

SARVODAY KELAVANI SAMAJ

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Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) Policy

An Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) policy is a set of guidelines and rules established to manage and protect intellectual property assets. Intellectual property refers to creations of the mind, such as inventions, literary and artistic works, symbols, names, and images used in commerce. These assets can include patents, copyrights, trademarks, trade secrets, and more. An IPR policy typically outlines the principles and procedures for identifying, protecting, and managing intellectual property assets. Here are some key components of the IPR policy:

Protecting inventions and innovative works through IP entitles the researcher and institutions of AGI to commercial benefits. Publication of patent without evaluation of the possibility of IPR protection could jeopardize the possible monetary benefits accrued through licensing of IPR.

Scope:

This policy is applicable to all the educational institutions running under Atmiya Group of Institutions managed by Sarvoday Kelavani Samaj viz. Atmiya University, Shri M. & N. Virani Science College (GIA), Shree Atmiya Shishu Vidyamandir, Shri Sarveshwar Vidyamandir, Shri H. L. Gandhi Vidyavihar School (GIA). This policy is applicable to all students, faculty and researchers of the institutions.

Education and Training:

Emphasis is given on the need for ongoing education and training to ensure that employees and stakeholders understanding the organization's IPR policies and their role in protecting intellectual property.

Disclosure:

The institution encourages timely disclosure of all potential IP / Inventions / Innovations generated by the staff member and students. Disclosure enables the institution to take prompt action to protect and disseminate the research activities occurring at the institutions. The institution identifies the relevant statutory and other mechanisms not limited to Patent, Copyright, Trademark, Design Rights, Integrated Circuits, etc towards registration.

Intellectual Property Identification::

Evaluation of patent for IPR protection will be conducted by an IPR review committee. Evaluation will be based on the technical and commercial merit, market size and potential, interest from industry partners, as well as novelty and inventiveness based on a patentability search conducted by the researcher. After taking due steps for evaluating the possibility of IPR protection, the institution can either provide IPR protection or can give clearance to proceed without it. The Institutes ability to grant waivers to the researcher from non-application of the IPR policy is delegated to the Head of the Institute. The institution is entitled to decide the nature of dissemination of the outcome of the research undertaken by the researcher in the



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course of their employment / engagement with the Institute either through publications or by any other means in accordance with academic practice.

Ownership:

The researcher and/or the institutions of AGI own the IPR based on the interest of both the researchers and the institutions through mutual understanding.

Budget and Funding:

In cases where the proposal for IP protection has been approved by the IP review committee, the institute will bear all the costs for IP protection, including Government fees, administrative costs, and attorney fees. In cases where the institute has chosen not to pursue IP protection, the inventors may proceed to patent individually by funding the costs themselves, however, they would still have to name the institute as a joint applicant and execute an IP assignment agreement that will stipulate the level of ownership of the institute on case to case basis.

Revenue Sharing:

In case of generation of revenue from the IPR, the ratio of revenue sharing is 70% to the inventor/researcher and 30% to the institutions of AGI.

Dispute Resolution:

Resolving disputes related to intellectual property rights is done within the institutions through steps such as mediation or arbitration.

Jurisdiction:

All agreements to be signed by the institution will have the jurisdiction of the court in Rajkot, Gujarat and shall be governed by appropriate laws of India.

Review and Updating Policy:

Policy will be reviewed annually to measure its impact and effectiveness. It will be updated based on the resolution taken in the review meeting. However under extraordinary circumstances, the managing trust can amend the policy as in response to specific needs or demands.

This policy will be used to protect intellectual property assets, promote innovation, and avoid legal disputes. Additionally, institutions would seek legal counsel to ensure that their IPR policy complies with relevant laws and regulations in their jurisdiction.