

Training-cum-Workshop on Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) (21st -28th March 2024)

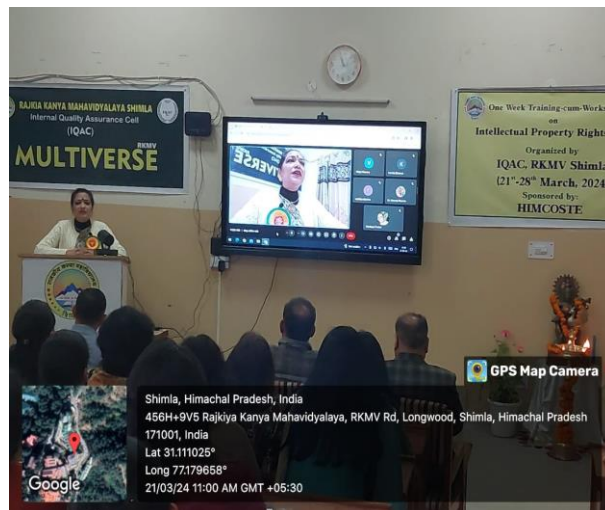
A Report

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A One Week Training-cum-Workshop on Intellectual Property Rights (IPR), organized by the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of RKMV and sponsored by HIMCOSTE began on 21st March 2024. The event was inaugurated by the Chief Guest and Key Note Speaker Dr Suresh C. Attri, Joint Member Secretary (HIMCOSTE) and Chief Scientific Officer (DEST & CC), in the presence of Dr Anurita Saxena, the Principal of the college, the IQAC Coordinator Dr Madan Mankotia, staff members of the college and other participants from the neighbouring colleges. Dr Suresh C. Attri as the Key Note Speaker emphasized on the need of filing Patents and encouraging research, he talked about the IPR laws in detail as well. Stressing on the mandate of HIMCOSTE (HIMCOSTE gave the college, rupees 35,000/- for the Workshop) he encouraged the college for collaborations with different Institutes, organizations etc. The workshop was conducted in a hybrid mode and attended by more than 100 teachers, researchers and scholars across the state of Himachal Pradesh.



Dr Suresh C. Attri, Chief Guest (HIMCOSTE)



Dr Anurita Saxena, the Principal RKMV

The Workshop on IPR holds significance as most of the college fraternity is engaged in research activities, with little knowledge of protection of their works and inventions. It talked about patenting the creative and novel ideas, inventions, literary and artistic works, designs, symbols etc. In the Workshop the resource persons focused on all aspects of IPR with the following objectives in mind-

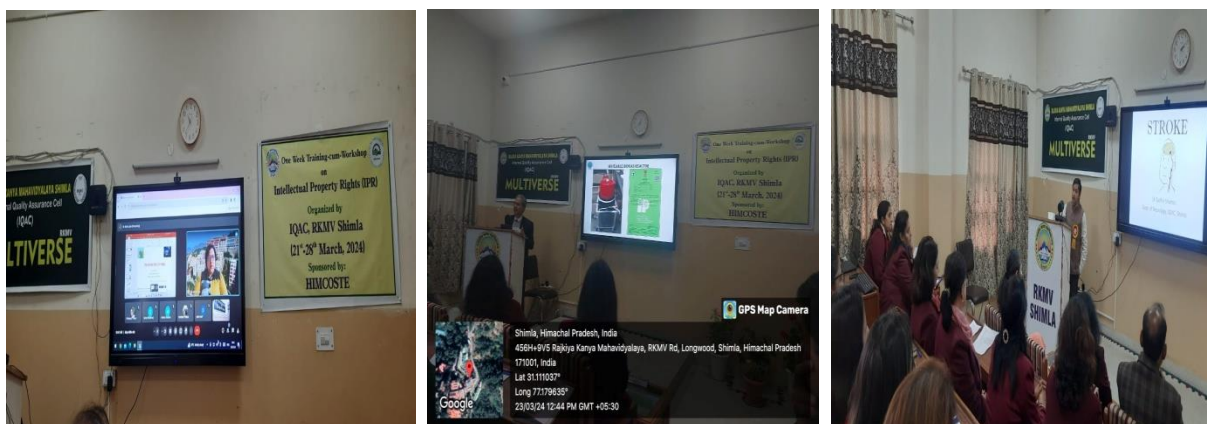
1. To provide comprehensive knowledge to the participants regarding all aspects of Intellectual Property Rights.
2. To focus on NAAC Quality Indicator Framework (QIF) for third criterion i.e. Research, Innovation and Extension.

