

**GOA STATE INNOVATION COUNCIL,  
GOVERNMENT OF GOA**

**SCHEME FOR PATENT FILING UNDER VIRTUAL INNOVATION REGISTER  
(VIR)**

**INTRODUCTION:**

Intellectual Property Rights (IPRs) are emerging as a strategic business tool for any Innovators organization to enhance industrial competitiveness.

Innovators, with limited resources and manpower, can sustain in this highly competitive world only through continuous growth and development oriented innovations; for this, it is equally crucial that they protect their IPRs.

The scheme aims to promote awareness and adoption of Intellectual Property Rights amongst the students and innovators. Scheme is inclined to nurture and mentor innovative and emerging technologies among Students and assist them in protecting and commercialize it by providing them access to highquality IP services and resources.

**OBJECTIVES:**

The objectives of the Policy are as follows, namely:

1. to promote academic freedom and safeguard in creation of intellectual property
2. to provide a comprehensive single window reference system for all intellectual property rights issues relating to intellectual property generated during academic studies;
3. to safeguard the interest of creator of intellectual property and provide fair distribution of returns accruing from the commercialisation of IPR;
4. to provide legal support, wherever necessary, to defend and protect the intellectual property rights obtained by the Institute against any infringement/unauthorised use;

5. to create an environment for acquiring new knowledge through innovation and research, compatible with the educational mission of the Institute

#### **ABOUT VIRTUAL INNOVATION REGISTER:**

The Virtual Innovation Register (VIR) is a unique initiative of the Goa State Innovation Council to nurture potential ideas and innovation to its highest potential. In line with the ethos of Digital India, the VIR is an online platform where innovators and entrepreneurs can register their ideas virtually and source the required support to achieve the expected results. VIR also functions as an innovation step where young innovators will display prototypes and directly talk to prospective buyers.

Following are the benefits of VIR:

1. Safeguarding unique innovations and ideas
2. Validation of idea and support from experts
3. Hassle-free digital registration from the comfort of home or office
4. Incentives amounting to Rs 10,000/- paid to the patent Attorney or Patent Agent from the list of empaneled Patent Attorneys/Agents for filing patent application on behalf of Applicant.

#### **EMPANELMENT OF PATENT AGENTS/ FIRMS FOR FILING PATENTS UNDER VIR:**

The Committee duly appointed by the office bearers of the Goa State Innovation Council for Selection of Patent Agents/ Firms scheduled the interviews on 11th Jan 2019 and the committee finalised the following Individuals/ Firm based on the needs of the Goa State Innovation Council:

1. Mrs. Shalini Menezes, order no DBCE/GSInC/2018-19/56
2. Adastra IP Pvt Ltd, represented by Mr Sandeep Agarwal, order no DBCE/GSInC/2018-19/55
3. Lawmate.in represented by Ms. Gautami Raiker, order no DBCE/GSInC/2018-19/54

4. Jackfruit Software and Systems Pvt Ltd represented by Mrs. Supriya Ravindra,  
order no DBCE/GSInC/2018-19/53

An applicant under this Scheme **shall be eligible for a support of upto Rs. 10,000 for filing provisional patent application** through the aforesaid patent agents/ firms. The said fee will be paid directly to the appointed firm for filing the application.

#### **PROCEDURE FOR APPLYING UNDER THE SCHEME:**

Below mentioned is the procedure for applying under the Virtual Innovation Register (VIR):

1. An individual or a registered entity (Partnership/ Limited Liability Partnership/ Private Limited Company) shall submit an application through the portal:  
  
<http://goastateinnovationcouncil.com/virtual-innovation-register>
2. An Innovative shall be from the following sectors which are not absolute but include:
  - a. Agri-tech
  - b. Digital media
  - c. Health care tech
  - d. Manufacturing
  - e. ITES
3. It is mandatory for the applicant to apply under the aforesaid mentioned portal to claim benefits under the Virtual Innovation Register.

**SELECTION COMMITTEE FOR SANCTIONING PROJECTS UNDER VIR  
FOR PROVISIONAL PATENT FILING:**

1. The Goa State Innovation Council shall hold meetings for once in three months basis to approve projects for filing provisional patent application.
2. Following is the committee for sanctioning the proposals:
  - a. Mr. B S Revankar, Ex-Director, NITK – STEP, Surathkal, Karnataka.....Chairman
  - b. Prof Sunil Bhand, Dean, Sponsored Research & Consulting, Professor, BITS, Pilani, Goa..... Member
  - c. Mr. Deepak Pathania, Industrial Design, NID Ahmedabad, Goa..... Member
  - d. Mr. Sudip Faldesai, Project Officer, Goa State Innovation Council..... Member - Secretary
3. The intimation of decision shall be made to the applicants through email within 30 number of days from the date of meeting.
4. All decisions regarding selection shall be final and binding.

**Tenure of the Scheme:**

The scheme shall be valid for a period of 3 years w.e.f. 1st April 2019.

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