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Workshop on

“INNOVATION – The Bridge & Platform for Progress”

CHIEF GUEST : Shri P.H. Kurian

Adl. Chief Secretary & Revenue Secretary; Former Controller General of Patents, Designs & Trademarks, Govt. of India

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at

Fortune Hotel The South Park

M.G. Road, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala

On

Monday, 16th October, 2017

at 2.00 pm to 5.30 pm

with High Tea & Snacks

and

Inauguration of GNAs/GNANLEX Office

at Kesava Building, 2nd Floor, Sreekaryam Junction, N.H., Thiruvananthapuram



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Program

2.00 pm to 2.15pm	:	Registration over tea
2.15 pm to 2.25pm	:	Welcome and Introduction - Dr. Gopakumar G. Nair
2.25 pm	:	Inauguration and Inaugural Keynote Address by Shri P.H. Kurian, <i>Adtl. Chief Secretary and Revenue Secretary</i>
3.00 pm to 3.15 pm	:	Innovation Ecosystem in Kerala - the Role of KSCSTE Dr. Ajit Prabhu, <i>Chief Scientist, Kerala State Council for Science, Technology & Environment.</i>
3.15 pm to 3.30 pm	:	“Bionest” as a platform for growth of entrepreneurship Dr. Saji George, <i>CEO, BioNest</i>
3.30 pm to 3.50 pm	:	Philosophy of Patents Mr. R.S. Praveen Raj, <i>Sr. Scientist, CSIR-NIIST</i>
3.50 pm to 4.05pm	:	Intellectual Property Management Mr. Vishnu S Warriar, <i>Dy. Manager-Legal, HLL Lifecare</i>
4.05 pm to 4.30 pm	:	Prior Art Search for PNIS & FTO Ms. Andreyra Fernandes, <i>GNA</i>
4.30 pm onwards	:	Panel Discussion Patent Professionals from GNAs/GNANLEX (Mumbai) & Institutes in Thiruvananthapuram Co-ordination : Dr. Gopakumar G. Nair
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ABOUT THE SPEAKERS



P.H. Kurian(ex-Controller General of Patents)

Shri. P.H. Kurian is an Indian Administrative Service Officer presently serving as Additional Chief Secretary, Revenue and Disaster Management, Housing & Ports Department, Government of Kerala. He holds a post graduate in Chemistry from University of Kerala. While pursuing his Ph.D. in Organic Chemistry from Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore he joined the Indian Administrative Service (IAS) in 1986. He served in various capacities in the Government of Orissa and Kerala. He started his career with the Government of Orissa and has held field level posts in the district of Kalahandi. He was a consultant in UNICEF and was heading the Orissa Household Food Security Project. In 1993, he joined the Kerala cadre. As District Collector of Kottayam, he pioneered NIRMAL 2000, a total sanitation project of Kottayam District, a feat the district achieved in 2002. From 2002 onwards he held various posts under the Department of Industries and Commerce, viz Director, Industries and Commerce; Managing Director, KSIDC; Managing Director, Travancore Titanium Products Ltd.; Secretary to Government and Principal Secretary, Industries and IT. He joined as Controller General of Patents, Designs, Trade Marks, and Geographical Indications Department of Industrial Policy and Promotions, Government of India on 22nd January, 2009.

The administrative reforms and IT initiatives introduced by him in the intellectual property administration during this period, has been hailed globally. The Global IP magazine ‘MANAGING IP’ selected Mr. Kurian as one of the ‘**Fifty Most Influential Global Personalities in the field of Intellectual Property**’ for two consecutive years, in 2009 and 2010.

He has been engaged in the promotion of innovative start-ups in the state of Kerala. He has wide experience in entrepreneurship development, labour relations, industrial financing and policy making at Government Level.



Dr. Ajit Prabhu

Dr. Ajit Prabhu, B. Tech in Mechanical Engineering, M. Tech. in Thermal Engineering and MBA with specialisation in HR & Marketing. He also possesses Ph. D. from the University of Kerala in Energy Management. Moreover, to his credit he holds several diplomas and PG Diplomas in Management, Intellectual Property Rights, Disaster Management, Environmental Sciences, Rural Development, etc.

His career started as a Scientist, in the Liquid Propulsion Systems Centre under I. S. R. O where he has made substantial contributions in the Indian Space Programmes especially in the field of cryogenics. He was also holding the charge of Director, Centre for Science & Technology Entrepreneurship Development, in Govt. of Kerala.

