

Report on  
WORLD INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY DAY

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The ICAR – Central Institute of Fisheries Education, Mumbai, organized a sensitization program on World Intellectual Property Day 2024, supported by the National Agricultural Innovation Fund (NAIF) – Institute Technology Management Unit (ITMU). The aim of the program was to educate and motivate the participants about the crucial role of intellectual property (IP) in research and its subsequent commercialization.

**Dr. Manjusha L.**, Senior Scientist & ITMU Member, extended a warm welcome to all attendees and introduced the guest speakers, **Dr. Gopakumar Nair, Founder of GNA's**, and **Shri. Manoj Somkuwar, Assistant Controller of Patents and Designs**, Patent Office, Govt. of India.

Dr. Nair delivered an insightful presentation drawing from his over 40 years of experience in patent filing and IP management, focusing on this year's World Intellectual Property Day theme, "IP and the SDGs: Building our common future with innovation and creativity." The program was attended by more than 50 participants, including students and faculty members. An insightful group discussion followed the lectures, facilitating the exchange of ideas and exchange of information regarding the theme. Dr. Gopakumar Nair encouraged students to make efforts for filing atleast one IP based on their research work. He also urged the faculty members to obtain IP rights for their innovative research endeavors.

Shri. Manoj Somkuwar provided an introduction to patent and design filing procedures and acquainted the audience with recent modifications in the Indian patent laws.

Dr. S.P. Shukla, Officer-in-charge of ITMU, expressed gratitude to Dr. Gopakumar Nair, Shri. Manoj Somkuwar, students, faculty members, and all ITMU staff for their invaluable contributions in organizing the program.



Dr. Gopakumar Nair delivering the talk



Shri. Manoj Somkuwar presenting the procedural steps in patent filing