



Celebration of World Intellectual Property Day on 26th April, 2024 organized by Protection of Plant Variety and Farmers Rights Authority, New Delhi.

PPV &FR Authority organized the World IP Day on 26th April, 2024 in the Lecture Hall, NAAS, NASC Complex, New Delhi. The Theme for World IP Day 2024 was **“IP and the Sustainable Development Goals: Building our common future with innovation and creativity”**. The program started with the lighting of lamp by the dignitaries. Dr. D.K Agarwal, Registrar General PPV&FRA welcomed the dignitaries



and participants, and highlighted the history of the World IP Day and the progress of the authority in terms of registration of plant varieties. The Chief Guest of the function Padma Bhushan Dr. R.S Paroda, Former Secretary DARE and DG, ICAR and the Founder Chairman of TAAS, in his address described the

formulation of PPV & FR Act 2001 as a unique law providing plant variety protection rights not only to the breeders but also has provision for farmers rights including protection of their varieties. He stressed upon the need for enhancing the contribution of the Government and other stake holders to the Gene Funds of the Authority in order to enabling the support to the farmers for conservation of traditional varieties and establishment of Gene Banks. He also suggested for a



proactive role of the authority in registration of extant notified varieties. While appreciating the efforts of the authority in reducing the pendency, he emphasized on creation of greater awareness about IP Protection of elite germplasm and varieties.

Dr T. Mohapatra, Chairperson PPV & FR Authority in his presidential address highlighted the importance of World IP Day and innovation led growth in agriculture for a sustainable food system. He also urged the scientific community and seed companies to come forward for protection of their plant variety innovation and assured to facilitate faster registration by the authority. Dr. P. K Singh, Agriculture Commissioner, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmer's Welfare, GOI and



Authority Member PPVFRA in his remarks shared his experiences in implementation of farmers rights and highlighted the needs to facilitate the farmers for registration of their conserved varieties. Dr. Malathi Lakshmikumaran, Senior Attorney and Partner, M/S. Lakshmikumaran & Sridharan gave a detailed presentation on the various

sustainable development goals in building our common future with innovation and creativity. She elaborated upon the Sustainable development Goals as envisaged in United Nation and drew their connection with Research in Food and Agriculture. She further highlighted the role of modern scientific developments particularly Genome



Editing in achieving the SDGs through further innovation & efficient IP protection. Dr. G.P Singh, Director ICAR-NBPGR described the role of the Bureau in conservation of the Plant Genetic Resources of the country and making it available to the institutes and scientists for innovative development of new crop varieties.

Dr Girish Chandel, Honorable Vice-Chancellor, IGKVV Raipur spoke about the relevance of plant variety protection and role of Dr. Richaria collection and conservation of rice landraces of the country. He assured support of his university to facilitate the farmers of the state for registration of their plant varieties. Dr. Venkata Subramanian,



Director – ATARI, Bangalore highlighted the unique traditional varieties of many crops maintained by the farmers of Western Ghat especially in the state of Kerala. He submitted the application of Lotus varieties ‘Mayoori’ and ‘Panineer’ conserved by women farmer Smt. Ajitha of Kerala. During the function certificates were distributed to the licensees of the

Wheat Variety DBW 327 (Karan Shivani) of ICAR–IIWBR, Karnal which has been IP Protected by its registration with PPVFRA. Registration certificate of crop Jamun with Denomination ‘Round the Year’ was also handed over to the farmer Shri N. Kumar from Karnataka by the chief guest and other dignitaries. The variety was registered in shortest time on 10th April



2024, within seven months after filing of the application on 5th October 2023, which is a record. This variety is now in great demand. ICAR-IIHR is collaborating with the farmer for its multiplication and commercialization.

Applications were submitted for registration of rice varieties with special traits namely ZINCO RICE–MS, PROTEZIN

and SANJEEVANI RICE by Dr G. Chandel, Vice- Chancellor, IGKV Raipur and his colleague Dr. Deepak Sharma, Prof. Genetics and Plant Breeding, IGKV Raipur.



The program was organized in hybrid mode (Physical and online) and was attended by more than 250 Participants including many dignitaries, Directors of ICAR Institutes, NAAS Fellows, Scientists & head of IARI,



NBPGR, Nodal Officers and Pls of various DUS Centers located different parts of India, Licensees of Seed Companies, Private sectors representatives, Resource farmers and officers and Staffs of PPV&FRA. The program ended with a vote of thanks by Dr. Ravi Prakash, Former

Registrar and Technical Consultant, PPVFRA.

