Annual Report of the Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) Cell (2025–2026)

The Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) Cell of Bharathidasan University was established in the year 2008 and has played a pivotal role in fostering innovation, enhancing IPR awareness, and safeguarding intellectual creations within the academic community. During the academic year 2025–2026, the Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) Cell of Bharathidasan University made significant progress in strengthening intellectual property protection, innovation promotion, and technology transfer activities.

Patents

Patents Published	Patents Granted	Under Processing	Under Revision
1	1	2	1

Institutional Initiatives for IPR Awareness and Learning

IPR Cell further expanded its outreach by organizing a RUSA-sponsored awareness programme and strengthened academic engagement by introducing an Intellectual Property Rights course as a Non-Major Elective (NME), thereby facilitating interdisciplinary learning and broadening IPR education among students across various disciplines.

1. **One-Day Seminar on "Intellectual Property Rights (Patents, Copyrights & Trademarks)"**

Date: 10 October 2025
Venue: A/c auditorium, Bharathidasan University
Sponsored by: BECH RUSA 2.0

The Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) Cell of Bharathidasan University organized a One-Day Seminar on **"Intellectual Property Rights (Patents, Copyrights & Trademarks)"** under the sponsorship of BECH RUSA 2.0. The programme was inaugurated in the presence of Prof. Dr. V. Rajesh Kannan, Member, Vice-Chancellor

Committee, who delivered the Presidential Address, and Prof. Dr. R. Kalidasan, Registrar (FAC), who delivered the Inaugural Address. Prof. Dr. M. Anusuyadevi, IPR Coordinator, welcomed the gathering and highlighted the University's achievements in patent filing and Geographical Indication (GI) initiatives,while Prof. Dr. S. Srinivasaragavan, Member, IPR Cell, delivered the Felicitation Address.

The keynote address on the importance, issues, and challenges of IPR was delivered by Prof. Dr. S. Vincent, Member Secretary, who emphasized innovation, patent commercialization, and entrepreneurship. The technical sessions featured invited lectures by Dr. B. Vishnu Priya, Project Scientist–I, on the significance of IPR and patent filing in academic research, and Dr. M. Mahindra Prabu, Assistant Professor of Law, on IPR laws and practices. Prof. Dr. P. Natarajamurthy, Director i/c, BECH, delivered a special address encouraging researchers to utilize institutional support for patent filing and technology transfer. The programme concluded with certificate distribution, participant feedback, and a vote of thanks by Prof. Dr. K. Thamaraiselvi, Member, IPR Cell. The seminar successfully enhanced awareness of patents, copyrights, trademarks, and technology transfer among faculty members, research scholars, and students, reinforcing Bharathidasan University's commitment to innovation, research excellence, and intellectual property protection.





2. One-Day Seminar on "Intellectual Property Rights – Identifying Patentable Innovations"

Date: 30 April 2026
Venue: Seminar Hall, International Guest House, Bharathidasan University
Sponsored by: BECH RUSA 2.0

The Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) Cell of **Bharathidasan University** organized a One Day Seminar on **"Intellectual Property Rights – Identifying Patentable Innovations"**, under the sponsorship of BECH RUSA 2.0. The programme was conducted to create awareness among research scholars, students, affiliated college IPR coordinators, and faculty members about the importance of intellectual property protection and patenting innovations. More than 50 participants from various departments attended the seminar.The event was coordinated by Dr. M. Anusuyadevi Jayachandran, Coordinator of the IPR Cell. During the inaugural session, Prof. K. Thamaraiselvi felicitated the Chief Guest with a memento and shawl. Delivering the special address, **S.K. Balashanmugam**, Assistant Professor and Head (i/c), Department of Law, School of Legal Studies, Central University of Tamil Nadu, emphasized the importance of Intellectual Property Rights in promoting innovation and economic development. He highlighted key aspects of patentability, including novelty, inventive step, and industrial applicability.He also elaborated on the procedures involved in patent filing, common challenges faced by researchers, and the importance of safeguarding research outcomes. The session covered topics such as non-patentable inventions, software patentability, compulsory licensing, and recent amendments in Indian patent rules.The seminar concluded with an interactive session, where participants clarified their queries related to patent filing and innovation strategies. Certificates were distributed to all participants.The programme was widely appreciated for enhancing awareness on intellectual property and encouraging researchers to convert their ideas into patentable innovations.