3. To make the creators and inventors aware of their rights and how to protect them.
4. To sensitize and encourage participants for further intellectual enhancement by making them confident of a fair deal.

The current Training-cum-Workshop addressed various concepts of IPR, such as patents, trademarks, product designs, geographical indications, copyright, etc., with their corresponding laws, legislation, needs and roles. It provides creators with incentives to invest time, effort, resources into developing new ideas, products, services, while ensuring fair competition and ultimately leading to economic growth of a country.



The IPR Luminaries in the Training-cum-Workshop



In the Workshop, after the inauguration session, three technical sessions were held on the **first day**: ‘IPR and Copyright Speaker’ by Prof. S.S. Kanwar, HPU, Shimla; ‘IPR and Geographical Indications’ by Dr Shashi Dhar (HIMCOSTE); and ‘IPR and Industrial Design’ by Prof (Dr) Shruti Jain (JUIT) Wagnaghat, Shimla. **On 23rd** there were two technical sessions. The first session was ‘IPR, Trademarks and Tradesecrets,’ by Prof (Dr) Wamik Azmi, HP University, Shimla. The second technical session was ‘IPR Management and Commercialisation,’ by Dr Hemant Sood, Jaypee University, Wagnaghat. The **third day**, 23rd March 2024, had two technical sessions. The first session was ‘Legal Aspects of IPR,’ by Dr Chandrika Thakur, HP NLU, Ghandal, Shimla. The second technical session was ‘Status of Intellectual Property Rights in Biosciences,’ by Prof

Sudhir Kumar Syal, Biotechnology and Bioinformatics, JUIT. On the **fourth day**, 26th March 2024, there were two technical sessions, the first session was ‘IPR Awareness in India,’ by Prof (Dr) Shruti Jain, JUIT, Waknaghat, Shimla. The second technical session was on ‘Medical Aspects of IPR with Special Reference to Brain Stroke,’ by Dr Sudhir Sharma, IGMC. On the **fifth day** a field visit to Shoolini University, took place on 27th March 2024 for a thorough experiential learning. The participants of the Training-cum-Workshop visited the IPR Cell, Yogananda library and agriculture farm (floriculture), while appreciating the vibrant campus in their tour itinerary. In the technical session, Dr Dinesh Kumar, Director, Shoolini University, presented ‘Process of Successful Patent Filing’ apart from discussing IPR and narrating alumni success stories to the participants. The **last** technical session of the Training cum Workshop was on 28th March 2024. It started with Dr Anil Thakur, Principal GC Nurpur as the Resource Person who spoke on ‘Protecting Traditional Knowledge.’ Dr Anil Thakur in his presentation stressed on our traditional knowledge system, the significance of our spices and other grains.



Field Visit to Shoolini University

In the valedictory session Dr Susheela Negi, Senior Director Science and Technology to the Govt. of India was the Guest of Honour. She highlighted the various Govt. initiatives in educating and protecting the Intellectual Property Rights of the citizens. She brought forth how women based initiatives/rights were promoted and schemes (especially in science and technology) were launched for the women who for some reason went missing after higher education. The Chief Guest Dr Anurita Saxena, Principal RKMV in her closing remarks, endorsed the attitude of being ‘Sahaj’(lucid and simple), even in one’s research work though at the same time being proactive and aggressive, especially in academics and research.



Dr Susheela Negi, the Guest of Honour in the valedictory session

Apart from the intricacies and technicalities of IPR discussed by the 10 IPR luminaries, the other highlights of the Workshop-cum-training sessions were Reading of Reports every day by the rapporteurs, a field visit to Shoolini University, Assessment and Feedback of the participants, and Reading of Final Report on Workshop by IQAC Convenor Ms Geeta Sharma and Distribution of Certificates to the participants. In the Workshop an enterprising and active discussion session was also conducted amidst the participants from RKMV so as to facilitate the innovative, creative and research promoting measures that can be introduced in the college.



Signing of the MOU between RKMV and Shoolini University

The Workshop-cum-Training became truly remarkable and promising as a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was also signed between RKMV and Shoolini University on 27th March 2024 to forge a promising partnership.

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