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New Delhi, June 20 () The Indian Patent Office, under the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) has organised a day long seminar Thursday in Dehradun on filing of international patents.

The department in a statement said that this exercise is part of an endeavour to reach out to innovators in tier-2 cities and to spread awareness among the creators and innovators for protecting IP and innovations, in India and globally.

Interested users, stakeholder, applicants, innovators, members of MSME, academic institutions, R&D organizations and other scientific institutions participated in the seminar.

Similar seminars have been scheduled in Lucknow, Kolkata and Bhubaneswar next week.

\* \* \* \* \* NABCB gets global recognition

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The National Accreditation Board for Certification Bodies (NABCB) has secured an international equivalence for its programme, the commerce and industry ministry said in a statement Thursday.

With this recognition, NABCB hopes to facilitate export of Indian services and skills into the world market by attesting that persons are certified following international standards by the certifying bodies.

NABCB signed the mutual recognition arrangement of the Asia Pacific Accreditation Cooperation (APAC) for its accreditation programme based on global standards.

"The standard includes requirements for the development and maintenance of the certification schemes for persons upon which the certification is based," it said.

\* \* \* \* \* EarlySalary strengthens leadership team \*

EarlySalary, a consumer lending app, Thursday said it has appointed Anil Sinha as Head of Engineering, and Sandeep Raghunath as Human Resources Head.

This development is part of the fin-tech startup's strategy to achieve its mid-term objective of a balance sheet of around Rs 2,000 crore and to build the company into a unicorn over the next five years, a statement said.

Raghunath was a part of the British Government's Civil Service Fast Stream programme.

EarlySalary, earlier this year, had raised Rs 100 crore led by Eight Roads Ventures (Fidelity). RR SR MR