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## National Conference on “Intellectual Property Rights”

**Lucknow 05 April :** The Intellectual Property Rights Management Cell (IPRMC), Integral University, Lucknow organized a two day National Conference on “Intellectual Property Rights: A Significant Tool for Sustainable Agriculture” on 2 and 3 April, 2016, in collaboration with Geographical Indication, Intellectual Property Rights & Organic Facilitation Cell, U.P. Council for Agricultural Research, U.P.

The conference was inaugurated with gusto in the presence of eminent personalities including the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of Integral University and Patron of the Conference, Prof. S.W. Akhtar, the Chief Guest Dr. Gaya Prasad, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel University of Agriculture and Technology, Meerut, Distinguished Guest, Dr. Rajendra Kumar, Director General, Uttar Pradesh Council of Agricultural Research, Lucknow, Guests of Honour, Prof. (Dr.) M.K.J. Siddiqui, Director and Secretary, Council of Science and Technology, UP, Dr. Uday S. Racherla, Professor of Innovation & Intellectual Property Management, I.I.T. Kanpur, and Dr. Rehana Abidi, Director ICAR-National Bureau of Fish Genetic Resources, Lucknow. Dr. Mohammad Haris Siddiqui, Coordinator, IPRMC, Integral University, Lucknow and organizing secretary of the conference extended a warm welcome to the guests and participants in his welcome address.

All the guests emphasized upon the increasing importance of IPR in agriculture and welcomed the efforts of the Integral University in organizing a conference on this significant theme. The Chief Guest, Dr. Gaya Prasad, a stalwart in the field of agricultural research, while expressing his happiness and appreciation for the conference. He reminisced about the milestones crossed in the path of IPR making a reference to the landmark Diamond vs. Chakrabarty case in the U.S. Supreme Court regarding the oil-eating bacteria. Prof. S.W. Akhtar, while welcoming the guests he exhorted the scientists to recognize the commercial value of their research and take the technologies developed by them out of the confines of laboratory for production of tangible products as well as deliverance of useful services. He also laid stress on revitalizing the traditional knowledge that has been passed on to us from our forefathers. Dr. Racherla underlined the significance of IPR in the field of agriculture. Dr. Abidi espoused the same idea cautioning, the scientists to remain vigilant about procuring IPRs for indigenous technologies and wealth, lest we have a repeat of the Basmati patenting controversy.



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The scientific proceedings of the conference started with three consecutive lectures on the missing link in agriculture innovation, various mechanisms of IP protection in general, and protection of plant varieties and farmers' rights, in particular.

The Valedictory Session marked the end of the two-day deliberations. The occasion was graced by Dr. Rajendra Kumar, Director General, Uttar Pradesh Council of Agricultural Research, Lucknow as the Chief Guest. The Chief Guest, Dr. Kumar expressed the need for better comprehension of the prevailing scenario so that we make the best use of the available resources.

Overall, the conference provided the much-needed and timely insights on various aspects of IPRs and their implementation in agriculture research so that scientists can claim rights on their intellectual property and resources and help in boosting the economy of the country

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