Online seminar on Lab to Market: Leveraging IP organized on August 9, 2024



ICAR-NRCG organized a virtual seminar titled "Lab to Market: Leveraging IP" on August 9, 2024, as part of the National Intellectual Property Festival under NIPAM 2.0, a Government of India initiative. The seminar was chaired by Dr. Kaushik Banerjee, Director of ICAR-NRC for Grapes, and coordinated by Mrs. Kavita Mundankar, Scientist and In-charge of ITMU. The event aimed to highlight the importance of intellectual property rights (IPR) for individuals, researchers, and businesses, emphasizing how safeguarding intellectual creations can drive innovation and contribute to long-term success.

Dr. Nitin Shukla Tewari, Senior Principal Scientist and Head of the Intellectual Property Group at CSIR-NCL, was the speaker. The seminar attracted 211 registrants, with 149 participants joining the event. The audience included Scientists, technical staff and PhD students. Dr. Banerjee commenced the seminar with opening remarks, discussing the crucial role of intellectual property in transforming groundbreaking ideas into market-ready products. He highlighted the importance of managing intellectual assets strategically to protect innovations, attract investment, and achieve commercial success. Dr. Banerjee also emphasized the role of IP in the agricultural sector, providing insights into patenting, commercialization pathways, and IP management.

During her talk, Dr. Tewari introduced the Intellectual Property Group of CSIR-NCL, noting that CSIR-NCL is responsible for filing 33% of patents under the CSIR umbrella, the largest in the country. She addressed questions submitted by participants and summarized the complex process that involves transforming research and innovations into marketable products or services, ultimately leading to economic value creation. She simplified the concepts of IP for the audience, covering topics such as "What is IP?", "Why protect it?", "Forms of IP", and "How to protect IP." Dr. Tewari also discussed relevant acts in the agricultural field, detailed the types of IP with examples, and explored landmark cases illustrating the importance of IP protection. She compared patent statutory requirements across jurisdictions, including the United States, Europe, and India, which the audience found enlightening.

The seminar concluded with a question-and-answer session, followed by a vote of thanks from Mrs. Kavita Mundankar.

Photographs of the seminar are as below:





