

ICAR-CAZRI celebrates World IP Day, 2026



ICAR-Central Arid Zone Research Institute celebrated World Intellectual Property Day 2026 with a half-day seminar in hybrid mode on 29th April 29, 2026. The programme was organized in line with this year's theme, *IP and Sports: Ready, Set, Innovate*, which emphasizes the growing role of innovation and intellectual property in the field of sports. The seminar aimed to sensitize scientists, researchers administrative staff and technical staff about the importance of protecting intellectual property (IP) and leveraging it for commercialization in agricultural sector. The event featured expert lectures by distinguished professionals in the field of intellectual property law.

Dr. Kanika Dhingra, Assistant Professor at National Law University Jodhpur, delivered an insightful lecture on “Securing Protection for IP Assets and Their Commercialization in Agriculture.” She highlighted various forms of IP protection available to researchers and emphasized strategies for effectively translating innovations into marketable products with commercialization and legal aspects.

Another keynote speaker, Advocate Aashish Krishan Purohit from Jodhpur Law Firm, spoke on “Intellectual Property: From Lab to Label.” His talk focused on the journey of innovations from research laboratories to commercial markets, by safeguarding inventions and ensuring their successful commercialization. He emphasized on trademarks and GI tags. He urged scientists to protect ICAR-CAZRI products under these IPs.

In this seminar 55 participants were participated from institute as well as from regional stations (virtual mode) including scientists, technical staff, administrative staff and research fellows. After lectures, queries related to IP protection and management were clarified by experts with an interactive session.

Dr. R. S. Yadav, In-charge ITMU welcomed the guest speaker with introduction and briefed about the importance of today's event. He also summarized the activities of WIPO, IP services, policy, information and cooperation.

Dr. S.P.S. Tanwar, Director, ICAR-CAZRI, in his remarks emphasized on IP protection as well as use of technologies for farmers. He also motivated scientific fraternity to get new inventions and protect them under different IP categories. Finally programme was concluded with vote of thanks by Dr. Anand Kumar Naorem, Scientist.