

WORLD IP DAY CELEBRATED ON 26th APRIL, 2023

World IP day was observed by PPVFR Authority on 26th April, 2023. Dr. T. Mohapatra, Chairperson, highlighted the importance of World IP day and emphasized on recognizing the efforts of women farmers. Dr. Neeti Wilson, Patent Attorney gave a detailed presentation on the role of women in IP and innovation. Dr. A.K. Singh, Vice-President, NAAS spoke about the relevance of plant variety protection. While appreciating the efforts of the Authority, Dr. P.L. Gautam, Former Chairperson, PPVFR Authority suggested to capture the efforts of women farmers in germplasm conservation and selection particularly those who have been awarded in the past. Participating in the event Dr. R.B.Singh, Former President, NAAS described the aptness of celebrating world IP Day by the Authority. He highlighted the importance of innovation led growth in agriculture for a sustainable food system and the role of women in integrating the science of discovery with the technology delivery at the door steps of the end users. Dr. R.S. Paroda, Former Secretary DARE and DG, ICAR and the Chairman of TAAS, described the success story of commercialized IP in the form of Bt Cotton in India. He stressed upon the need for promoting further new innovation in GM Cotton, IP enablement in case of Gene Editing and empowerment of women to be innovators and science leaders. He also suggested for a proactive role of the Authority in registration of extant varieties and creation of Awareness about IP protection in relation to elite plant germplasm and varieties.

The program was organized in hybrid mode (physical and online) and was attended by more than 150 participants including Dr. J.K Jena, DDG (Fisheries), ICAR, Scientists from ICAR Institutes and agricultural universities, private sector representatives, Secretary NAAS Dr. W. S. Lakra and other fellows of the Academy and the PPVFR staff. Sh. Raj Ganesh, Legal Advisor welcomed the participants and the program ended with a vote of thanks by Sh. Dipal Roy Choudhury, Joint Registrar, PPVFR Authority.


