

ONE DAY SEMINAR  
ON  
**INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS**

JOINTLY ORGANISED BY IQAC & RESEARCH COUNCIL

A one day seminar titled ‘Intellectual Property Rights’ was jointly organized by IQAC and Research Council on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2017. The seminar commenced at 10 o, clock. Dr. N Usha Devi, Convener, Research Council, welcomed the gathering. Dr. K A Ajithkumar, The Principal of the college inaugurated the seminar by lighting the ceremonial lamp and delivered the inaugural address.

Intellectual property right (IPR) is the rights granted to the creators of intellectual property and include trademarks, copyrights, patent, industrial design rights and some jurisdictions and trade secrets. Rather than protecting possessions, intellectual property law protects exclusive rights to use or reproduce the intellectual property (IP). Copyrights protect expression while patents protect inventions and neither protects ideas.

The technical session started with an excellent and interactive presentation on the “Copyright Systems in India” by Dr. Anjana Girish, Assistant professor, Inter University Centre for IPR studies, CUSAT. Dr. Anjana started by explaining the importance of IPR in the present scenario. The history of copyright, followed by the different types and the dual role played by copyrights were discussed. The talk gave a clear idea about the different rights granted by copyright such as the economic and moral rights, about right of paternity and right of integrity which comes under the moral rights. The topic of infringement of copyright was dealt with in detail. The session also gave an idea about the section 52 of the copyright law.

In the second session Dr. I. G. Rathish, Assistant Professor, Inter University Centre for IPR studies, CUSAT delivered a motivating lecture on the “Role of patent search in promoting Innovation”. The different tools available for patenting were introduced in this session. The topics such as prerequisite and requirement for patentability were explained. The importance to file patents and the patent filing procedures were stressed in the presentation. The patents classified into IPC (International patent classification), USPC (United States patent classification) and CPC (Cooperative patent classification) by World Intellectual Property

organization were mentioned. The different search engines such as Espacenet, USPTO, WIPO's patent scope and Indian patent office were also introduced. The patent searches such as keyword based search, patent classification based search and structural based search were explored.

The afternoon session of the seminar was started by explaining the "Patent Filing Facility at IUCIPRS-CUSAT" by Dr. I. G. Rathish, Assistant Professor, Interuniversity Center for IPR studies, CUSAT.

The seminar on IPR created great awareness among students, research scholars and faculty of Sree Sankara College about the important concepts related to IPR, copyrights and patent issues. The programme included discussions on the importance of IPR and their protection, an overview on copyright systems in India, identification of IP, patenting tools, procedure, etc.

The seminar came to an end at 4 pm with the vote of thanks by Dr. S Mohan, Coordinator, IQAC.