

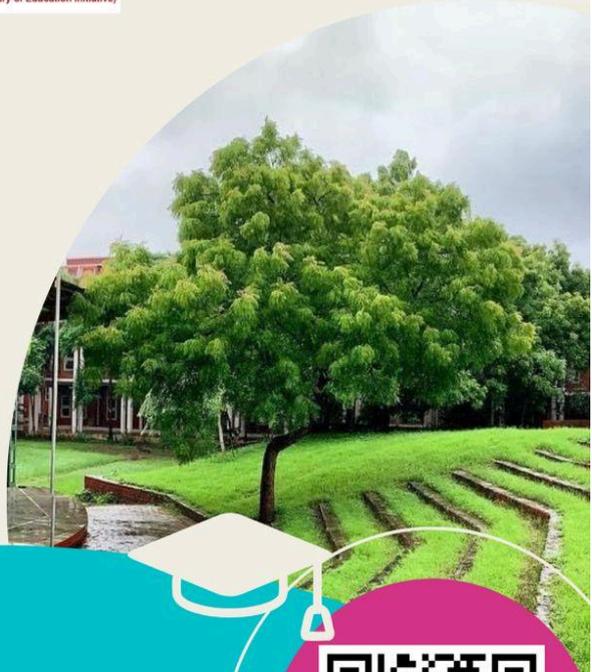


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Expert TALK!

“Understanding Patents and the pitfalls of patent infringement”



**WEDNESDAY
JANUARY 28**

**At Tifac Seminar Hall
11:00am - 1:00pm**

● **“Patent Awareness: Your First Line of defense, learn how to innovate safely without crossing legal boundaries.”**



Mr. Anil Sharma

Mr. Anil Sharma :- “A versatile professional with expertise in managing entire Projects, helping Industries & entrepreneurs adapt to latest technologies while promoting National self-reliance &. Operational efficiency.”

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Date and Time:	Wednesday, January 28, 2026 11:00AM to 1:15PM
Venue:	Tifac Seminar Hall
Targeted Audience:	Students of Sarvajanik University
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Total Participation:	84 Participants
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Relevance of the Theme in Today's World:

With India's rapid rise as a global innovation hub and students increasingly engaging in **research, start-ups, product development, and patent-driven projects**, the topic of intellectual property rights (IPR) holds great importance. Therefore, The expert talk was designed to spread awareness to the students about **practical patents, the risks of unintentional infringement**, and guide them on **how to innovate safely and ethically within legal boundaries**.

Speaker of the Day: (Mr. Anil Sharma)

The session was conducted by **Mr. Anil Sharma**, a highly respected **Electronics, Automation, and Project Engineering professional**, with more than **35 years of extensive**

industry experience. An alumnus of **NIT Surat (B.E. Electronics, 1991)**, Mr. Sharma currently serves as a **Scientific Adviser with the Indian Patent Office**, bringing rare insights from both **industry and policy-making domains**.

His professional credentials include:

1. Leadership roles in large-scale industrial projects across India and abroad
2. Hands-on experience in Industry 4.0 and Industry 5.0 implementations
3. Contributions to AI-enabled robotics, predictive maintenance, and system integration
4. Active involvement in telecom and technology policy frameworks
5. Mentorship of over 100 engineers, innovators, and entrepreneurs
6. Representation at national and international conferences as a keynote speaker

His vast exposure to Germany, USA, Austria, South Korea, and Africa added global relevance to the session.

Event Highlights:

The session was excellently structured and delivered in a great engaging manner. Mr. Sharma combined theoretical clarity with real-world industrial examples, making complex patent concepts easy to understand.

1. Fundamentals of Patents and Intellectual Property

The session began with a clear explanation of:

What patents are and why they matter
Types of Intellectual Property (Patents, Copyrights, Trademarks, Trade Secrets)
Difference between invention, innovation, and patentability
Who can file a patent and when to file it

2. Patent Awareness

Mr. Sharma emphasized that patent awareness is not merely a legal requirement but a **strategic asset**. He explained how early-stage patent knowledge helps the innovators should innovate within the legal boundaries some of them are given as follow:

Protects original ideas
Adds commercial value to innovations
Builds credibility for start-ups and researchers
Prevents future legal and financial losses

Students were encouraged to integrate patent thinking at the **idea-generation stage itself**.

3. Common Pitfalls and Patent Infringement Risks

This included the common patent risks people now-a-days neglect:

How ignorance of existing patents leads to infringement
Mistakes commonly made by students and start-ups
Risks involved in copying designs, software, or processes
Legal and financial consequences of infringement

This segment created strong awareness about what **NOT** to do while innovating.

4. Safe Innovation Practices and Legal Boundaries

Mr. Sharma introduced the concept of “**Safe Innovation**”, guiding students on:

How to conduct prior art searches
Understanding freedom-to-operate (FTO)
Collaborating responsibly in team projects
Protecting ideas during exhibitions, competitions, and publications

This point served as a **practical roadmap** for students working on live projects and start-ups.

5. Role of Patents in National Self-Reliance

Linking patents to national growth:

Importance of indigenous technologies
Reducing dependency on foreign technologies
Role of patents in strengthening India’s innovation ecosystem
Contribution of academic institutions in nation-building

Interactive Discussion and Student Engagement:

The session concluded with an **interactive Q&A round**, where students raised insightful questions related to:

Patent filing procedures
Ownership of patents in college projects
Industry-academia collaboration
Commercialization of patented idea

Mr. Sharma’s practical responses, backed by years of experience, gave satisfying answers to all the questions raised.

Outcomes and Impact of the Event:

The expert talk successfully achieved the following outcomes:

1. Enhanced practical understanding of patents and IPR amongst the students
2. Created awareness about legal risks and infringement pitfalls
3. Encouraged responsible, protected, and ethical innovation
4. Motivated students to integrate patent thinking into research and start-ups
5. Strengthened the culture of innovation, research, and entrepreneurship at SCET

Participants were awarded certificates adding academic value to the program.

Some Glimpses Of the Talk:











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Conclusion

The Expert Talk organized by **IPR-CELL, SCET**, proved to be a highly informative, engaging, and forward-looking initiative under Sarvajanik University. By bridging the gap between innovation and intellectual property awareness, the session empowered students to move confidently from ideas to impactful, legally protected solutions.

Such initiatives reaffirm SCET's commitment to nurturing **future-ready innovators, researchers, and industry leaders**.