

Training on Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) and Technology Commercialization in Agriculture

IPR has become an emerging issue in the national and global perspective of knowledge based growth of agriculture. Keeping this in view, a training program on IPR & technology commercialization in Agriculture was organized by Krishi Gobeshona Foundation (KGF) in two batches during 24-29 June 2018 at BRAC-CDM, Savar, Dhaka for the capacity development of scientific professionals engaged in technology development both in public and private sector including universities.



Dr Wais Kabir, Executive Director and Dr Kazi Kamaruddin, Program Director (Livestock and Fisheries), KGF inaugurated the 1st and 2nd batch training on 24 and 27 June 2018 respectively. Forty five scientific professionals from different National Agricultural Research System (NARS) institutions, Universities, Department of Agricultural Extension, Bangladesh Council of Scientific and Industrial Research and National Institute of Biotechnology including private sector attended the training in two batches. The training was intended to promote learning of IPR issues to focus our research towards technology development and management for commercialization, cost-effective investment and entrepreneurship development. Professor R. Kalpana Sastry, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Hyderabad and Dr Srinivas, Principal Scientist, ICAR-NAARM, Hyderabad, India in association with Mr. Mohammad Sanowar Hossain, Registrar (Additional Secretary), Department of Patents, Designs and Trademarks (DPDT), Dhaka and Professor Dr Md. Shahidur Rashid Bhuiyan of Sher-e-Bangla Agricultural University, Dhaka conducted the training. The training covered- Overview of Intellectual Property Rights ecosystem in NARS, Plant Variety Protection, Technology Incubation and Entrepreneurship-Case studies, IPR Laws in Bangladesh, Technology Commercialization & Licensing Deals, Incubator Operational Canvas, IP Valuation, Deal making with licensees and investors, Practicals for IP Identification and valuation, IP Informatics & Hands on exercises in informatics.





Emeritus Professor Dr. Abdus Sattar Mandal, Former Vice-Chancellor of Bangladesh Agricultural University, Mymensingh and Dr. Abul Kalam Azad, Director General of Bangladesh Agricultural Research Institute attended as Chief Guests on 26th and 29th June in the concluding ceremonies of the 1st and the 2nd batch training respectively. The guests emphasized that transition from subsistence to commercialized agriculture require entrepreneurship development with higher access to market to maximize return in agriculture. They also mentioned that in today's competitive world value addition to technologies through their protection under intellectual property rights is a pre-requisite to enhance commercialization in agriculture. It was hoped that this training will sensitize the scientific professionals engaged in technology development to understand intellectual property rights and will help to move forward for technology commercialization. It was further added that with the commercialization in agriculture, rather than seeking jobs by young professionals it will widen the field of employment opportunity. At the concluding ceremony of the each batch training, certificates were distributed among the participants.

