



# WEBINAR ON INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS REPORT

*Intellectual Property is a key aspect for economic development of a country.*  
- Craig Venter

**"World Intellectual Property Day"** is observed annually on 26 April. The event was established by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) in 2000.

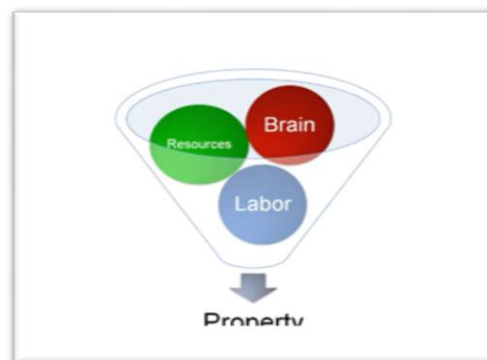
On the occasion of "Intellectual Property Day" Atal Tinkering Lab of Bal Bharati Public School Noida in collaboration with the Department of Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade Office, Ministry of Commerce organised an online event for the students and teachers of classes VIII to XII on 25 April 2022 from 1PM to 2 PM.

The objective of the webinar was to "raise the awareness how patents, copyrights trademarks and designs impact on daily life" and "to celebrate creativity, and the contribution made by creators and innovators to the development of societies across the globe".

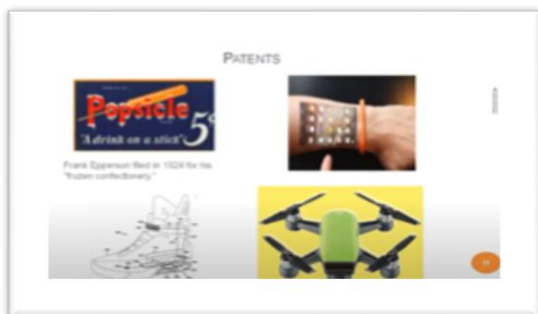
The venerable addressor of this event Dr. Manoj Kumar Singh, examiner of patents and design at Indian Patent Office Delhi, has done his Ph.D and Master's degree from the Department of Chemistry, IIT Delhi.

Dr. Manoj Kumar Singh proceeded to make the august gathering conscious about Intellectual Property. He defined it amongst immovable properties which commonly refers to real estate and movable properties which stands for movable assets such as car, jewellery etc. Intellectual property rights are legal rights that protect inventions resulting from intellectual activity in the industrial, scientific, literary and artistic fields and can further be classified as the following:

1. Patents
2. Design
3. Trademark
4. Copyright
5. Geographical indications



INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY



PATENT

Dr. Singh gradually discussed all of the above mentioned. He initiated with Patents and described it as an exclusive right to prevent third party from manufacturing, using, importing and selling an invention. He also mentioned about territorial rights which refers to rights to control resources within the geographical area, rights to control borders and regulate the flow of people and goods across them. He highlighted that 193 countries have territorial rights among 195 countries. He also made us aware that not all items or products are patentable. Mere ideas are not considered as patentable objects, these must be converted into an economical product for the society.



TRADEMARK

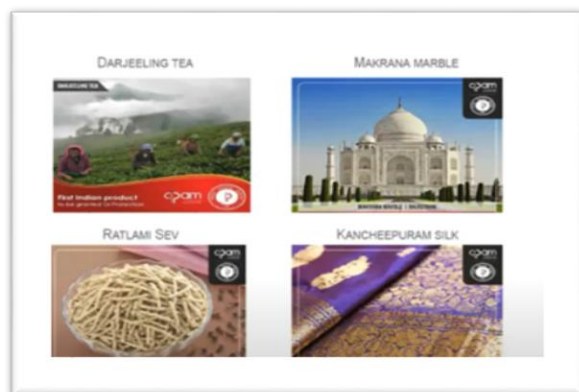
It was accentuated by our honoured guest that one can still claim his inventions as his own even after it has been modified or made technologically advanced over time.

Trademark is a distinctive sign which allows consumer to easily recognize particular goods or service that a company provides. This right is valid only for 20 years

Copyright is a legal term which is used to describe the rights that a creator has over their literary and artistic works but it is not capable of protecting ideas. The copyright owner has these rights for 60 years.



COPYRIGHT



GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATIONS

In continuation, Dr. Singh discussed the last component under intellectual property right that is Geographical Indication. He defined it as a sign used on products that have a specific geographical origin and possess a reputation that is due to that origin. He focused on the fact that the other four intellectual rights which are patent, copyright, trademark and design can be operated by an individual but the geographical indication intellectual property can only be utilised by a particular region.

Lastly Dr. Singh made all acquainted with some of the free online services for searching patent and patent applications. Some of them are mentioned as follows:

1. Google patent
2. Espacenet (developed by European Patent Office EPO)
3. USPTO (United States Patent and Trademark Office)
4. IP India (Intellectual Property India)
5. Patent Scope (search services provided by the World Intellectual Property Organization WIPO)

This session aimed to make students informed not only about the protection of their intellectual property but also sensitize them about respecting other's innovative work. The webinar was culminated with a Question – Answer Session.

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