

Workshop-cum-Training Programme on ‘IPR Issues and Patent Filing’ held at HFRI, Shimla on 19.12.2017

Himalayan Forest Research Institute, Shimla organized a one-day Workshop-cum-training programme on ‘**IPR Issues and Patent Filing**’ at HFRI, Shimla on **19.12.2017**. All the scientists, officers, and research as well as project staff of the institute participated actively in this programme which was conducted with a view to sensitize the scientific personnel of the institute towards various IPR and patent related issues.

In the beginning, **Dr. Sandeep Sharma, Scientist-F and Coordinator** of this programme welcomed the resource persons Ms. Ritika Kanwar and Sh. Shashi Dhar from Patent Information Centre, State Council for Science, Technology & Environment, Shimla (HP), Dr. S.V. Bhardwaj, Professor (Retd.), UHF, Nauni (Solan), and the participants and briefed about the day’s event. The day's proceedings started with the inaugural address by **Dr. V.P. Tewari, Director, HFRI** wherein he highlighted the importance of Intellectual Property Rights and Patenting and touched upon the TRIPS agreement, Patent laws and IPR policy of ICFRE. He linked the recognition of various Institutes with the number of technologies and patents they possess and asked the scientists of HFRI to learn the technicalities of the patenting process and work for filing some patents for their novelties and innovative works.

After the inaugural session, **Ms Ritika Kanwar, Scientist** at Patent Information Centre, HIMCOSTE, Shimla made a detailed presentation on ‘Patent Filing and IPR issues’. Her presentation was followed by queries raised by the participants which she addressed nicely. **Sh. Shashi Dhar**, Senior Scientific Assistant at Patent Information Centre HIMCOSTE, Shimla gave a presentation on ‘Geographical Indications and registration of plant varieties’. His presentation also generated some good queries which was duly addressed by him. The last presentation of this workshop-cum-training programme was made by **Dr. S.V. Bhardwaj, Professor (Retd.)** UHF, Nauni, Solan. He elaborated on real scenario of patent filing and various issues related to filing the patent and its award. He also shared his valuable experiences as in-charge Patent Cell at UHF, Nauni. His presentation was followed by a question-answer session on patenting in forestry sector.

In the afternoon session, **Dr. S.V. Bhardwaj, Professor (Retd.)**, UHF, Nauni discussed the possibilities of filing patent in forestry with the group of scientists and officers of HFRI. As Dr. Bhardwaj himself has four patents to his credit, he guided the researchers of HFRI to work in 2-3 specific directions for obtaining patents in near future for the national and international recognition of the organization. He also assured the researchers to help them in every respect towards successful patent filing.

At the end, **Sh. S.P. Negi, IFS**, Conservator of Forests extended formal **Vote of Thanks** to the chair, participants and the resource persons.

Glimpses of Workshop-cum-Training Programme



