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# **PATENT**

## **INFORMATION CENTRE**

### **SINGLE WINDOW FACILITY**

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## PATENT INFORMATION CENTRE

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY is a product of creative and inventive activity of human mind. Intellectual Property is akin to any other movable or immovable property. In the sense, the right to its use is vested with the owner or its transferee and if the right is enjoyed by any other person without the permission of the owner of the property, it would amount to infringement. The owner of such an intellectual property can make use of the property for commercial exploitation and also prohibit infringement by others. World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) has recognised some of these areas in which "Intellectual Property Rights" can be sought:

1. Innovations / inventions in science, technology, agriculture, medicine
2. Achievements in literature, drama, painting performing arts like music, drama, painting
3. Industrial designs, computer software, design of integrated circuits
4. Trademarks, service marks and commercial names

Intellectual Property Rights entitle the owner with the rights for commercial exploitation of these properties without any fear of unfair competition or infringement.

### Various Forms of Intellectual Properties

1. Patents
2. Copyrights
3. Trademarks
4. Industrial design
5. Geographical indications
6. Layout design of integrated circuits
7. Trade secrets
8. Plant variety protection



**Protection of Intellectual Property Rights (IPR)** plays a key role in for gaining an advantageous position in these days of competition technology advancement and consequent economic growth.

Information on various technological advancements should be disseminated to the users of technology to increase the pace of development in the country. Thus, a culture, to make aware of development of technology to pertinent users, is essential. This has

become more pronounced in the present day global economy with so many international agreements and obligations in the fields of IPR in the WTO regime.

A lot of information regarding innovation / invention is to be provided at the time of filing the patent for making proper claims and to get protection against infringement. This makes patent information a large single source of technical information in the world today. But access to this information and other facilities related to IPR are not adequately available in the academic and other institutions in India. As a first step in this direction, to provide patent related services, particularly to the S&T community, Patent Facilitation Centre (PFC) started functioning a few years ago – under Technology Information Forecasting and Assessment Council (TIFAC), New Delhi, Department of Science and Technology (DST), Government of India.

KARNATAKA enjoys large scientific human resource in India with state of the art research and technology centres and scientific establishments in the country. Bangalore, the capital of the State, is acclaimed as an important information and bio-technology centre in the country. Towards patent facilitation in the state of Karnataka, Patent Facilitation Centre (PFC) has supported setting up of a Patent Information Centre (PIC) at Karnataka State Council for Science and Technology, Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore. This centre was started on 31st of March 2005 to render IPR related services among S & T community.

### Objectives of PIC

1. To create awareness about IPR, especially patents, among various sections of people, involved in innovative work, in the state and neighbouring regions of this centre
2. To enable patent searches for individual innovators, universities, industry, government departments and R&D Institutions in the state
3. To guide inventors in respect of patenting their inventions

### Activities of PIC

1. Organising awareness programmes (by arranging lectures by experts in the field) and workshops in schools, colleges, technical institutions, universities etc
2. Helping in patent searches
3. Facilitating filing of patent and other IPR applications, identifying patent agents/attorneys etc