

## **G.B. Pant University of Agriculture and Technology Pantnagar, Distt. Udham Singh Nagar (Uttarakhand)**

### **Protection of Intellectual Property Rights Will Boost Innovation: Vice-Chancellor**

A two days National Workshop on Intellectual Property Rights was jointly organised by IPR Cell and Intellectual Property Management Centre of the University on March 29 and 30, 2026. More than 300 faculty members and students across the country from about 50 academic institutions belonging to Jammu & Kashmir, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Bihar, Rajasthan, Odisha, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Telangana and Karnataka participated in the workshop.

The Vice-chancellor of University Prof. Manmohan Singh Chauhan, the Chief Guest on this occasion addressed the participants during the inaugural session and gave an insight about the intellectual property rights, its significance in innovation and safeguarding the intellectual property rights and financial benefit to developer of IPR. He further highlighted the importance of organizing the workshop for sensitising and educating the faculty and students as it helps not only individuals but also the institutions and the country. Dr. J.P. Jaiswal welcomed the Chief Guest and the participants and gave an overview about IPR and current trends in filing of patents, registration for designs, trademark, geographical indications, copy right etc. The experts from different institutions, namely, Dr. Prolay Kumar Bhowmik, Senior Scientist, ICAR-Indian Agriculture Research Institute, New Delhi gave an insight about the Intellectual Property Rights with special emphasis on registration for geographical indications of Basmati Rices. Sri Himanshu Goel Scientist, Uttarakhand Council of Science and Technology, and Coordinator for IPR matters in Uttarakhand gave an insight on traditional knowledge and traditional cultural expression with reference to the Himalayas.

On 2<sup>nd</sup> of the workshop, four learned speakers from different institutions enlightened the participants, namely, Dr M.G.H. Zaidi, Professor in Chemistry and Chief Executive Officer, Intellectual Property Management Centre of GBPUAT delivered his talk on IPR: An Overview and implication in academic research and development. He narrated about IPR in general and patent file procedure in particular. Dr. Saurabh Badoni from International Rice Research Institute (IRRI) regional centre for South East Asia delivered his talk on Intellectual Property Rights in Agriculture with special focus on geographical indications registration of non-Basmati rices. Dr. Mukesh Karanwal shared the information on Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers Right Act 2001. Dr. Sujit Kumar, Professor, Genetics and Plant Breeding, Swami Keshwanand Rajasthan Agriculture University, Bikaner presented vast information about the geographical indications. He shared that Uttarakhand was the first state in the country to get 18 GI Tags on one day i.e. on December 4, 2023.

In the Valedictory session Dr. J.P. Jaiswal acknowledges the contribution of all resource persons, funding agency UCOST, Dehradun and research scholars. He also extended his gratitude to the faculty members and students participating from various corners of the country who, on short notice, had gathered to foster large-scale awareness regarding IPR. Dr. M.G.H. Zaidi, Professor, Chemistry and CEO of Intellectual Property Management Centre of the University opined that organisation the two days national workshop on Intellectual Property Rights was very successful and such sensitisation workshop will help in enhancing the awareness about the IPR. Dr. Jaiswal thanked Ms. Mitali Tiwari, Shri Abhishek Singh, Ms. Priyanka Parihar & Kshitij Jaiswal for their efforts in organizing the workshop.

