



Report on Workshop Organized by the R&D Cell

Topic: *cccc: From Innovation to Protection under the KAPILA Programme*

Date: 17th May 2025

Time: 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Venue: Seminar Hall, Sri Sairam College of Engineering,
Anekal, Bengaluru

The Research and Development (R&D) Cell of Sri Sairam College of Engineering, Anekal, Bengaluru, organized an enriching and thought-provoking special session titled “*Navigating the Patent Pathway: From Innovation to Protection under the KAPILA Programme*” on **17th May 2025**. The event was designed to raise awareness on the growing importance of **Intellectual Property Rights (IPR)** in academia and research, and to guide faculty members through the patent filing process in alignment with the **KAPILA (Kalam Program for Intellectual Property Literacy and Awareness)** initiative of the Government of India.





The session witnessed enthusiastic participation from faculty members, research coordinators, and Heads of Departments from all branches, highlighting the growing interest in research translation and innovation protection within the institution.

Inaugural Session

The session commenced with a **Welcome Address** by **Dr. M. Pandikani**, who emphasized the increasing role of IPR in the academic ecosystem. He noted that as institutions move toward research-driven learning, knowledge of patents and intellectual rights becomes essential not only for recognition but also for safeguarding innovations.

This was followed by the **Presidential Address** delivered by **Dr. B. Shadaksharappa**, Principal of SSCE. He commended the R&D Cell for taking the initiative to organize a session that bridges the gap between academic research and industrial relevance. He encouraged faculty members to move beyond traditional research publications and focus on creating patentable innovations that could lead to societal impact and commercial applications.



The **Special Address** was delivered by **Dr. R. Arunkumar**, Chief Operating Officer of SSCE, who underlined the importance of creating an institutional culture that fosters innovation, critical thinking, and knowledge ownership. He spoke about the relevance of national IPR initiatives such as the KAPILA programme, and encouraged participants to take full advantage of such platforms for professional and academic advancement.





Introduction of the Chief Guest

Following this, **Dr. S. Jayakumar** gave a brief but insightful **introduction of the Chief Guest and Resource Person, Dr. G. Puthiliibai**, Professor and Head of the IPR Cell at Sri Sai Ram Engineering College, Chennai. He highlighted her extensive experience in mentoring patent applicants, conducting IPR awareness programmes, and her notable contributions to strengthening intellectual property education in higher institutions.

Technical Session

The core of the programme began at with **Dr. G. Puthiliibai** delivering her expert session on the theme: **“Navigating the Patent Pathway: From Innovation to Protection under the KAPILA Programme.”** In her presentation, Dr. Puthiliibai covered a wide array of important topics including:

- The fundamentals of intellectual property and its types
- The step-by-step process of patent filing in India
- Eligibility criteria and documentation involved in patent applications
- Common mistakes to avoid during patent drafting
- The role of institutional IPR cells

- Case studies of successful patents filed from academic institutions
- The objectives and benefits of the KAPILA programme

Her session was filled with real-life examples, relatable analogies, and a clear breakdown of otherwise complex legal and technical terminology — making it accessible even to those unfamiliar with IPR processes. She also emphasized the importance of early-stage innovation identification, institutional support systems, and the need for a mindset shift toward knowledge protection in academia.



Audience Engagement and Feedback

The session witnessed **active engagement from the audience**, with participants asking a variety of thoughtful and practical questions. Many faculty members raised queries on how to identify patentable ideas, how to deal with collaborative research in terms of ownership rights, and how students can be encouraged to take part in innovation and patent filing.

Participants were visibly motivated by Dr. Puthilibai's clarity, passion, and approachable delivery. Several attendees personally expressed their appreciation and shared that they found the session not only informative but also inspiring. Many were unaware of how accessible patenting processes could be when

guided correctly, and expressed their keenness to initiate filings for their ongoing or completed research.

Future Scope and Requests

Given the **overwhelmingly positive response**, multiple faculty members and HoDs requested the R&D Cell to organize a **series of follow-up sessions** — specifically focusing on:

- **Hands-on workshops** on patent drafting
- **Mentorship programmes** for converting project work into IPR
- **Awareness sessions for students** on innovation and startups
- Guidance on **national and international patent filing procedures**

This indicates a clear demand for capacity building in the area of intellectual property and innovation management across departments.

Conclusion

The event concluded with a formal **Vote of Thanks** by **Dr. M. Pandikani** at **1:00 PM**, who expressed heartfelt gratitude to **Dr. G. Puthilibai** for sharing her expertise, and to all the dignitaries, faculty members, and participants for their support and involvement.

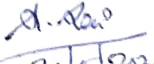
He also acknowledged the behind-the-scenes efforts of the R&D Cell team, technical support staff, and student volunteers in making the event a success.

Overall Impact

The session proved to be not just an academic event, but a catalyst for cultural change within the institution — igniting a collective awareness about the value of intellectual assets and encouraging a forward-looking approach to research and innovation.

The **Research and Development Cell** looks forward to building on the momentum generated by this session and is committed to fostering a sustainable IPR ecosystem within Sri Sairam College of Engineering.

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