

REPORT
INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHT AWARENESS PROGRAMME

Venue: Umchera, Chinthong Block, West Karbi Anglong district, Assam

Date : 6th Febraury, 2024

The MSME-DFO, Guwahati in association with the IPR Chair, National law University, Hajo, Amingaon and Foundation for Thoughtful Reasoning, Guwahati had organized the Intellectual Property Right Awareness Programme at Umchera, Chinthong Block, West Karbi Anglong district, Assam on 6th Febraury, 2024. The programme was to give the awareness to the entrepreneurs and other general people about the intellectual property and it's right which many of them don't aware about it. In the programme was conducted in four sessions.

The first session: It was inaugural session, which it starts with the introduction and felicitations by Mr. Safique Alam, President, Foundation for Thoughtful Reasoning (NGO) and keynote address by Mr. N.K.D.Piku, Assistant Director, MSME-DFO, Guwahati.

The second session: Prof. Pankaj Kumar Agawal, IPR Chair, National law University, Amingaon delivered the lecture on Intellectual Property Right. He explained the intellectual property which general people don't aware about it and the right needs to be protected. He explained the various rights or laws that could protect the intellectual properties, such as new idea, new innovation work or products, copyright, etc., He also stressed upon the Geographical Index (GI) which could give benefit to the community for development and explained with the examples.

The third session: Mr. N.K.D. Piku, Assistant Director, MSME-DFO, Guwahati delivered lecture on Government of India, Ministry of MSME schemes. He spoke about MSME Innovative scheme and various other MSME's schemes which entrepreneurs can avail the provisions/schemes and support giving by the ministry. He also elaborates about the schemes which give assist/facilitating in registering and re-imburement facilities particularly under Innovative of patent, trade mark, etc.,

The Fourth and concluding session: The open discussion and did questions and answered session. Then, it was followed by the Community Chairman Speech which expressed gratitude to the organizer and the faculties for awareness on IPR and the various schemes. It followed with the vote thank from Mr. Mr. N.K.D. Piku, Assistant Director, MSME-DFO, Guwahati and concluded.

Conclusion: The area is one of the most backward and remote tribal areas in Assam and many are working in unorganized sector, mostly practice traditional crafts or in short unorganized small entrepreneurs. The area has many herbs which are yet to expose to the world, so it has scope for GI, which could help to develop the areas.

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