2 தினமணி திருச்சி

பாரதிதாசன் பல்கலைக்கழகத்தில் அறிவுசார் சொத்துரிமைகள் கருத்தரங்கம்

திருச்சி, ஏப். 30: திருச்சி பாரதிதாசன் பல்கலைக்கழகத்தில் அறிவுசார் சொத்துரிமைகள் தொடர்பான ஒருநாள் கருத்தரங்கம் வியாழக்கிழமை நடைபெற்றது.

இப்பல்கலைக்கழகத்தின் அறிவுசார் சொத்து உரிமைகள் மையம் சார்பில் 'அறிவுசார் சொத்து உரிமைகள் – காப்புரிமைக்கு தகுந்த கண்டுபிடிப்புகளை அடையாளம் காணுதல்' என்ற தலைப்பில் நடைபெற்ற இந்தக் கருத்தரங்குக்கு பேராசிரியர் எஸ்.கே. பாலசண்முகம் தலைமை வகித்து பேசுகையில், நாம் கண்டுபிடிக்கும் பொருளுக்கு காப்புரிமை பெறுவதற்கு நாம் கண்டுபிடிக்கும் பொருள் சிறப்பானதாகவும், புதுமையான தாகவும், தொழில்துறை பயன்பாட்டுக்கு ஏற்றதாகவும் இருக்க வேண்டும் என்றார்.

தொடர்ந்து, காப்புரிமை பெறுவதற்கு விண்ணப்பிக்கும் நடைமுறைகள், ஆராய்ச்சியாளர்கள் எதிர்கொள்ளும் சவால்கள், ஆராய்ச்சி விளைவுகளை பாதுகாக்கும் வழிமுறைகள், காப்புரிமைக்கு ஒத்துவராத கண்டுபிடிப்புகள், மென்பொருள் காப்புரிமை, கட்டாய உரிமை மற்றும் சமீபத்திய காப்புரிமை விதிமுறைகள் திருத்தங்கள் குறித்தும், அறிவுசார் சொத்து உரிமைகளின் முக்கியத்துவம், புதுமை மற்றும் பொருளாதார வளர்ச்சியில் காப்புரிமைகளின் பங்குகள் குறித்தும் மாணவர்களுக்கு அவர் எடுத்துரைத்தார். இதைத் தொடர்ந்து அறிவுசார் சொத்து உரிமைகள் – காப்புரிமைகள் தொடர்பாக மாணவர்கள், சிறப்பு விருந்தினரின் கலந்துரையாடல் நிகழ்ச்சி நடைபெற்றது. இதில், சிறப்பு விருந்தினர் மாணவர்களின் அனைத்து சந்தேகங்களுக்கும் விளக்கமளித்தார்.

நிகழ்ச்சியில் அறிவுசார் சொத்து உரிமைகள் மையத்தின் ஒருங்கிணைப்பாளர் மு. அனுசுயா தேவி, பாரதிதாசன் பல்கலைக்கழக தொலைக்கல்வி மற்றும் இணையவழிக் கல்வி மையத்தின் இயக்குநர் கே. தாமரைச்செல்வி, பல்கலைக்கழகப் பேராசிரியர்கள், ஆய்வாளர்கள் மற்றும் மாணவர்கள் உள்ளிட்ட பலர் கலந்துகொண்டனர்.

