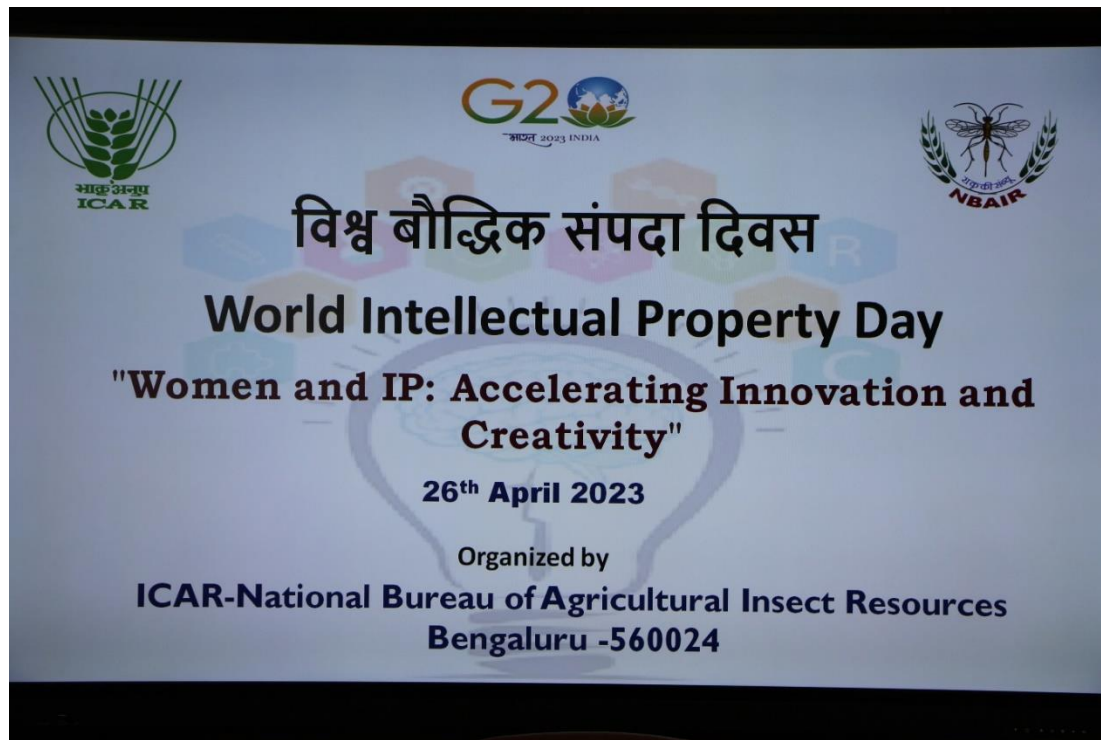


## **ICAR-NBAIR celebrated ‘World Intellectual Property Day**

ICAR-NBAIR celebrated ‘World Intellectual Property Day’ under the theme “**Women and IP: Accelerating Innovation and Creativity**” on 26 April 2023 at ICAT – NBAIR, Hebbal campus. Dr K. Subaharan, Principal Scientist & Incharge, ITMU cell, ICAR–NBAIR, Bengaluru welcomed the participants. The meeting was chaired by Dr A.N. Shylesha, Former Head and Principal Scientist, GCU. In his introductory remarks, he briefed the importance of women’s participation in IP rights and the commercialisation of technology. He stressed the need to bring down the gender bias in IP-related matters. The chief guest for the program Dr Sudha Mysore, Former CEO of Agrinnovate and Principal Scientist (Retd.), ICAR-IIHR, Bengaluru delivered the guest lecture on “Women and IP: Accelerating Innovation and Creativity”. The genesis of intellectual property rights and the activities of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) and its approach to public-private partnership were briefed. She informed the participants about the open courseware and training programmes organised by WIPO for creating awareness of IP rights and called upon the scientists and researchers to make use of this platform to upgrade their knowledge and skill related to IP management. The evolution of innovative entrepreneurship and technology incubation systems in India and the three-tier system adopted in ICAR were discussed. The role played by the IP&TM unit in trying to collate the information related to IP-related matters and encouraging the researchers in filling the IP rights was appreciated. The opportunities provided by ICAR to women scientist in being innovators and filing for IP rights was lauded in her talk. She informed that ICAR was well ahead of other organizations in the country in promoting women inventors. She elaborated upon the potential of women's participation in IP. The policy initiatives taken by the Government of India to promote IP through legislation viz., National Intellectual Property Rights during 2006 and the extent of participation of women in different categories of IP on a global scale was discussed. The Technology Evaluation Centres and the mode of funding to the scientific personnel for commercialisation of the technologies in operation in India were briefed to the audience. The gender biases in the promotion of women's participation in the commercialisation of the technologies were discussed and the need to create awareness among the women workforce for commercialisation of the technologies was deliberated. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks by Dr M. Mohan, Principal Scientist & PME Incharge, ICAR-NBAIR, Bengaluru. The meeting

was coordinated and organized by Dr.Kesavan Subaharan, Dr.Mohan, Dr. Amala Udayakumar and Dr.Ashikha of ICAR-NBAIR.



**Participants from ICAR -NBAIR attending the meeting in connection with world intellectual property day**



**Chief Guest Dr.Sudha Mysore delivering a talk on “Women and IP: Accelerating Innovation and Creativity”**



**Participants from ICAR -NBAIR with the Chief Guest Dr.Sudha Mysore**