

ICAR-CIARI Hosts Workshop on Intellectual Property Management and Commercialisation on World IP Day



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The ICAR–Central Island Agricultural Research Institute (ICAR-CIARI), Sri Vijaya Puram, organized a workshop on Intellectual Property Management and Commercialisation on Wednesday, marking the eve of World Intellectual Property Day 2026. The event was held under the global theme “IP and Sport: Ready, Set, Innovate!”

Addressing the gathering, Dr. Praveen Malik, Chief Executive Officer of Agrinnovate India Limited, emphasized the importance of licensing and commercialisation of technologies to ensure that innovations developed in laboratories effectively reach farmers. He underlined the need for strong industry partnerships to facilitate the transfer of scientific advancements to the farming community. He also encouraged scientists to collaborate both within their disciplines and across institutions, assuring continued support from Agrinnovate India Limited in building industrial linkages.

Mr. Krishna G. Thakur, Business Manager at Agrinnovate India Limited, delivered a detailed presentation on “Essentials of Intellectual Property Management & Commercialisation.” He elaborated on the significance of Intellectual Property Rights (IPR), covering key conventions, treaties, and agreements governing intellectual property protection. He also outlined strategies for successful commercialization, stressing the importance of transitioning innovations from laboratory research to market-ready technologies.

Earlier, Dr. Jai Sunder, Director (Acting) of ICAR-CIARI, presented an overview of island agriculture, highlighting its unique challenges and opportunities. He showcased various crop varieties and technologies developed by the institute for the benefit of farmers in the island ecosystem. He also detailed the institute’s achievements in securing patents, design and breed registrations, copyrights, and trademarks, noting that these reflect ICAR-CIARI’s commitment to innovation and scientific excellence. He further highlighted technologies that have already been commercialized and stressed the importance of effective technology transfer for wider adoption.

The workshop witnessed participation from around 30 scientists representing different divisions of the institute. Earlier, Dr. T. Sujatha, Principal Scientist and In-charge (PME) and Head (Acting), Animal Science Division, welcomed the participants and emphasized the growing importance of intellectual property management in agricultural research.

The programme concluded with a vote of thanks proposed by Dr. D. Karunakaran, who expressed gratitude to the dignitaries, speakers, and participants for their contributions to the successful conduct of the workshop.