

TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION SUPPORT CENTRES

The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) and World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) signed an agreement to establish Technology and Innovation Support Centres (TISC). WIPO's Technology and Innovation Support Centres (TISC) program provides innovators in developing countries with access to locally based, high quality technology information and related services, helping them to exploit their innovative potential and to create, protect, and manage their intellectual property (IP) rights.

6 TISCs have already been established till now: Patent Information Centre Chandigarh; Anna University, Chennai; NRDC-IPFC Visakhapatnam; Patent Information Centre Kerala; GUJCOST, Gujarat; and RAJCOST, Rajasthan. Several others are in the pipeline.

Services offered by TISCs include:

- Access to online patent and non-patent (scientific and technical) resources and IP-related publications;
- Assistance in searching and retrieving technology information;
- Training in database search;
- On-demand searches (novelty, state-of-the-art and infringement);
- Monitoring technology and competitors;
- Basic information on industrial property laws, management and strategy, and technology commercialization and marketing.

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