

### **Report on Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) Awareness Session under SSIP**

Ruminate – The E-Cell, IIIT Surat successfully organized an Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) Awareness Session for the students of IIIT Surat under the Student Startup and Innovation Policy (SSIP) initiative on Wednesday, 21 January 2026, from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM at CSE Lab 2, IIIT Surat.

The session was conducted by **Dr. Anish Gandhi**, an expert in the field of Intellectual Property Rights, who graciously accepted the invitation to interact with the students and share his valuable knowledge and experiences in the domain of IPR and innovation management.

The primary objective of the session was to provide students, particularly first-year students, with a strong foundational understanding of various Intellectual Property Rights concepts, including patents, copyrights, trademarks, industrial designs, and geographical indications (GI). The expert also discussed recent developments and emerging trends in the IPR ecosystem, such as startup-oriented patent initiatives, fast-track examination mechanisms, digital copyright concerns, GI tagging, and the implications of emerging technologies, especially Artificial Intelligence, on Intellectual Property Rights.

The session received an enthusiastic response from the students and witnessed the active participation of approximately 100 students from various disciplines. Throughout the day-long programme, students actively engaged in discussions and interactive sessions, gaining practical insights into the process of protecting innovations, filing patents, and transforming ideas into intellectual assets and commercial opportunities.

The event successfully achieved its intended objectives of creating awareness regarding Intellectual Property Rights and fostering an innovation- and entrepreneurship-driven mindset among students. The participants appreciated the relevance of the topics discussed and the practical guidance provided by the speaker regarding patents, technology commercialization, startup ecosystems, and the strategic management of intellectual assets.

The attendance of all participating students and organizing core team members was duly recorded and maintained for official documentation and reporting purposes.

The event was organized smoothly with the support of the institute administration and under the framework of the SSIP initiative. Ruminate – The E-Cell, IIIT Surat expresses its sincere gratitude to Dr. Anish Gandhi for delivering an insightful and engaging session and to the institute authorities for their support in making the event a success.

Overall, the IPR Awareness Session proved to be highly beneficial for the students of IIIT Surat and contributed significantly towards strengthening the culture of innovation, research, entrepreneurship, and intellectual property awareness within the institute.

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