

## Organization of Online Webinar on World Intellectual Property Day 2026 by ICAR–IVRI, Izatnagar

On the occasion of **World Intellectual Property Day 2026**, the **ICAR–Indian Veterinary Research Institute (IVRI), Izatnagar**, organized an online webinar on **April 29, 2026**, in virtual mode. The programme was jointly coordinated by the **Institute Technology Management Unit (ITMU)** and the **Agri-Business Incubation (ABI) Centre** with the objective of promoting awareness on intellectual property rights (IPR) and fostering innovation-driven research and entrepreneurship in the veterinary and agri-business sectors.

The event was conducted under the guidance of the **DDG-ICAR & Director, IVRI**, whose leadership and continuous support played a crucial role in the successful organization of the programme. The initiative also received encouragement and support from the **Joint Director (Research)** and **Joint Director (Extension Education)**.

The event commenced with the inaugural session, wherein a brief introduction of the dignitaries and resource persons was presented by **Dr. M. K. Singh, Co-PI, ITMU/ZTMC**. He welcomed the guests, dignitaries, and participants, and highlighted the significance of World Intellectual Property Day in creating awareness about the role of IP in innovation, creativity, and technology development. He also referred to the theme **“IP and Sports: Ready, Set, Innovate”**, emphasizing the growing relevance of intellectual property in promoting technological advancements across diverse sectors.

In his opening remarks, **Dr. S. K. Singh, Joint Director (Research)**, appreciated the efforts of ITMU/ZTMC/ABI in promoting IP-driven initiatives. He highlighted the increasing trend of patent filings and geographical indications in India, along with government initiatives supporting innovation across sectors.

**Dr. Rupasi Tiwari, Joint Director (Extension Education)**, also addressed the participants and highlighted IVRI's strong IP portfolio, including patents, designs, copyrights, and



technology commercialization efforts, which have generated revenue exceeding ₹23 crore. The institute currently holds **37 patents, 31 design registrations, and 47 copyrights**.

The webinar featured distinguished experts in the field of intellectual property. In the first session, **Ms. Sukriti Goyal, Founding Partner, AvidInvent**, delivered an insightful session on *“Understanding Intellectual Property Rights: From Awareness to Application”*, emphasizing the importance of IP literacy for innovators and startups.

In the second session, **Mr. Govind Sharma, Retd. Chief, National Research Development Corporation (NRDC)**, delivered a session on *“Scaling Technology Innovations: Commercialisation Pathways in Veterinary and Agri-Tech”*. He explained technology transfer and commercialization pathways, highlighting strategies for taking innovations from lab to market.

In the final session, **Ms. Vidisha Garg, Partner, Anand and Anand**, delivered a comprehensive talk on *“Patent Strategies for Diagnostics and Vaccines in the Veterinary Field”*, focusing on practical aspects of patent drafting and protection in scientific research.

The programme witnessed enthusiastic participation from **more than 50 attendees**, including scientists, researchers, innovators, and startup founders across IVRI campuses and regional centres. The sessions were interactive, with participants actively engaging in discussions and seeking clarity on patent filing and technology commercialization strategies. Key dignitaries in attendance included **Joint Directors, Heads of Regional Centres, and Heads/In-charges of various Divisions/Sections**.

The webinar concluded with a formal vote of thanks delivered by **Mr. Saurabh Singh, Business Manager, R-ABI, ICAR–IVRI**, who expressed gratitude to the dignitaries, speakers, organizing team, and participants for the successful conduct of the programme.

