

IPR policy awareness soon

New Delhi, October 21

The Indian Patent Office will soon come out with a detailed plan to spread awareness about the National Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) policy, a top official said today. The awareness plan entails conducting workshops and seminars in schools, universities and other such institutions, said OP Gupta, Controller General of Patents, Designs and Trademarks. "As part of awareness programme, we ... are working out a detailed programme so that we may conduct workshops in schools, colleges, universities, seminars together with industry and academia and specific programmes for industries," said Gupta at an Assocham conference here. "The idea is to spread awareness, as more and more people become aware, it serves our purpose," he added. PTI

AWARENESS ABOUT NEW IPR POLICY

New Delhi, 21 October: The Indian Patent Office has said it is soon going to put in place a detailed annual plan in consultation with all stakeholders to spread awareness about the new Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) Policy.

This will be done by conducting workshops, seminars in schools, universities and other such institutions, Controller General of Patents, Designs and Trademarks, Mr OP Gupta said at an Assocham organised event here today.

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"We simultaneously try to promote and encourage people to take up programmes on their own." **SNS**

Delhi celebrates the Spanish National Day

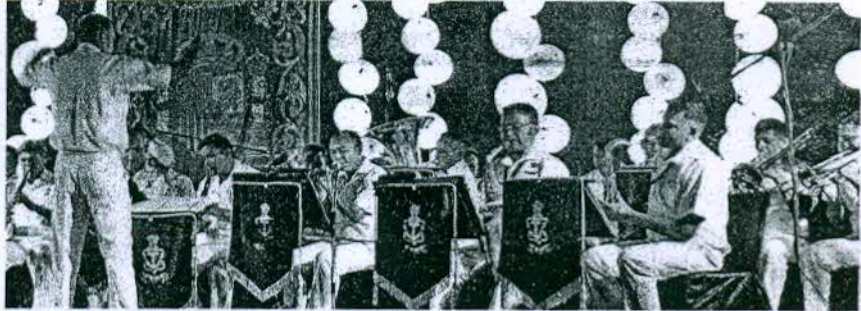
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Manuel Mbela, ambassador, Equatorial Guinea



Ashish Saraf



One of the Indian Navy Bands played at the event



Ajay Sharma, senior director, Assocham, and Vandana K Singh, co-chairperson, Assocham Women Foundation



Manoj Sinha, MoS for Communications and Magdalena Cruz Yabar, Spanish charge d'affaires



Carlos Mate, chief of defence, the Spanish wing in India

TWO-IN-ONE CELEBRATION: The Spanish embassy in Delhi celebrated the National Day of Spain and the Spanish Armed Forces Day with fanfare recently. Many noted businessmen, politicians and diplomats came to attend the glitzy affair. The Indian Navy Band played the national anthems of both the countries to start the celebrations.

STRONG CONNECTIONS: Magdalena Cruz Yabar, the charge d'affaires of the Spanish embassy arrived with Manoj Sinha, MoS (Independent Charge) for Ministry of Communications, on the occasion. She talked about how the friendship between the two countries has only blossomed in last few decades. She said, "This year's national day is very

significant as 60 years ago India and Spain developed full diplomatic relations. Since then, we have strived to create a dynamic relationship between our people and create new economic opportunities."

IN A SARI, ONE ALWAYS LOOKS GREAT: Later, speaking to DT about her fondness for Bollywood films and Indian food, she said, "I love *Dil Dhadakne Do* as it is shot in Spain. That movie shows the friendship between the two countries. In food, I like *samosas* and butter chicken here." She added that she has a huge collection of *saris* as well. "It doesn't matter if you're fat or short, in a *sari* you always look great," she said.

NATIONAL ANTHEM SHOULD BE PLAYED IN PARLIAMENT EVERYDAY: While Sandeep Marwah, who runs a film school, said that he

was glad to meet many of his diplomat friends at the do, entrepreneur Subel Seth said, "It was such an overwhelming moment when the national anthems of the two countries were played. I think things will be better if the national anthem is played in the Parliament everyday before the proceedings begin, as it would evoke a sense of unity."

SPAIN, NEW HOLIDAY DESTINATION FOR INDIANS: Louise, who had accompanied her husband Dominic Asquith, the British High Commissioner, said that she was delighted to see a lavish spread of Spanish delicacies. VN Dalmia was also among the attendees.

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