



Institution's Innovation Council Saurashtra University

Webinar

on

“The Art of Patent Searching:
How to Search and Report on Prior Art”

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Saurashtra University, Rajkot

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Saurashtra University – IIC

The university is dedicated to instruction, research, and extending knowledge to the public (public service). Ministry of Education (MoE), Govt. of India has established 'MoE's Innovation Cell (MIC)' to systematically foster the culture of Innovation among all Higher Education Institutions (HEIs). The primary mandate of MIC is to encourage, inspire and nurture young students by supporting them to work with new ideas and transform them into prototypes while they are informative years. Saurashtra University is one the Organization that have constituted the IIC to foster the vision of MoE and be a part for the promotion and development of innovation ecosystem.

Event Schedule

03:30	• Welcome
03:35	• Awareness Session
05:20	• Q & A
05:30	• Closing Ceremony

Event Registration Link

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Brief about Event

SU Startup and Entrepreneurship Council, IIC Saurashtra University, in collaboration with PATectual IP Law Services, organized a webinar on “The Art of Patent Searching: How to Search and Report on Prior Art” on May 8, 2024. This event aimed to provide participants with valuable insights into the methodologies and best practices for conducting effective patent searches and reporting on prior art. The webinar covered various aspects of patent searching, including the use of different databases, understanding search strategies, and the importance of thorough documentation and reporting in the patent process.

Sir explained that Patent is a form of intellectual property that gives its holder exclusive rights to a particular invention or invention for a limited period, usually 20 years from the date of filing the application. This exclusive right is granted by a government authority, usually a national patent office or regional patent institute. A patent protects an invention, which can be a product, process, machine, or composition of matter that is new, non-obvious, and useful.

There are three Criteria for Patentability:

Novelty: The invention must be new and not known to the public before the date of the patent application.

Non-Obviousness: The invention must not be an obvious improvement or modification of existing knowledge or technology to someone skilled in the field.

Utility: The invention must be useful and have some practical application.

Conducting a patent search is an essential step for inventors to ensure that their inventions are novel and to avoid potential infringement on existing patents. Sir gave a guide on how to do a thorough patent search with examples. Prior art in the context of patents refers to any evidence that your invention is already known. It is a crucial concept in determining whether an invention is novel and non-obvious, which are key requirements for patentability. Patent searches can be categorized based on their purpose and scope. Sir explained that conducting a patent search involves systematic methods to ensure thorough and effective results.

The International Patent Classification (IPC) is a hierarchical system used for classifying patents and utility models according to the different areas of technology to which they pertain. The IPC system is maintained by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) and is used worldwide to facilitate the retrieval of patent documents by intellectual property offices, researchers, and the public.

Key Points

During the session, below mentioned points were discussed:

- ✓ What is Patent?
- ✓ Characteristics of Patent
- ✓ Criteria of Patentability
- ✓ Patent Search
- ✓ What is Prior Art?

- ✓ Types of Patent Search
- ✓ Tools of Patent Search
- ✓ Methods of Conducting Patent Search
- ✓ IPC-International Patent Classification
- ✓ FAQs related to Patent Searching: How to Search and Report on Prior Art

Outcome

The webinar on "The Art of Patent Searching: How to Search and Report on Prior Art" likely covered various critical aspects of patent searching, including methods, tools, and best practices. Participants learned what patent searching is and why it is crucial for determining the novelty and patentability of an invention. By using the IPC system effectively, you can conduct more targeted and comprehensive patent searches, ensuring that you cover all relevant prior art and gain valuable insights into existing technologies in your field.

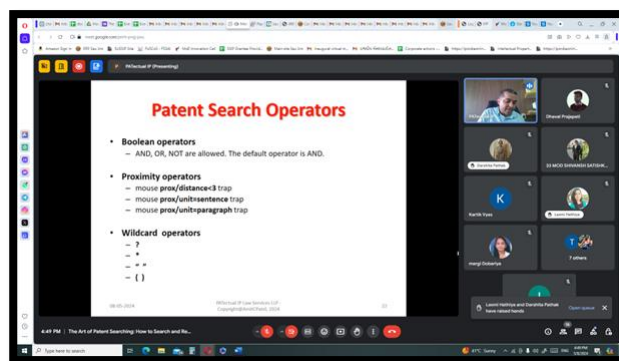
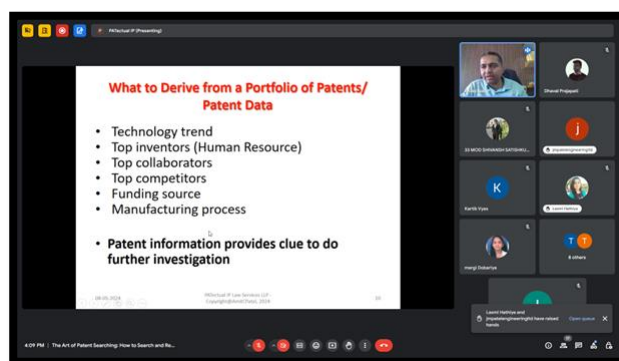
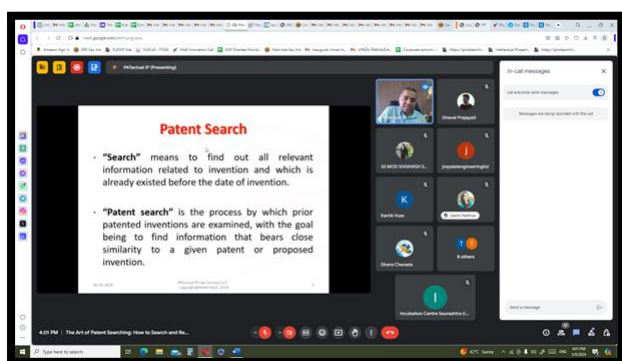
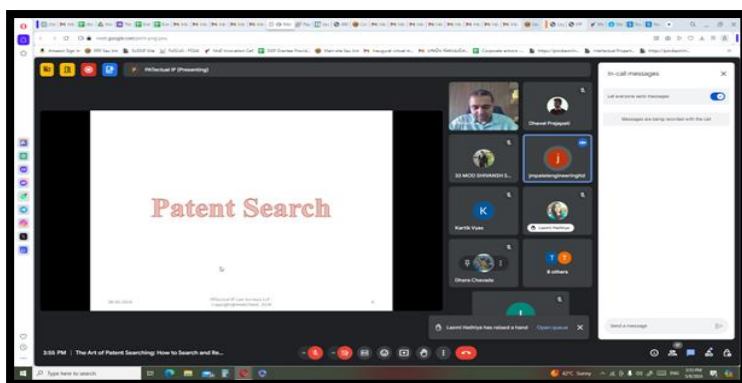
About the Speaker/Chief Guest



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The poster features logos for Saurashtra University, SSIP, PATectual, ISEC, StartUp, and the Institution's Innovation Council. It announces an online webinar on May 8th, 2024, from 3:30pm to 5:00pm, featuring Mr. Amit Patel, Partner at PATectual IP Law Services. A 'JOIN NOW' button and the URL bit.ly/SUSEC-APSH are provided.



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