

## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

In furtherance of the objectives of the National IPR Policy 2016, the Cell for IPR Promotion and Management (CIPAM) has been designated as the National Focal Point (NFP) for establishing and developing Technology and Innovation Support Centres (TISCs) all over India in the upcoming years, in collaboration with the World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO).

2. The objective of TISC is to stimulate a dynamic, vibrant and balanced Intellectual Property Rights (IPRs) system in India to foster creativity and innovation, thereby promoting entrepreneurship and enhancing social, economic and cultural development by establishing a network of TISCs in India. WIPO's TISC program provides innovators in developing countries with access to locally based, high quality technology information and related services, helping them to exploit their innovative potential and to create, protect, and manage their Intellectual Property Rights (IPRs). Organisations, institutions and associations that would like to promote creativity, innovation, entrepreneurship, knowledge sharing, exchange of best practices, capacity building, and generation & commercialization of IPs, can consider hosting a TISC.

3. It is clarified that neither WIPO nor the NFP (CIPAM) is under any obligation to provide any funds for setting up and running of the TISC to the Host Institution, which may, however, raise funds from other sources.

4. Host Institutions under the TISC network shall be required to undertake the following among other things:

- a. Access online patent and non-patent (scientific and technical) resources;
- b. Access industrial property-related publications;
- c. Render assistance in searching and retrieving technology information;
- d. Facilitate access to patent databases and other scientific and technology resources;
- e. Training of local users through on-site and distance learning;
- f. Provide information and training materials;

- g. Render assistance in Commercialization and Technology Transfer;
- h. Supporting awareness-raising activities;
- i. Impart Training in searching databases;
- j. On-demand searches (novelty, state-of-the-art, and infringement);
- k. Technology and competitor monitoring;
- l. Basic information on industrial property laws, management and strategy;
- m. Basic information on technology commercialization and marketing;
- n. Disseminating best practices and experiences among TISCs;
- o. Finances- All the TISC's host institutions shall bear their own expenses;
- p. Manpower shall be provided by TISC Host Institution;
- q. Resources- All resources like IT infrastructure, office space, Patent Database shall be provided by host institution.

5. Interested Organisations like Universities, Colleges, other Educational institutions, State Science Councils, R&D institutions, Patent Information Centres (PICs), Intellectual Property Facilitation Centres (IPFCs), etc. who are willing to participate in the said program and have the necessary means and infrastructure to fulfil the above mandates, may apply with CIPAM on the official e-mail ID of CIPAM: [cipam-dipp@gov.in](mailto:cipam-dipp@gov.in) in this regard, on or before 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2017.

6. It is hereby clarified that an application or proposal in this regard shall NOT amount to or give entitlement of selection or approval of any such organisation by CIPAM, which reserves the exclusive right to approve or respond to the same only after due consideration.

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