

ni-msme - the premier Institute

ni-msme, the pioneer institute in the field of MSME is playing a major role in providing pro-business environment to foster the progress of MSME towards success and prosperity. The raison detre of this Institute is to assist the Government in formulating policies for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises and to help the practicing, potential entrepreneurs and Government officials through a host of services like training, research, consultancy, information, education and extension.

Set up in 1962, ni-msme has made valuable contributions by creating an impressive record of achievements beyond the Indian shores, enabling different developing countries to get the benefit of the Institute's expertise.

Located in a sprawling and enthralling campus amidst a rich natural setting, ni-msme is well equipped with both physical and academic infrastructure. In keeping with the changing times and technological changes, the Institute has updated its style of functioning by focusing on the use of IT in every aspect of its activities, but at the same time retaining the wisdom and advantages of deeply ingrained traditional practices.

The core activities are being implemented through four Schools of Excellence, viz., School of Enterprise Development (SED), School of Enterprise Management(SEM), School of Entrepreneurship & Extension (SEE) and School of Enterprise Information & Communication (SEIC) as well as theme focused Centres like National Resource Centre for Cluster Development (NRCD), Intellectual Property Facilitation Centre (IPFC), Resource Centre for Traditional Paintings (RCTP) and Goods & Services Tax Centre (GSTC).

The Institute stores and supplies information that helps make a successful entrepreneur who is well versed in the intricacies of business and can participate in business activities intelligently and diligently through its Small Enterprises National Documentation Centre (SENDOC) and knowledge portal www.msmeinfo.in. Livelihood Business Incubator (LBI) established in 2016 under the Scheme of ASPIRE of Ministry of MSME for creating a favorable ecosystem for entrepreneurial development in the country.

The Institute has trained 4, 62,393 participants by organizing 14,034 programmes which includes prospective/existing entrepreneurs and officials from various Ministries of Govt. of India and State Governments till 2015-16. The Institute is implementing ITEC Scheme of Ministry of External Affairs, Govt. of India since 1967 and trained 9,450 International Executives from 142 developing countries. The Institute has also undertaken 909 research and consultancy projects.

The management of the Institute rests with the Governing Council appointed by the Government of India. The governing body provides the necessary directions to the Executive Committee, accordingly the resident **Director** implements the activities.



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World IP Day Celebrations 2018 Workshop on **Choosing and Protecting Brand through Trademarks** (26th April, 2018)



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About IPFC

The Intellectual Property Facilitation Centre (IPFC) for MSMEs has been established at **ni-msme** in the year 2009-10, sponsored by Development Commissioner (MSME), Ministry of MSME, Govt. of India. The center conducts various awareness and training programmes, seminars relating to IPR at both National & International level.

Rationale

To stay alive and flourish in highly competitive environment, enterprises strive to retain distinctiveness and quality in their products and services so that a discerning customer is repeatedly drawn to them in preference to the competitors. Another area of concern has been rampant counterfeiting and “me-too products” creating confusion resulting in lower sales and profits to genuine producers. Enterprises should make effective utilisation of Intellectual Property Rights to differentiate their products and services from those of competitors and create identity in market place. They must seek trademark for their distinctive signs, logos, etc, so that the consumer can easily identify them with the products as origination from a particular source. A strong branding strategy utilises trademark protection to build good will of the product or service. Registering trademark creates an intangible business asset that can build significant value and can later be sold or licensed.

Therefore, adopting the trademark strategies can help the enterprises to nourish a brand image, extend products’ life cycle, and provide a basis for international expansion of the business, supported by legal protection, for licensing, franchising, acting as a buffer to survive market or product pressures. It also strengthens the potential of enterprise business and capacity to compete domestically and internationally.

Objectives

The workshop focuses on how to choose a brand, and the steps to be taken for protect the brand both India and internationally. It also focuses on how to enforce the trademark.

Workshop Contents

- Choosing a strong Mark
- Protecting the Brand through trademarks
- Online Trademark filing requirements – India and International
- Enforcing the Trademark

Methodology

This workshop will adopt a practical and interactive approach including Group Discussions, Self-learning Exercise & Case Studies. Sessions will be handled by eminent IP experts (technical/legal) connected with the topics of proven track record.

For Whom

Start-ups, MSME enterprises, executives of public and private sector companies, officers of industries and in specific, scientists and technologists, consultants, facilitators, Entrepreneurship Development Cells, IP professionals, government officials, Incubator coordinators, Faculties, Engineering & Management Students

Date & Venue: 26th April 2018, at ni-msme, Hyderabad.

Administration

The workshop is full day. Normally the session timings are between 9:00 a.m. to 05:00 p.m with breaks for coffee and lunch.

Fee: Rs 1000 (Non- Residential)/ Rs 1500 (Residential) along with Additional service Tax (18%). Fee should be paid in advance by way of demand draft drawn in favour of the CAO, ni-msme, Yousufguda, Hyderabad-500045. Fee once paid shall not be refunded. However, a substitute will be permitted.

Please address your enquiries and nominations by **20th April, 2018:**

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