IPR FACILITATION CENTRES
FOR MSMEs: Strategic
Assessment and
Comparative Analysis

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT

BACKGROUND

The IPFCs are a major component of the IPR Scheme that started in 2008 by Ministry of MSME. The IPFCs were introduced to enhance the capabilities of the Small and Medium Size Enterprises (MSMEs) and other beneficiaries to utilise the IP tools for better management of their IPs. The objectives of the IPFCs are to provide computerized facilities for searching/mapping with respect to Patents, Trademarks, etc., to provide information on best IPR practices and guidance in filing application with International Agencies.

OBJECTIVE OF THE STUDY

To review and assess the current status of the IPFCs in operation, to compare their working with the International IPFCs and suggest policy recommendations and an Implementation Plan for Standardization, Strengthening and Setting up of IPFCs.



GOVERNANCE & STEERING MECHANISM

HOST INSTITUTION

SERVICES & DELIVERY MECHANISM

INFRASTRUCTURE

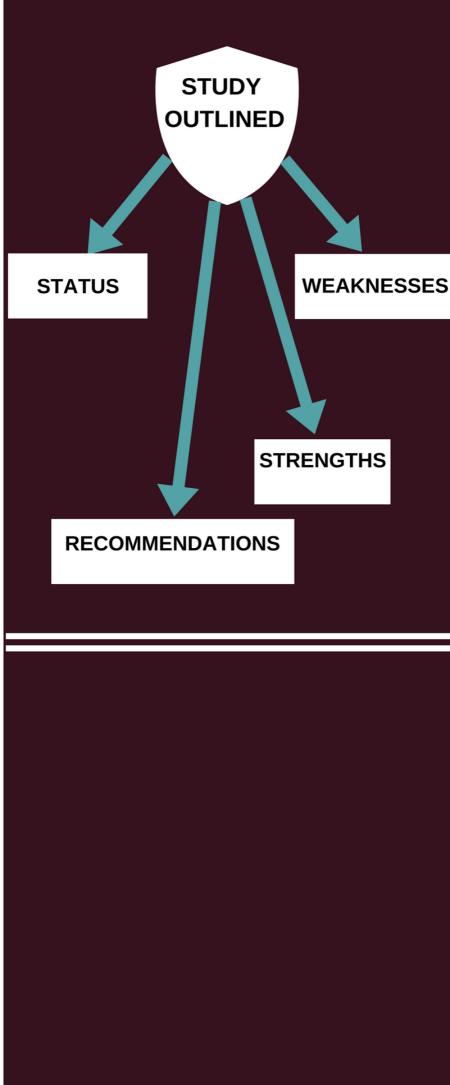
HUMAN RESOURCES & MANPOWER

LINKAGES & NETWORK

MARKETING

FINANCE

DEMAND SIDE ISSUES



TECHNICAL KNOWLEDGE APPLIED

A *primary survey* was conducted via a structured questionnaire and sent to all 35 IPFCs to gain an understandable picture regarding their functioning.

Field visits to 11 locations for qualitative feedback with different stakeholders i.e IPFC staff and MSMEs. Selection of these locations was done basis geographical distribution, their proximity to New Delhi, the better performing IPFCs(basis their annual report) & recommendations from Ministry.

A secondary research on national IPR landscape and functioning of IPFC was carried out.

International EU practices (with the help of an international expert based out of UK) were also studied to compare IPFC model with the European practices.