

Electronic Patent Register

In yet another welcoming development, the Indian Patent Office released the new version of electronic Patent Register in the IPAIRS on 30th September 2014. The electronic Patent Register can be accessed through the following link: <http://ipindiaonline.gov.in/patentsearch/search/index.aspx> (please copy paste the URL if the link does not work).

The electronic Patent Register includes the legal status and bibliographic details of the granted Patents along with other details like due dates, annuity details, information u/s 146 i.e. working of Patents in the territory of India, linked applications etc. The electronic Patent Register strives towards collating all the information after a patent is granted.

The said initiative is in lines with the practices of the Patent Offices in major jurisdictions like the US and EP. However the prosecution history i.e. file wrapper is not linked to the said register and has to be still accessed using the application status tab. Further patent family i.e. corresponding applications /patents in various jurisdictions is not included in the said Register.

This is a part of recent initiatives that have been taken up by the Indian Patent Office towards making the system accessible, transparent, user-friendly and efficient. While there may be much left to desire, the steps are in the right direction.