Until recently, he was the Asia Pacific IP counsel for EATON, a large diversified manufacturing MNC.

F] Services announced


Patents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre filing services • Prior Art Search • Preliminary Patentability assessment • Patent Filing Support (Provisional and Complete specification) • PCT Filing Support • Advice and referrals for filing in other countries • Advice on examination reports and queries for the patent office • Post Grant Support • Patent support for infringement proceedings, opposition proceedings etc • Tech Transfer Agreements • Patent valuation
Copyright	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guidance and assistance in registration of copyright • Assistance in preparation of documents required for registration • Applicant to file and track the application himself
Trademarks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advice on procedures costs and timelines • Referrals to trademark agents
Industrial design	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advice on potential for patenting if any • Assistance in preparation of documents • Applicant to file and track the application himself

Other Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Independent advice with best interest of MSME in mind • Cost effective, one window services
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G] Training program and events conducted

	<p>One-day workshop (29th July 2010) on 'Innovation Flow -the science of flowing Ideas into Innovation' - Dr. M.V Shankar. There were total 30 participants. Course focused on basic concepts of systematic innovation using a TRIZ-based approach. Learn to implement a systematic process to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create innovative solutions to complex technological problems • Create strategic intellectual property around these innovative solutions • Grow strong technical ideas or breakthrough inventions into successful innovations
	<p>Workshop on Patent drafting and procedures - The workshop helps to understand patent prosecution, acquire skill for drafting patent specification and claims, understand and prepare documentation for patent prosecution, drafting of Technology transfer instruments, detailed information relating to Procedure, forms and fees in respect of Indian patent applications, to understand provisions relating to International applications under Indian patent Act. The workshop commenced on 17th August 2010 and will end on 30th September 2010. The workshop co-ordinator is Mr. A.D Kulkarni. There are a total of 11 participants for the course.</p>
	<p>Workshop on Patents for Researcher - The workshop aims to provide researchers with insights and practical understanding of the global patent systems and how patent systems are being used by leading technology organizations to create value from laboratory science. The emphasis is on helping inventors be better informed and more effective. The workshop commenced on 13th August 2010 and will end on 13th November 2010. There are a total of 66 participants for the course.</p>
	<p>Intellectual Property Foundations - This course covers basics concepts of Patents, Trademarks and Copyrights and its role in society and business. The course is a certificate course and commenced on 14th August 2010 and will end in November 2010. The course director is Mr. Hasit Seth. There are a total of 11 participants for the course.</p>

H] Outreach and awareness

	<p>2nd July 2010 from 4.00 - 5.30 pm - IP awareness talk- Intellectual Property by Dr. Nitin Tewari</p>
	<p>Meetings with or relationship initiated with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mahratta Chamber of Commerce, industries and agriculture (MCCICI) - Briefed about



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	<p>activities of IPFACE and services provided by IPFACE. Further talk will be held on 12th September 2010.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ranjangaon MIDC- Emailed Mr. Choudhari (Secretary – Ranjangaon Association) detailed activities of IPFACE and request for a free awareness talk at the venue. Will get back.• Bhosari- Pawana Industrial estate – Mr. Gole – Briefed him about the activities of IPFACE. He requested to send tentative dates about the awareness talks. He will require minimum 3 months to arrange a talk at the campus.
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