

The workshop held on November 25, 2024, was organized by the ACTREC - TMC Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) Cell and ACTREC Alumni Association (AAA) under the leadership of Dr. Vikram Gota and co-organized by Ms. Kavita Pal. It featured Dhara Consultancy Services as the guest speaker, led by Dr. Swarada Peerannawar, with the presence of Dr. Neelam Shirsat, President of AAA, ACTREC-TMC, and Dr. Jyoti Kode, Secretary of AAA, ACTREC-TMC.

The session emphasized the importance of protecting intellectual creations to safeguard moral rights, prevent misuse, and maintain control. Key benefits of patent protection were discussed, including stimulating research and development, enabling fair commercial practices, granting exclusive rights for 20 years, and providing commercialization opportunities through licensing and partnerships.

The workshop also detailed the eligibility for patent applications—researchers, academic institutions, and businesses—and outlined various application types such as provisional patents, complete filings, and PCT filings for global protection. Expert contributions enriched the session, with Dr. Premnath V, Director of Venture Centre, sharing insights into technology commercialization, and Dr. Mugdha Lele, Head of Social Innovation at Venture Centre, highlighting the societal impact of patents.

Participants were introduced to funding resources, with funding.venturecentre.co.in highlighted as a key portal for financial support. With a total attendance of 54 offline and 48 online participants, the workshop concluded with strategies to optimize the patenting process and leverage innovation for economic and social growth. This comprehensive session equipped attendees with actionable insights to advance their patenting and innovation efforts.