

## **Awareness Workshop on “Protecting Intellectual Property Rights” on 20 March, 2018**

The Institute Technology Management Unit (ITMU) of ICAR-DCFR organized an awareness workshop on **“Protecting Intellectual Property Rights”** on 20 March, 2018 to sensitize students, scientists, researchers and other associated members of R&D sector towards IPR issues and rights provided under the law. The workshop was held under the chairmanship of Dr. Debajit Sarma, Director, ICAR-DCFR, Bhimtal. Prof. B. S. Bisht, Director, Birla Institute of Applied Sciences was the Chief Guest. On this occasion more than 60 participants from Birla Institute of Applied Sciences, Bhimtal, ICAR-DCFR, Bhimtal, VPKAS, Almora and other organization attended the workshop. Dr. R. S. Patiyal, Principal Scientist and Incharge ITMU welcomed the Director and Chief Guest as well as other participants and explained the purpose and objectives of this workshop and also informed about the functioning of the ITMU, DCFR, Bhimtal.

In his keynote address, Dr. Debajit Sarma, Director, ICAR-DCFR emphasized the importance of IPR and protection of intellectual property through various means and also highlighted the different elements which provide opportunities for the protection of technologies and its best utilization. He also reiterated about identification and short listing of protectable technologies to be generated by DCFR. The Chief Guest, Prof. B. S. Bisht highlighted the historical perspectives of IPR in India and its importance in the development of the country. He stressed that if we want to sustain in this competitive world then we must protect our intellectual property rights otherwise we will lag behind in the world trade.

On this occasion some invited lectures were organised on the emerging issues of IPR. An introductory lecture on **“Intellectual Property and Its Management in Agriculture- An overview”** was given by Dr. Lakshmi Kant, Principal Scientist, VPKAS, Almora. He made aware the participants about the IP and its importance in agriculture sector. The evolution of IP regime under WTO and TRIPs were discussed. Dr. Lakshmi Kant explained about the provisions under patents and copyright. Dr. Prem Kumar, Principal Scientist and Oversee, TMU, DCFR, delivered the lecture on **“Technology Marketing”**. He introduced the house about the commercialization of technologies and how to use this at grass root level. Lecture on **“Patents”** was given by Dr. Biju Sam Kamalam, Scientist, ICAR-DCFR. He also explained the process of

filing patent application. Dr. Prakash Sharma, Scientist, DCFR delivered a lecture on Geographical Indicators and its importance in fisheries and agriculture.

A detailed discussion was held on the emerging issue of IPR. The following points emerged from the discussion.

1. Every researcher should look for the possibilities of patenting the technology. The IP generated from the research should be protected.
2. Technologies need to be commercialized for the recovery of cost and revenue generation.
3. It is essential to decide which technology is for farmer that need to be provided free of cost and which should be priced.
4. Young researchers and scientists need to be sensitized as well as involved in the IP management. And such types of workshop and meeting need to be organized for sensitization of IP management.
5. The workshop ended with a vote of thanks by Dr. M. S. Akhtar, Member ITMU cell.

