

# Report on the Session: "Navigating the Fundamentals of IPR and Patent Systems"

**Date:** Saturday, November 30, 2024

**Time:** 11:30 AM

**Venue:** Auditorium, Gujarat Biotechnology University

## Introduction

The session, titled "*Navigating the Fundamentals of IPR and Patent Systems*," was conducted by **Ms. Gopi Trivedi**, Senior Partner and Head of the Patent Division at Y. J. Trivedi & Co. The event was aimed at enhancing students' and faculty members' understanding of Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) and patent systems, which are crucial for innovation and research in biotechnology.

## Speaker Profile

Ms. Gopi Trivedi is renowned for her techno-legal expertise, having successfully secured numerous patents and managed complex patent opposition cases throughout her career. She has been instrumental in achieving significant milestones, including leading Y. J. Trivedi & Co. to set a World Record in 2018 for filing the highest number of patents in a single day. Her accomplishments have earned her numerous accolades, cementing her status as a leader in the field of intellectual property rights (IPR).

## Key Highlights of the Session

- 1. Understanding IPR**
  - Definition and importance of Intellectual Property Rights.
  - Categories of IPR: Patents, Trademarks, Copyrights, and Trade Secrets.
  - The role of IPR in fostering innovation and economic growth.
- 2. Overview of Patent Systems**
  - Criteria for patentability: Novelty, Inventiveness, and Industrial Applicability.
  - The process of patent filing and prosecution in India and internationally.
  - Common challenges in patent filing and strategies to overcome them.
- 3. Importance of IPR in Biotechnology**
  - Patents for biotechnological innovations, including genetically modified organisms, pharmaceuticals, and diagnostic tools.
  - Case studies on successful patent filings in biotechnology.
  - Ethical considerations in biotech patenting.
- 4. Practical Insights and Guidance**
  - Tips for drafting strong patent applications.
  - Strategies for IP portfolio management in academia and startups.
  - Collaborative approaches to leveraging IP for commercialization.
- 5. Interactive Q&A Session**

Participants actively engaged with the speaker, seeking clarity on specific aspects of patenting in biotechnology, the role of patent attorneys, and the global IP landscape.

## Audience Participation

The session attracted a diverse audience of over **155 attendees**, including students, faculty members, researchers, and industry professionals

## Feedback and Takeaways

The participants appreciated the speaker's ability to simplify complex legal concepts and provide actionable insights. Key takeaways included:

- The critical role of IPR in safeguarding innovations.
- Practical steps to ensure successful patent filings.
- The need for universities to strengthen their IP strategies to foster innovation.

## Conclusion

The event served as a vital platform for equipping participants with foundational knowledge of IPR and patents. It reinforced Gujarat Biotechnology University's focus on bridging the gap between academia and industry by fostering innovation and intellectual property awareness.



