

107 D. (7) Women Scientist Scheme – KIRAN IPR

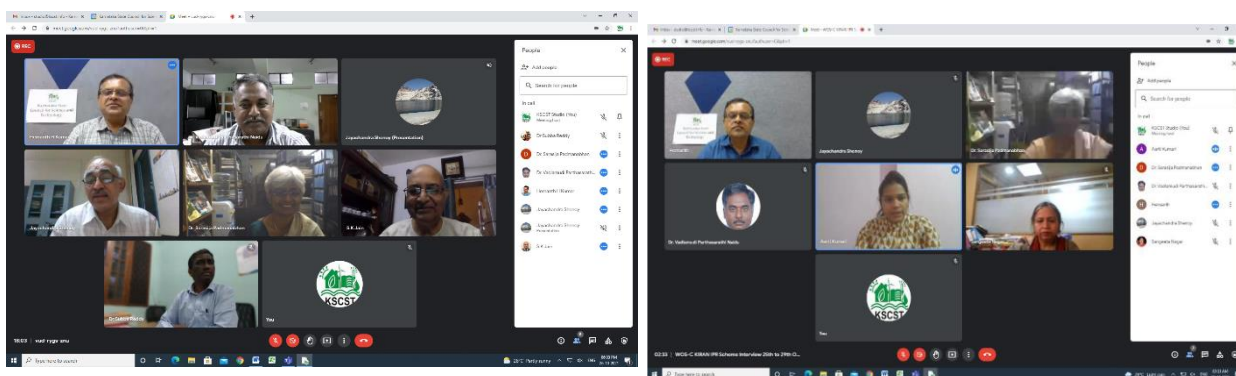
KIRAN (Knowledge Involvement in Research Advancement through Nurturing) is one of the flagship programme of Department of Science and Technology, which is being implemented by the Patent Facilitating Centre (PFC) of Technology Information Forecasting & Assessment Council (TIFAC), DST GoI. The scheme well known as KIRAN IPR, which particularly provide training for women candidates on Intellectual Property Rights. About 800 women have been trained under the scheme in 11 batches so far.

This scheme aims to train women having qualifications in science/engineering/medicine or allied areas in the field of Intellectual Property Rights (IPRs) and its management for a period of one year in order to develop a pool of women scientists geared to create, protect

and manage intellectual property in India. The 12th batch of KIRAN IPR was advertised during June 2021 and about 120 women candidates were shortlisted for training based on examination and interview and the training commenced in December 2021

Karnataka State Council for Science and Technology was given the responsibility of coordinating the 12th Batch KIRAN IPR Scheme 2021-22 for southern region. The Patent Information Centre (PIC) of KSCST has been in the forefront in creating IP ecosystem in the state since its inception from 2005. The activities of the centre include assisting educational institutions in protecting their inventive work, spreading IPR culture at educational institutes, establishment of IP cells, promoting Innovation and start-ups, evolving policies, and providing technical inputs at the institution level on IPR related issues and focus on creating entrepreneurship ecosystem. The programs are seminars, hands on training and workshops across the state.

In association with TIFAC, KSCST coordinated and participated in shortlisting candidates, conducting examination & interviews, placement of KIRAN candidates at Law firms & institutions and overall management of the scheme including administrative matters. Forty-two women scientists assigned to KSCST for providing on job training on IPR.



Online interview process of selecting the interns

As part of the scheme, KSCST conducted 2 orientation workshops on 28th and 29th April 2022 on Patent drafting at IISc, Bengaluru and 8th and 9th December 2022, held at Interdisciplinary Centre for Water Research (ICWaR), IISc, Bengaluru

Among all the southern KIRAN Candidates this year 38 candidates appeared for the patent agent exam 2022 and out of which 23 candidates cleared the exam.





KIRAN Interns during the patent drafting workshop held in the month of April 2022 at IISc Bangalore along with the experts Dr. Sharana Gouda, Assistant Controller of Patents and Designs, Patent office Chennai, Mr. Ravishankar Assistant Controller of Patents and Designs, Patent office Chennai and Mr. H Hemanth Kumar Executive Secretary KSCST.



KIRAN Candidates along with the staff of KSCST and Dr. Sangeeta Nagar during the workshop held on IPR at IISc Campus in the month of December 2022