

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS AWARENESS PROGRAM FOR WOMEN INSTITUTES

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The Institution's Innovation Council (IIC) of Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women organized "Intellectual Property Rights Awareness Program for Women Institutes" under the aegis of Indian Chamber of Commerce (ICC) and Indian Patent Office (IPO) on 11th September 2019. In his welcome remarks, Inderdeep Singh, Chairman of ICC Northern Region Council, stressed that the consolidated growth can happen in the field of Science, Technology and Innovation if there is suitable awareness of IP rights. Dr. Nisha Bhargava, Principal of the College addressed the gathering discussing about the contribution of college in fields of innovation, and the need to patent these advances. Dr. Bhargava further shed light on the activities organized by Institution's Innovation Council. Dr. Manoj Kumar Singh, Examiner of Patents and Designs, IPO Delhi explained the legal requirements and filing procedures for patent protection in India. Debmalaya Banerjee, Regional Director of Indian Chamber of Commerce, offered his gratefulness to the institute for its commitment to enlighten the young minds and boosting their dreams into realities.

The event was divided in four technical sessions where different experts propounded how women in developing countries can patent products and processes, eventually leading to the exponential rise in the country's GDP growth. Firstly, Isha Gandhi, Advocate of RK Dewan & Co., introduced the various forms of IP including trademarks, patents, copyrights, designs and geographical indications. In the second technical session, Dr. Gurmeet Kaur Nanda, Principal Associate- Patents of Khurana & Khurana Advocates & IP Attorneys, elaborated the process of IP and informed the students about the registration procedure. Next, Twinky Rampal, Partner of Anand & Anand, gave the overview of IP rights in India. To make it easier for the students, she used various case studies to build on her arguments and to clarify the doubts of the students. In the last session, Dr. Nanda concentrated on the imperativeness of academia in disseminating the awareness of IP rights. All the sessions were followed by the Q&A rounds where students were allowed to clarify their doubts and queries.

The program concluded with a vote of thanks and lunch. It was an enlightening experience for everyone as they were made aware about the IP rights and to evade their infringement. Leveraging IPR in educational institutes can further help students and faculty to develop technologies and commercialize them. Use of patent in academic research can help intapping innovative techniques for commercial products.

