

## **IP office initiates process to link database to NIIPM for better dissemination of patent info**

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The Indian Patent office recently initiated the process to link all its database on both published as well as granted patent applications filed for examination within the country to National Institute of Intellectual Property Management (NIIPM), Nagpur. This progressive approach which is both technologically advanced as well as user friendly was initiated by the patents office with a view to make patent information easily accessible to those who need it.

The process to link-up the database with NIIPM has already begun and is expected to be completed by April this year. At present, most of the information on the patent applications which are filed for examination at the office are available on its website. However, an industry expert pointed out that the information available on the website is not effective enough in dissemination of information as it is not user friendly making it hard to access information.

After accessing the data from the patent office, NIIPM will be disseminating the information in a structured manner on all the patent applications filed for examination in a segregated way which will be more organized and easily accessible. NIIPM is expected to collect this data and circulate it by way of taking it in CD's and providing it for those who need it on subscription at a minimal rate so that anyone with research interest can obtain it.

According to P H Kurian, Controller General of Patents, Designs & Trademarks, "Through this system we intent to disseminate patent information in a more organised and systematic manner for those who need it. The most interesting part of this system is that all the data on patents which includes both published as well as granted patents will be made available sector wise which is not the case today."

He added that the main intention behind this step is to ensure that information on patents filed within the country is easily available to all on an affordable rate so that they can use it for reference. It is expected to be beneficial especially to the small and medium enterprises (SME's), academic institutes, research associations, etc who are interested in getting Indian based patent information for their research activities.