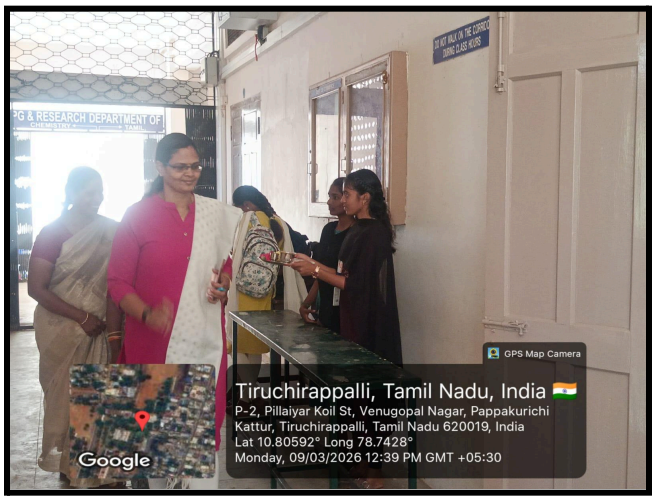
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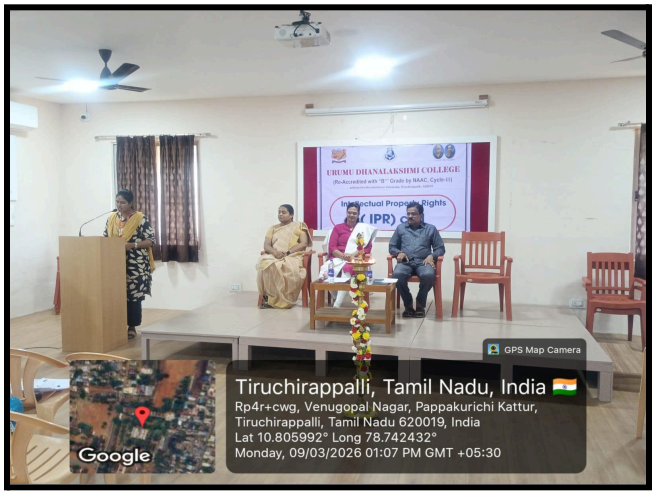
Intellectual Property Rights Awareness activity

Date: 09 March 2026
Venue: Urumu Dhanalakshmi College, Pappakuruchi Village, Kattur, Tiruchirapalli

As part of the activities of the IPR Cell, an Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) Awareness Programme was organized by the IPR Cell of Urumu Dhanalakshmi College, Tiruchirappalli, to promote awareness of Intellectual Property Rights among students and faculty members.The

programme featured **Dr. M. Anusyadevi Jayachandran, IPR Coordinator, Bharathidasan University**, as the resource person. She delivered an insightful lecture on the topic **"Protecting Innovation: A Student's Guide to Intellectual Property Rights (IPR)".** During her presentation, she explained the various forms of Intellectual Property Rights, including patents, copyrights, trademarks, geographical indications, and industrial designs, highlighting their significance in protecting innovations, creative works, and research outcomes. She emphasized the importance of identifying and safeguarding intellectual assets at an early stage, particularly for students involved in research, innovation, and entrepreneurship. The resource person also discussed the patent filing process, research ethics, technology transfer, and the commercialization of research, encouraging participants to protect their original ideas and contribute to a culture of innovation. Practical examples and case studies were presented to help students understand the relevance of IPR in academic and professional settings.The programme witnessed enthusiastic participation from students and faculty members. The interactive session enabled participants to clarify their queries regarding Intellectual Property Rights and provided valuable insights into the legal protection of innovative ideas. Overall, the programme successfully enhanced awareness of IPR and reinforced its importance in academic research, innovation, and entrepreneurship.







Geographical Indication (GI) Initiatives and Technology Transfer Activities

- The Cell also actively pursued Geographical Indication (GI) initiatives. A GI was allotted for Pachainadam; however, documentation challenges remain, as available records on banana cultivation date only from 1963 and do not specifically pertain to Pachainadam.
- Efforts have also been initiated to secure GI registration for traditional products such as Sattur Athalikai and Thiruvaiyaru Asoka Halwa in collaboration with autonomous institutions. In the case of Thiruvaiyaru Asoka Halwa, progress is currently constrained by challenges associated with forming the required stakeholders' association.
- Additionally, patent and GI filing activities for Karupatti Halwa are presently underway. As part of its commitment to promoting research commercialization and technology transfer, the IPR Cell has also approached the Council for Technology Transfer regarding the development and transfer of green hydrogen production technology, and the process is currently in progress.

These initiatives reflect the University's continued commitment to fostering innovation, protecting intellectual assets, preserving traditional knowledge, and facilitating the translation of research outcomes into societal and industrial applications.