

**Minutes of the Meeting of IIT Representatives
for IPR Chair Operationalization**

A meeting was held on 20th and 21st February 2006 at IIT Kharagpur to develop a coordinated national effort for operationalization of the IPR Chairs that MHRD has proposed for the IITs. The meeting was attended by the following representatives of the IITs:

- Professor K. C. Khilar, Dean (R&D), IIT Bombay
- Professor S. C. Srivastava, Dean (R&D), IIT Kanpur
- Professor V. S. Bisaria Dean (IRD), IIT Delhi
- Professor S. K. Jain, IIT Delhi
- Professor S. Ray Dean (SRIC), IIT Roorkee
- Professor P. K. Gosh, Coordinator IPR, IIT Roorkee
- Professor L. Prakash Sai, IIT Madras
- Professor S. Tripathy, Professor-in-Charge (IPR & IR), IIT Kharagpur
- Professor P. P. Chakrabarti, Dean (SRIC), IIT Kharagpur

Mr Madhukar Sinha, Registrar Copyrights and Director MHRD, apprised the members of the Government's objectives in setting up the IPR Chairs and the envisaged role of the IITs in developing this activity as laid down in the letter of Additional Secretary (Education) in his letter to the Directors of IITs. He also expressed the intent of the Government to ensure operationalization of the Chairs at the earliest. For this purpose the Government intended to make the requisite funds available to the IITs within the current financial year. Accordingly, he requested that the proposals from the IITs should reach the Ministry, latest by the end of February 2006.

The members deliberated on the role of the IITs in the new knowledge driven economy, evaluated the efforts that have been taken individually by the institutes, the national status and the need to develop a programme that will draw upon the combined strength of all IITs and set the foundation for development of India's core intellectual capital in Intellectual Property and strengthen the quality of IITs world class manpower in this area. It will also

disseminate the knowledge to other institutes to jump-start their efforts in IP awareness and manpower generation. Various alternative options were discussed and a common vision, mission and activities document was developed for this programme. The members felt that the Chair should be available to all the seven IITs and unanimously recommended to the Government of India to extend the same to IIT Roorkee and IIT Guwahati as well. The resources required and proposed budget for each IIT was prepared. A copy of the proposal agreed by all representatives is enclosed.

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