

## **ICAR-CAZRI celebrates World IP Day, 2023**

ICAR-Central Arid Zone Research Institute (CAZRI) celebrated the World IP Day, 2023 on April 26, 2023. The theme this year was **‘Women and IP: Accelerating Innovation and Creativity’**. Mrs. Abhilasha Bora, Advocate, Rajasthan High Court, Jodhpur and also the additional government counsel for the state of Rajasthan delivered a lecture regarding IP rights and process. As per UNESCO, only 30% researchers worldwide are women while only around 16 % of the patent applications filed through WIPO’s Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) are from women. It is estimated that at current rates, gender parity among inventors will not be achieved before 2064. By taking action now to enable and support women innovators, we can unlock their potential for innovation, strengthen IP and drive economic growth. She deliberated about the need for upliftment of women in science and also elaborately told about the steps being taken worldwide to support and ensure the participation of women in the field of IP, trademarks and copyrights. All the scientific and technical staff from CAZRI, Jodhpur and KVK, Jodhpur participated in the event.

Earlier, Dr. A. K Patel, Director Incharge CAZRI as well as Incharge ABI and ITMU welcomed the guest speaker and told about the need and importance of today’s event. He also summarized the role of ITMU and ABI at ICAR and Institute level in providing IP security to the research work of scientists. He placed on record the contribution of CAZRI scientists in successfully attaining 11 patents and 4 in pipe line.

Dr. Rajwant K. Kalia, PS and member ITMU conducted the program and also introduced the guest of honour. In the end, Dr. Ritu Mawar, PS and the only woman scientist holding two patents in CAZRI proposed the vote of thanks.

