

National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam

Dated: 26/10/2022

Report on Seminar held on 21/10/2022 by DPIIT- IPR Chair

- Activity** : Seminar on ‘Ayurveda related Patent Issues’.
- Date** : October 21st, 2022.
- Resource Person / Speaker** : Dr. Pankaj Kumar, DPIIT-IPR Chair Professor, National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam (NLUJA, Assam).
- Audience** : Around 50 including students and faculty members of Government Ayurvedic College and Hospital, Jalukbari, Guwahati.
- Summary** : The Seminar started with a welcome address by Dr. Dilip Goswami, Associate Professor, Government Ayurvedic College and Hospital, Jalukbari. This was followed by the felicitation of Dr. Pankaj Kumar, DPIIT-IPR Chair Professor, NLUJA, Assam by Prof. Dr. Rama Kanta Sharma, Principal, Government Ayurvedic College and Hospital, Jalukbari. The DPIIT-IPR Chair Professor, NLUJA commenced the programme by stating about the correlation between the age-old Ayurvedic medicinal practices and the modern medicinal practices vis-à-vis the patenting system. He narrated about the relevance of the herbs and spices such as, Triphala, Haritaki, Bibhitaki, Amalki, etc. in preparing Ayurvedic medicines which also finds significance in the modern medicinal practices. Ayurveda being the most ancient and oldest surviving continuous medical system in the world, it is deep-rooted from remote antiquity and history and has endured and grown from the transmutation and test of time through its scientific background. Sir highlighted about the immense traditional knowledge found in every corner of India and its application in preparing traditional medicines.

The learned speaker also elaborated on the indigenous and patented use of plants as well as the bio-resources and went on to describe about the identified issues of Ayurveda and TK. He underlined the subject of patentability of applications based on bio-resources and the associated TK. He then discussed about bioprospecting vis-à-vis bio-product value addition and demonstrated the participants some aspects of bioprospecting vide many news articles. Sir also spoke about some granted and refused patent applications in India in the field of invention ‘Traditional Knowledge Biotechnology’. He also pointed about the application assessment based on guidelines for processing of patent applications relating to Bio-materials and the associated TK.

Sir represented the audience certain news reports on illegal patents obtained by the western nations upon Indian Ayurvedic

medicines as well as traditional medicines. He highlighted some news in media on patenting of TK and news reports on the patents cases won by India in illegal obtainment of patents by the western nations, particularly the US and the Europe. He further discussed at length about the particulars of patenting system and pointed out the essentialities of patents, such as novelty, inventiveness, utility and best mode. He then cited the relevant provisions of the Indian Patents Act, 1970 and discussed about some of the granted patents in India in the field of bio-TK. Sir also highlighted the options for fair and equitable benefit sharing as well as the law relating to TK and biological material and the means of preservation of our TK. The learned speaker concluded the session with the observations made by him with regard to Ayurveda, TK and the IPR issues.

The Seminar finally came to an end with an interactive session on the questions put forward by the audience and an overall positive response was received.

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organise

**a Seminar on
AYURVEDA RELATED PATENT ISSUES**
October 21, 2022 at Seminar Hall, Government Ayurvedic
College & Hospital, Jalukbari, Guwahati at 2.00 PM

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