

Report on Seminar/Conference/Workshop conducted

Title:

Three Days National workshop on "Need of Regulatory Perspective (Intellectual Property Rights) to conserve the Western Ghats Medicinal Plants and Tribal Indigenous Practice Knowledge"

Date(s): 29-3-2016 to 31-3-2016

Preamble:

JSS University, Mysuru, JSS College of Pharmacy, Udhagamandalam, Indian Pharmaceutical Association Nilgiris Local Branch and Department of Pharmacognosy and Phytopharmacy have jointly organized a three days National workshop on "Need of Regulatory Perspective (Intellectual Property Rights) to Conserve the Western Ghats Vital Medicinal Plants and Tribal Indigenous Practice Knowledge". This workshop has been designed to provide a constructive idea to the western Ghats native tribal people empowerment by creating an awareness among them in terms of coining their medicinal plants indigenous traditional practice knowledge with modern science and recent advancements in clinical practice. Although tribes have been blessed with traditional medicine practice knowledge but their illiteracy and ignorance restrict them to disclose the information. The lecturers organized were directly delivered to the tribal traditional knowledge holders and to the budding researcher and on other hand it directly encouraged the traditional medicinal practitioner to involve voluntarily in an intellectual property rights filing against their myth.

Participant's Profile:

A total no of 90 participants from two tribal villages, namely, Mel Kowhatty and Ariyur, were participated and around 30 internal participants includes ug & Pg students, faculty members from various departments were participated.

Description about the Program:

Three days national workshop was inaugurated by Dr. Sruthi Rajan Misra, Director and Principal, Jaipur college of Pharmacy, Dr. P. Nalani, Nodal Officer, Quality division, JSS University, Mysuru delivered the chief guest address. Dr Surthi stressed the importance of conserving the en-dangered medicinal species. Dr. S. Rajan, Field botanist from Ministry of AYUSH, elaborated the present scenario of Shola forest and their importance in the ground water level improvement. Dr. S.P. Dhanabal, Principal, JSSCP, Ooty has delivered the presidential address and he emphasized all the tribal community to utilize this opportunity to empower their life in terms of economical status and to file the Intellectual property Rights. Dr. B. Duraiswamy, Prof and Head of the department, Prof. P. Dhamodaran and Dr. M.R. Jeyaprakash were the organizers this workshop and Mr. Chaitanya Ph. D scholar proposed vote of thanks.

Outcomes from the workshop

The workshop deliberations delivered route map in the following lines,

Documentation

The documentation task have been decided to devide in to couple of stages

1. Herbarium Collection
2. Video documentation

Herbarium Collection

The Western Ghats blessed with abundance of rare herb species, some of the tribes were really understood the present status of endanged (extinct) species of herbal variety. They came forward to help to collect those species to prepare herbarium.

Action initiated

Dr. Jeyaprakash MR would initiate the conversation with Mr. C. Suresh and he agreed to collect some rare species of herb and it will be preserved in the department of Pharmacognosy for further identification purpose. The rare species collections and documentation may provides additional credit to the department and to the students.

Video documentation

The workshop organizers prepared video document which covers the one to one interactions interview with Kolikarai Village tribal indigenous medicinal practioners. As a part of workshop further deliberations processed with the Nilgiris Athivaasi Welfare Association (NAWA) to collect the information's.

Feedback:

The external tribal participants , internal students & scholars expressed their positive feedback on the programme that they have gained knowledge on how to safe guard our Intellectual property rights.

Future Perspectives:

In designing curriculum for Indigenous Knowledge based Patent filling. It may helpful to empower the knowledge holders and community of practice, we should facilitate the teaching mythology of indigenous system to learn and practice science based Ayurveda.

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Tribal Badaga Community



Dr. S. Rajan, Field Botanist, Emerald division, Ministry of AYUSH, New Delhi Addressed the Tribal community people from KolziKarai



Interaction of staff with Kolikarai Village tribal indigenous medicinal practioners