

Institution's Innovation Council

IIC Calendar Activity Level 2

Title: Workshop on Protecting Intellectual Property Rights (IPRs) and IP Management for Startups

Organizing Secretary: Dr. P. Sanjay, Dean Research,
IIC-Convener

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Date: 07.05.2025

Time: 09.00 AM - 4.00 PM

Venue: Reading Hall 1st Floor, College Block



Objectives:

1. To raise awareness about intellectual property (IP) rights among budding innovators and entrepreneurs.
2. To provide insights into transforming real-world problems into innovative ideas.
3. To train participants in the technical aspects of filing a patent.
4. To introduce government initiatives that support innovation and IP management, especially in the healthcare sector.

Guest Speaker:

Dr. Mukesh Kumar Dharmalingam Jothinathan, Ph.D.,
Innovation Ambassador, IIC of SIMATS,
Associate Professor, Department of Biochemistry,
Saveetha Institute of Medical and Technical Sciences (SIMATS)

Participant Details:

The workshop was attended by 50 participants, including faculty members, postgraduate students from various departments, and undergraduate students.

Programme Overview:**9:00 AM – 1:00 PM (From Problem to Patent: Turning Challenges into Innovations in Healthcare)**

The session began with a formal introduction of the guest speaker. The speaker emphasized the importance of identifying real-world problems as a source of innovation and guided participants on how such problems can be transformed into unique ideas to be filed as patents. Several real-life examples of patented healthcare innovations were discussed. The session also shed light on various government schemes and funding opportunities available to support such innovations. Special focus was given to the healthcare domain and how to find the right product-market fit.

2:00 AM – 4:00 PM (Hands-on Training on Patent Filing Procedures):

This session provided practical training on filling out patent application forms. Participants were encouraged to choose an idea of their own and simulate the process of filing a patent. This hands-on approach enabled participants to understand the nuances of patent documentation, from drafting claims to submitting forms.

Outcome:

1. Participants gained a clear understanding of the value of IP in startups.
2. They were able to identify innovative ideas suitable for patenting.
3. Practical knowledge on patent filing was acquired through hands-on training.
4. The workshop inspired participants to explore government resources and schemes supporting innovation.

Conclusion:

The workshop successfully met its objectives by blending theoretical understanding with practical training. It created a strong foundation for students and faculty alike to approach innovation with an IP-oriented mindset. The real-life examples and government support schemes discussed provided direction and motivation to young innovators. The hands-on session on patent filing was

particularly well-received and gave participants confidence to take their ideas forward. Overall, the workshop was a step toward building a campus culture that values and protects intellectual property.







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