

## PATENTING SCIENTIFIC INVENTIONS\*

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*In earlier days, scientists used to engross themselves in their work to discover the unknown in order to unravel the mysteries of nature. Most of them were reluctant for obtaining any patent right for their inventions. This was not the culture at that time. They used to think that knowledge should be freely available to all mankind. It should not be quarantined within the iron curtains of what is called a "Patent". The concept of patent is of 'foreign origin'. To day, based on patent rights, many nations are trying to introudce restrictions in the international trade and commerce. This article emphasised that protection of our own inventions and discoveries, our natural flora and fauna, through national and International patents, is the major responsibility of both the scientists and the Government.*

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