

## **Report on One-Day Webinar on Intellectual Property Rights (IPR)**

The Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of Government College for Women organized a One-Day Webinar on Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) in collaboration with National Intellectual Property Awareness Mission with the objective of creating awareness among faculty members regarding the significance of Intellectual Property Rights in the fields of education, research, innovation, and entrepreneurship.

The programme commenced with a formal welcome address by Dr. Inderjeet Kour, Convener, IQAC, who warmly welcomed the Principal, the distinguished resource person, faculty members, and all participants. In her address, she highlighted the increasing importance of Intellectual Property Rights in the present era driven by knowledge, innovation, and research. She emphasized that awareness regarding IPR is essential for academicians and researchers to protect their creative and intellectual contributions and to promote a culture of innovation and ethical academic practices.

The Principal of the college, Dr. Jaipal Singh, appreciated the initiative taken by the IQAC in organizing such a meaningful academic programme. In his address, he underlined the growing relevance of Intellectual Property Rights in higher education and research institutions. He encouraged the faculty members to adopt a research-oriented and innovative approach while remaining conscious of the legal and ethical dimensions associated with intellectual property. He further stressed that awareness about patents, copyrights, trademarks, and other forms of intellectual property protection is vital for promoting originality, creativity, and academic excellence in educational institutions.

The resource person for the webinar was Dr. Harshita Chadda, Assistant Controller of Patents and Designs at the Intellectual Property Office under the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India. In her keynote address, she elaborately discussed the concept, scope, and various dimensions of Intellectual Property Rights, including patents, copyrights, trademarks, geographical indications, and related legal provisions. She provided valuable insights into the procedures for registration and protection of intellectual creations and explained the importance of safeguarding original ideas, innovations, and research work in both academic and professional domains. The lecture was highly informative and generated keen interest among the participants. The session was followed by an engaging interactive discussion during which several queries related to Intellectual Property Rights were addressed in a clear and comprehensive manner.

The proceedings of the webinar were efficiently conducted by Prof. Lakhwinder Singh, who ensured the smooth and systematic conduct of the entire programme.

The webinar concluded with a formal vote of thanks proposed by Dr. Ambica Sharma, who expressed sincere gratitude to the resource person, the Principal, organizing committee members, faculty participants, and all those associated with the programme for their valuable presence, cooperation, and contribution towards the successful conduct of the webinar.

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### WHAT IS A TRADEMARK?

- A sign capable of distinguishing the goods or services of one enterprise from those of other enterprises.

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### WHAT IS GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATION (GI)?

- A geographical indication (GI) is a sign used on products that have a **specific geographical origin** and **possess qualities or a reputation that are due to that origin**.
- India has invented the Geographical Indications of Goods Act (1999) which came into force on September 15, 2003.
- Darjeeling tea** was the first product to be tagged with GI in 2004-05 and 132 products including **Bikaneri bhujia** from Rajasthan, **Banarasi sarees** had become GI tagged upto September 2010.

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