

One-day awareness workshop on Intellectual Property Rights at IISR, Lucknow

The ICAR-Indian Institute of Sugarcane Research, Lucknow and Council of Science & Technology, U.P. jointly organised a one-day awareness workshop on **Innovation, Access, and Benefit Sharing in Intellectual Property Rights and Technology Commercialization** on February 19, 2024 in hybrid mode. The workshop was funded by the CST, Govt. of U.P. The sensitization workshop brought together more than hundred IPR experts, scientists, technical personnel, researchers, young professionals, farmers, students, Agri-entrepreneurs and ABI/agri-start ups at one platform. Prevailing trends in IPR, SWOT analysis of technology commercialization, mitigation of obligatory rules in the field of IP protection regime, terms and conditions of genetic resource exchange, National Biodiversity Authority clearance and, access and benefit sharing mechanism as per the norms of WTO, TRIPS, ICAR IPR and technology commercialization guidelines were discussed with all the stakeholders.

The Inaugural Session of the workshop was chaired by Dr. R. Viswanathan, Director, ICAR-IISR, Lucknow. The Chief Guest Dr. J.P. Mishra, Ex-ADG (IPR), ICAR, New Delhi and Honorary IP Expert, GBPUA&T, Pantnagar, US Nagar (U.K.), highlighted the importance of IPR and technology commercialization in the changing scenario of resource generation in ICAR in his Inaugural address. He emphasised the salient features of IPR laws and regulations, including updates on recent developments and case studies. The Guest speaker Dr. Vivek Srivastava, Sr. Principal Scientist, CSIR-NBRI, Lucknow, narrated the best practices for safeguarding intellectual property assets, including patents, trademarks, copyrights, and trade secrets. Dr. S.R. Kulkarni, Principal Scientist & Coordinator (IPRs & International Relations), CSIR-Central Drug Research Institute, Lucknow addressed the interactive case studies and real-world examples illustrating the importance of IPR in different industries and sectors. Dr. Vikas Bhatti, Assistant Prof., Dr. RML National Law University, Lucknow, delivered a talk on Intellectual Property Rights: Fundamentals and Contemporary Issues and Challenges. Dr. L. S. Gangwar, Principal Scientist, ICAR-IISR, Lucknow, delivered his lecture on Implementation of Access & Benefit Sharing (ABS) Regulations in Agricultural Research. Dr. Dinesh Singh, PC, AICRP(S), IISR, Lucknow highlighted the key features for revalidation of technology prior to its licensing and commercialization to the industry. The participants interacted with the IPR experts to clear their doubts on IPRs regulations and, benefits of IPR regime and technology commercialization in NARS system, exchanged ideas, and learnt from the experiences of peers, making the workshop a truly collaborative one. Dr. A.K Sharma, I/C AKMU, proposed the vote of thanks. The programme was coordinated by Dr. Kamini Singh, Research Associate, ITMU, ICAR- IISR, Lucknow.





