

29th April 2022 Session on ‘Assessing worthiness of inventions and creating strategies for patenting them outside India’ by Prof. Prabuddha Ganguli.

Time: 3:10 PM-4:10 PM

Objectives: To explain the process of forming strategies by considering various aspects and the process of patenting outside India.

Benefits: The audience learnt the process of patenting outside India and various things that they need to consider while doing so.

Report on Session on ‘Assessing worthiness of inventions and creating strategies for patenting them outside India’ by Prof. Prabuddha Ganguli.

The speaker of the session is Prof. Prabuddha Ganguli, vision-IPR, Visiting professor, and Rajiv Gandhi School of intellectual property Law, IIT kharagpur. He started out the session by giving a brief explanation of what a patent is. A patent is a grant by a sovereign or state to a person giving exclusive rights. Patent gives protection to one's invention. It is important to understand that all intellectual properties be it patent or copyright or design registration etc. are about the ownership of knowledge which means that one is given the grant to own that knowledge. This particular right given is a territorial right.

The grant for a patent is given by the state of sovereign. The patent right is valid only in the country within the political boundaries of that particular country. There is no concept of international patent. Patent laws vary from country to country. He further explained why it is necessary to patent in different countries and also the process to do so. He also explained international conventions. There are strategies for filing of patents abroad by assessment of various parameters and answering a few questions.

He explained some international conventions. One can file a patent abroad and the process. He started with the Paris convention which India is a part of an initial preparation and filing charges for PCT international application. He also explained the patent cooperation treaty (PCT) 1970 and the difference between traditional patent system and the PCT system. The international search report (ISR) tells the technical areas that were searched. He ended the session by explaining a case study of market opportunity driven innovation.
