Online Seminar Celebrating World Intellectual Property Day 2024



On 25/04/2024, ICAR-NRCG organized a virtual seminar in celebration of World Intellectual Property Day under the Chairmanship of the Director. The seminar was organised under the ICAR-National Agricultural Innovation Fund (NAIF) Scheme. The program was coordinated by Mrs. Kavita Mundankar, I/c ITMU. The seminar aimed to raise awareness about the importance of intellectual property rights (IPR) in fostering innovation and creativity. This year's theme for world IP day is "IP and the SDGs: Building our common future with innovation and creativity". A total of 20 (14 female and 6 male) participants from Scientific, Technical and Contractual staff joined for the virtual seminar.

The seminar commenced with opening remarks by Dr. Kaushik Banerjee the Director of ICAR-NRC for Grapes. The In-charge ITMU welcomed the attendees and introduced the distinguished guest. Dr Kaushik Banerjee, provided insights about role of Intellectual property in agriculture, benefits to farmer as better earning options and discussed IP's role in agricultural research and technologies. Dr Banerjee mentioned that various programs on Intellectual property are being arranged across all ICAR institutes. He also emphasized on the importance and use of intellectual property (IP) in agri-business and to foster a culture of globally harmonized IP management to ensure that our activities adhere to universally recognized IPR principles and standards, with a comprehensive understanding of the global IP system.

Mrs. Kavita Mundankar introduced Dr. Suvarna Nilakh and briefly described her experience in the field of Intellectual property law. Dr. Nilakh, an Assistant Professor at ILS Law College, Pune, delivered an engaging seminar on "Intellectual Property Management for Fostering Innovation and Creativity." Dr. Nilakh's extensive experience in the field of intellectual property rights and her insightful presentation shed light on various aspects of IPR, importance of IP in agriculture, types of IPR, case studies, infringement, and remedies. She also addressed various queries from participants.

Following are the key takeaways of the seminar

- Definition and types of intellectual property
- Essentials of each type of intellectual property
- Contribution of intellectual property to economic development
- Measures to address intellectual property infringement
- Strategies for fostering innovation and creativity through intellectual property
- Promoting intellectual property for public welfare and health

The seminar concluded with a vote of thanks by Mrs Kavita Mundankar to Dr. Suvarna Nilakh, Dr. Kaushik Banerjee, all participants and the technical team for their valuable contributions. The event provided a platform for fruitful discussions and exchange of ideas, highlighting the importance of intellectual property in driving innovation, economic growth, and sustainable development goals.





