

DIPP appointing new examiners to speed up examining of patents, designs and trademarks applications: DIPP Secy.

FICCI, DIPP & IPO come together to commemorate the World Intellectual Property Day 2016

NEW DELHI, 25 April 2016: The Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP) has laid down the roadmap for expediting the process of examining the applications of patents, designs and trademarks by appointing additional 458 new examiners and 263 contract examiners at various levels to clear the backlog. DIPP was making a conscious effort to bring down the timelines of examination of patents and trademarks to match them with the international standards. The applications were now being reviewed on a monthly, quarterly and yearly basis.

This was stated by **Mr. Ramesh Abhishek, Secretary, DIPP, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India**, while inaugurating a conference on **'Intellectual Property: A Key Enabler for Strengthening India's Business Landscape'** organized here today to commemorate the World Intellectual Property Day 2016, by Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) in association with Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP) and Intellectual Property Office (IPO).

Mr. Abhishek said that DIPP was committed towards creating a highly transparent, e-enabled, efficient and accessible IP ecosystem in India that would provide legal certainty to the industry. He informed that the patent rules were being amended and start-ups were being given a heavy discount in patent fees and provided with free consultation to encourage entrepreneurship in the country.

He said that IP was a critical element for protecting creativity and innovation. A strong IPR regime would create a suitable climate for foreign investors and would give them the much-needed assurance that their patents, designs and trademarks were being protected. India had received a record FDI in the last year; hence, a resilient IPR regime would attract more investors to the country. He added that a robust IPR system would also encourage new technology to come to India.

Mr. Rajiv Aggarwal, Joint Secretary, DIPP, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India, said that IP and IPR had the power of unshackling the barriers faced by the economies around the globe. DIPP was committed towards ensuring a robust IPR regime for the country with a balanced outlook. He added that the IPR regime in India is being developed keeping in mind the interest of the businesses and the needs of the society.

Dr. A Didar Singh, Secretary General, FICCI, said that the year 2016 marked a step forward for India in its IP history with the Indian leadership adequately recognizing the crucial role that intellectual property played in fostering innovation, accelerating growth and enhancing business competitiveness. Initiatives such as Make in India, Start-up India, Imprint India, and Digital India are further reinforcing this vibrant vision.

Mr. O P Gupta, Controller General of Patents, Designs and Trademark, Government of India, chaired a session on **'Securing IP Edge for Business Growth and Competence'**. The session focused on Startup India, Launch of (SIPP) Scheme for Start-Ups; IP audits, Patent Mapping, IP sensitive business models; and Identifying modes of Commercializing such as licensing, pooling, trading, prototyping, acquisitions& mergers.

As a part of the World IP Week, FICCI organized an Annual Slogan & Poster Making Competition for all age groups

across the country from April 13 to 20, 2016. The objective of the youth-focused competition was to instill respect for copyright among the youngsters by showcasing the issue of piracy which is eating away the genuine revenue of the copyright industry, thereby affecting the culture of creativity.

The winners of the competition were as follows:

Category 1 – Below 18 Years

1st position - Suruchi Kumari

2nd position – Anita Natathamalar

Category 2 – Above 18 Years

1st position – Suhail Saifi

2nd position – Meera Mandakini

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