

## ICAR-Central Institute for Arid Horticulture, Bikaner celebrated World Intellectual Property Day 2024

To commemorate 'World Intellectual Property Day', ICAR-CIAH, Bikaner organized a one day seminar on "IP management and technology commercialization in arid Horticulture" on the Theme - IP & SDGs: Building our common future with innovation and creativity on 30.04.2024. The programme was chaired by Dr. Jagadish Rane, Director of the institute. Dr. A.K. Karnatak, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, MPUAT, Udaipur was the Chief Guest of the programme. In the seminar, 43 Scientific and Technical staff of CIAH, CHES, Vejalpur and KVK, Panchmahal including research scholar participated. At the outset, Dr. Dhurendra Singh, Incharge ITMU, ICAR-CIAH, Bikaner welcomed Guests and participants and the Inaugural Address was given by Dr. Jagadish Rane, Director.

Dr. A.K. Karnatak, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, MPUAT, Udaipur virtually released the Video Film "*Khejri Me Gall*" during the occasion and also addressed to the participants on Status of patents granted to MPUAT, Udaipur. He highlighted the procedures and methods in achieving the patents by the research institutions. He mentioned that the 33 patented technologies of MPUAT are also suitable for application in horticulture sector.

Dr. A.K. Singh, Incharge CHES, Vejalpur presented the salient features of licensed varieties of Bael, Jamun and Chironji in virtual mode. The varieties have been commercialized through MoUs with the private nurseries. Dr. B.R. Choudhary, Principal Scientist, ICAR-CIAH, Bikaner presented the detail procedure of protection of plant varieties with PPV&FR Authority, New Delhi for their registration. Since the plant varieties are not patentable in India, the registration of varieties with PPV&FR Authority protects the rights of breeders, researchers and farmers. The status of technology commercialization at ICAR-CIAH, Bikaner has been presented by Dr. Dhurendra Singh, Incharge, ITMU, ICAR-CIAH, Bikaner. He appraised that 19 MoUs have been signed with the more than 10 private partners.

Expert discussion was also held with the participants under the Chairmanship of Dr. Jagadish Rane, Director. During the session several innovative ideas emerged out for further research and IP protection in the betterment of arid horticulture and farming community. At the end, Dr. D.K. Sarolia, Principal Scientist proposed the vote of thanks to all dignitaries and participants of the seminar.



View of the participants of the seminar



View of the address of Chief Guest and Director of ICAR-CIAH, Bikaner