One-day awareness workshop on Intellectual property protection for Biotechnological research organized at ICAR-NIBSM, Raipur on 15th March 2023

ICAR-National Institute of Biotic Stress Management, Raipur, organized a One-day IPR awareness virtual workshop on Intellectual property protection for Biotechnological Research on March 15th 2023 under the National Agriculture Innovation Fund (NAIF) scheme.

In the inaugural session, Dr. P.K. Ghosh, Director & Vice-Chancellor, ICAR-NIBSM, Raipur while Chairing the session emphasized on the foundation biotechnology is laying in various fields. He mentioned IP Protection is very important for protection of the innovation that researchers develop. Chief Guest Dr. C. Viswanathan, Joint Director Research, ICAR-IARI, New Delhi drew the attention towards plant breeder's rights, wherein the mutant lines developed through biotechnology can be registered under Plant Breeders right. He also urged that to develop tools and technology for application of new breeding techniques which can be patented and used under Indian context. Guest of Honour, Dr. S.K. Soam (Principal Scientist, ICAR-NAARM, Hyderabad) stressed on the importance of IPR in Biotechnology research in terms of the reputation of a researcher and also commercialization of patented products. In addition he emphasised on the importance of copyright of database to researchers working in the area of Bioinformatics. Dr. Pankaj Kaushal, Joint Director (Research), NIBSM, Raipur focussed on the importance of Intellectual properties in biotechnology, since it has practical applications in diverse fields- health, medicine, pharmaceuticals and crop improvement research which can give impetus to new innovations. Earlier, Dr. Ashish Marathe, Scientist and co-ordinator of the workshop welcomed the dignitaries, participants and told about the importance of this workshop.

In the technical sessions, Mrs. Pooja Vishal Maulikar, Examiner of Patents and Designs, Mumbai Patent Office and Faculty for various intellectual property trainings at RGNIIPM, Nagpur presented an overview on filing of Patents and Designs. She explained how the socio-economic growth of the country can be improved by developing Intellectual Property. Dr. Sudhir Kochhar, Former ADG (IPR) and former National Coordinator (NAIP) delivered a talk on Importance of integrating IP&T management part in biotech research projects. Dr. Vibha Ahuja, Chief General Manager, BCIL spoke on IPR and regulations in biotechnology research and general awareness on the need of patenting innovations and discoveries made by Indian researchers. Dr. Kutubuddin Molla (Scientist, ICAR-NRRI, Cuttack) shared his experience in the area of gene editing and updated the participants with current status of IP issued pertaining to genome editing at global level and in India.

More than 60 participants from ICAR Institutes-ICAR-NIBSM, Raipur; ICAR-IIPR, Kanpur, ICAR-NBAIR, Bengaluru, ICAR-IIMR, Hyderabad, ICAR-DGR, Junagadh, ICAR-SBI, Coimbatore and students from State Universities like IGKV, Raipur, Sam Higginbottom Institute of Agriculture, Technology and Sciences, Allahabad attended the workshop. The workshop was coordinated by Drs. Ashish Marathe and S.K. Jain.





