

ICAR-Indian Institute of Water Management, Bhubaneswar

ICAR-IIWM celebrated World Intellectual Property Day

ICAR-Indian Institute of Water Management, Bhubaneswar celebrated 'World Intellectual Property Day' on 26th April, 2023 by organizing a sensitization workshop on this year's theme 'Women and IP: Accelerating Innovation and Creativity'. Dr. Amaresh Panda, Head, Regional Technology Transfer Office, KIIT-TBI(supported by DST, Govt. of India) was the Guest Speaker on the occasion. In his presentation, Dr. Panda discussed different categories of IPs and their significance, economic importance of IPR for individual innovators and for the society; the process of filing for IPRs and progress made by different states and leading R&D organizations of India in the areas of filing and obtaining IPRs, and demonstrated patent search through open sources. He shared a video on progress of women in IP across different regions of the world. At the end, he answered the questions of participants and cited case studies from India and abroad for clarification of doubts of participants.

Dr. Arjamadutta Sarangi, Director, ICAR-IIWM, chaired the workshop. During his opening remarks, he mentioned the progress made by ICAR in the area of IP and Technology Management, and shared his ideas to accelerate the process of innovation in ICAR institutions. He also flagged different issues for scientists to ponder in order to create a good culture in the institution for accelerating IP efforts.

Earlier, Dr H.K. Dash, Principal Scientist and OIC-ITMU welcomed the participants, and made a brief presentation on 'Gender in IP-status, barriers and opportunities' highlighting gender gap in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) research and education, representation of women in leading R&D institutes and Universities, govt. policies for making science education and research attractive for women, reasons for persistent gender gap despite continuously increasing participation of women in science and technology education.

All Scientists, technical, administrative and financial staff, project staff and students of ICAR-IIWM attended the programme and actively participated in the discussion.

