

Celebration of World Intellectual Property Day, 26th April 2023, at ICAR RC NEHR, Umiam – Meghalaya

Theme: “Women and IP: Accelerating Innovation and Creativity”

World IP was celebrated at ICAR RC NEH Region, Umiam on 26th April 2023. The event was organised by Zonal Technology Management Centre (ZTMC), under the Chairmanship of Dr. V. K. Mishra, Director of the Institute. This event was organised to highlight the role which Intellectual Property Rights play in safeguarding innovation and creativity. The event was conducted in hybrid mode with both physical and online participants. An elaborate lecture to this effect was delivered by Dr. Soma Roy Chowdhury, Patent Analyst, Anjan Sen & Associates, Kolkata. The event was attended by all Heads of Regional Centres, Scientists, especially Women Scientists, RA’s & SRF’s of the Institute, totalling more than 80 participants.

The World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO) celebrates 2023 as the “can do” attitude of women inventors, creators and entrepreneurs around the world and their ground-breaking work. Emphasis was laid by Dr. V K Mishra on the fact that too few women are participating in the intellectual property (IP) system which implies that too few women are benefitting from IP. He also stated that awareness amongst women from rural communities must also be undertaken so that they can safeguard their traditional knowledge and practices. Hence, acknowledging research activities of women, safeguarding of their IP rights along with providing financial benefits to them shall encourage larger participation of Women in relation to safeguarding of their inventions by way of Intellectual Property Rights. The event ended with interaction on feasibility of patenting & with a vote of thanks.

