



## **Workshop on Intellectual Property Rights (IPRs) and IP management for start up**

The Institution's Innovation Council (IIC) VNSGU organized an Expert talk by Dr. Anish Kumar Gandhi (RM LEGAL Company Secretary, Patent and Trademark Attorneys) on 27 July 2023 at 11:00 AM at Moot Court Hall, Department of Law, VNSGU. In this event, there were a total of 96 participants and 10 faculties present for the session

"When all is lost, IP can come to your rescue", the event was organized on an overview of intellectual property rights. The main objective behind the organization of this session was to spread awareness among the students about intellectual property rights.

At the beginning of the session, Shri.Esha Goyal gave brief information about today's topic and introduce the key speaker of the event Dr. Anish Kumar Gandhi (RM LEGAL Company Secretary, Patent and Trademark Attorneys).

Dr. Anish Kumar Gandhi was the key speaker. Dr. Anish Kumar Gandhi explained about steps involved in the patent application and the types of the patent application. He discussed how multiple provisional application works and the process after completion of the application. The provisional specification contains the title and description of the invention. The complete specification should be filed within 12 months from the date of the first provisional application or else it will be abandoned. The patent application gets published in the official journal after 18 months earliest priority date. Patent rights start from the date of application.

He discussed the timeline of the publication patent and its withdrawal. One can withdraw the application within 15 months from the date of filing. He also mentions how the patent office will not examine an application unless it is published and a request for examination is filed. The application request can be filed within 48 months from the date of filing. He threw some light on the First Examination Report (FER) how it is issued and what it contains. The response to FER must be within 6 months. He also spoke about the Controller's decision and the refusal of the patent. When the applicant refiles the

Document within the stipulated time the application is re-examined. If there is, no pre-grant opposition the patent is granted. The controller's decision for refusal of the patent is applicable before the Intellectual Property Appellate Board (IPAB). No patent is refused without giving an opportunity of being heard. The hearing happens at patent office or via Video conferencing or audio-visual communication devices. Then the controller takes the final decision.

At the end, he took a small quiz to check the understanding of the participants, many gave accurate answers.

To conclude the session Shri. Esha Goyal gave the vote of thanks by thanking the speaker Dr. Anishkumar Gandhi for sparing his precious time and sharing his knowledge with participants, also thank Institution's Innovation Council, Moe's Cell, MHRD, and Veer Narmad South Gujarat University for their support throughout the session. He also thanks Dr. Vimal Pandya (Co-ordinator of the Law Dept), the VNSGU Team, and all present participants. This event was organized by Institution's Innovation Cell under the guidance of VNSGU Vice-Chancellor Dr. Kishorsinh N Chavda Sir, and Dr. Rameshdan C Gadhvi (Registrar VNSGU).

## Some Glimpse of this event









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