Presently he is the Chief Scientist (Scientist ‘G’) of the Kerala State Council for Science, Technology and Environment, under the Government of Kerala and heading the Technology Development and Project Management Division. He has initiated several new schemes and special programmes for the promotion and popularisation of S&T in the Kerala State and also designed several exclusive programmes for promoting research in Engineering and also Technology Development. **He is also the Nodal Officer of the Patent Information Centre – Kerala.**

He has authored and co-authored book relating to IPR, Environment and Biodiversity; and delivered a number of expert lectures in the related subjects and published several papers. He is Fellow in Institution of Engineers (FIE). He also has Memberships in various Professional Bodies like Indian Institute of Industrial Engineering, National Institute of Personnel Management, Life Member of Indian Society for Training and Development, Member of Indian Society for Technical Education, Kerala Academy of Sciences etc. His area of interest is Innovation & Entrepreneurship and IP management.



Dr. Saji George

- Completed the first post-graduation from Trivandrum University college followed by M Tech in Biotechnology from Anna University, Chennai
- Ph.D in Fermentation Technology jointly from Anna University Chennai and UTC, France, there after post doc from Department of Pathology, UT Medical School, Houston Texas
- 27 years of industrial experience in companies like, SPIC Pharma, Chennai, HMR, Mumbai, Nicholas Piramal, Mumbai and Dr Reddy’s Laboratories, Hyderabad
- Presently working as Distinguished Scientist and CEO of Bionest, Kochi
- Expertise in technology transfers for many products like Sirolimus, Everolimus, Daptmycin, Penicillin etc./ technology absorption/Natural product drug discovery/fermentation upstream and downstream process development etc of various biopharmaceutical products
- Worked extensively on technology development of many recombinant products like Liraglutide, Teduglutide, Teriparatide etc including whole cell and enzyme biotransformation
- Member of many scientific bodies like American Advancement of Sciences, Kerala Biotechnology Commission, Rajiv Gandhi Center Scientific Advisory committee, IIT Chennai Bio-business Accelerator etc
- Consultant to many pharma companies like, Palmyra Biotech, Rajasthan Antibiotics, Calyx Pharma, Virchow Biotech, Unique Biotech etc
- Author of 19 international publications and 3 US patents



Praveen Raj

R S Praveen Raj is a scientist and technology transfer expert. He is currently working as senior scientist in CSIR’s National Institute for Interdisciplinary Science and Technology (NIIST) in Thiruvananthapuram and is responsible for intellectual property (IP) management, technology transfer and human resource management in the Institute. He played a key role in devising IPR Policy of Government of Kerala, which addresses the concerns on traditional knowledge protection. Further he inspired and guided Dr. Shashi Tharoor MP to introduce a private bill for ‘Protection of Traditional Knowledge (282 of 2016) in Indian Parliament, which was recently tabled in Lok Sabha.

Mr. Praveen Raj holds a Post-graduate degree (M. Tech) in Power Systems Engineering (EEE). His areas of expertise includes Patent drafting, Socio-economic Impact study, R&D Planning, Technology Forecasting, IP litigation, Patent mapping, Project Management, Policy research, Strategic alliance, Budgeting and fund management.

Mr. Raj is a social activist also, who campaigns against alleged misuse of intellectual property laws in religious affairs. In 2009, he filed a case for trademarking deity picture and another case in Supreme Court of India. He is also a proponent of right to information (RTI) in India.

**Vishnu S Warriar**

Vishnu S Warriar is an Indian legal professional, journal editor and a prolific writer in the field of contemporary socio-legal issues. Besides, his involvement in social activities, he is also an active sports personal.

Mr. Warriar earned a Master of Law from National Law Institute University (NLIU), Bhopal and Certificates in

- Patent Law;
- Trademarks, Industrial Designs & Geographical Indications;
- Arbitration & Mediation Procedure under the WIPO Rules

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He earned a Bachelor of Academic Laws and Bachelor of Law from the University of Mysore. He is also a qualified UGC-NET candidate.

He has authored 3 books titled

- Arbitration, Conciliation and Mediation
- Understanding Patent Law
- Quick Reference Guide on Arbitration, Conciliation and Mediation

**Andreyra Fernandes**

Andreyra Fernandes holds Master's degree in Intellectual Property Law (LLM) and Biotechnology, respectively, and PG Diploma in Patents Law. She also holds a graduate degree in LLB (Law) and Microbiology & Biochemistry, respectively. She is an Advocate and a practicing Patent and Trademarks Agent. She is working in the field of IPRs for the last 12 years. She has been a resource person for various IPR seminars and lectures in India.

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