One Day Seminar on Intellectual Property Rights (IPR)

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Krishna & Saurastri Associates LLP Law Office, Bangalore organized a one-day seminar on Intellectual Property Rights (IPR), led by Dr. Hemanth B and Manoj Kumar D. The session covered various forms of IPR, including IC Layout, Patents, Trademarks, Copyright, Designs, Trade Secrets, and Geographical Indications (GI), with the example of the iPhone 16. The discussion on patents emphasized their 20-year term and territorial nature, clarifying that patents are not global.

An example was presented to illustrate the concept of invention. If an innovation involves adding a reflector to a bike to enhance visibility in dark conditions, and the closest prior art is a bike without lights, the addition of a reflector solves a technical problem by making the rider visible through reflected light. Manoj Kumar D discussed non-patentable inventions under Section 3, which includes discoveries of scientific principles, abstract theories, software per se, mathematical methods, and business methods. Section 4, related to atomic energy, states that inventions involving elements like uranium, thorium, and plutonium are not patentable.

The seminar also covered the Invention Disclosure Form, which includes title, problem statement, prior solutions, new solutions, and working examples with drawings. Different types of patent applications, such as convention applications, PCT international applications, and divisional applications, were discussed. The session concluded with foreign filing regulations, highlighting Rule 24C and the requirement for prior permission before filing patents abroad.

