



Observance of World Intellectual Property Day 2026 at ICAR-NIFMD, Bhubaneswar



ICAR–National Institute on Foot and Mouth Disease (ICAR-NIFMD), Bhubaneswar, successfully organized a hybrid (online and offline) programme on the occasion of World Intellectual Property Day 2026 on 29th April 2026 (Wednesday). Dr. J. K. Biswal, In-charge, ITMU, ICAR-NIFMD, presented a brief bio data of the invited speaker Dr. Sanath Mishra and formally initiated the programme.

The event was chaired by Dr. R. P. Singh, Director, ICAR-NIFMD, who welcomed the guest and participants and delivered a brief overview of the institute, highlighting its key research activities and contributions.

The programme was organized in line with the global theme “IP and Sports: Ready, Set, Innovate”, emphasizing the vital role of intellectual property (IP) in driving innovation, supporting sports, and fostering technological advancement.

An insightful talk was delivered by Dr. Sanath Mishra, Former Head, Agribusiness Management, OUAT, who elaborated on Agri-Tech Startups and their transformative role in redefining Indian agriculture.

The event highlighted the importance of protecting intellectual property, promoting innovation, and strengthening technology commercialization, in alignment with the institute’s mission.

The programme witnessed active participation from scientists, researchers, and staff members, with a total of 45 participants attending offline and 10 participants joining online, ensuring wider outreach and engagement.

The meeting concluded with a heartfelt vote of thanks proposed by Dr. Laxmi Narayan Sarangi, who expressed gratitude to the Chair, the speaker, and all participants for their valuable contributions. Overall, the programme served as an effective platform for enhancing awareness and understanding of intellectual property rights and their growing significance in innovation-driven sectors.

