

Event Completion Report

One-Day State Level Workshop on "Protecting Ideas and Inventions: The Basics of Intellectual Property Rights"

Organized by:

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Introduction:

The Department of Geography & Bengali at Birpara College successfully organized a one-day state-level workshop on "**Protecting Ideas and Inventions: The Basics of Intellectual Property Rights**" on 20th September 2024. The workshop aimed to raise awareness among students and faculty members about the importance of Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) and how to protect innovations and ideas.

The resource person for the workshop was **Dr. Santanu Das**, Assistant Professor, Department of Library and Information Science, Cooch Behar Panchanan Barma University. Dr. Das, an expert in the field of Intellectual Property Rights, delivered insightful lectures on various aspects of IPR, focusing on practical knowledge related to protecting ideas and inventions in academia and beyond.

The workshop witnessed active participation from **79 individuals**, including both students and faculty members from different departments of Birpara College. The participants were highly engaged, showing great interest in learning about the basics of intellectual property rights and their relevance in protecting academic and creative work.

Key Highlights of the Workshop:

- **Understanding Intellectual Property (IP):** Dr. Das provided a comprehensive overview of what constitutes intellectual property, including patents, trademarks, copyrights, and trade secrets.
- **The Importance of Protecting Ideas:** Emphasis was laid on the significance of safeguarding intellectual contributions in academia and research. Dr. Das highlighted various real-life examples of how innovations were protected using legal frameworks.
- **Procedure for Filing Patents and Copyrights:** The workshop covered the step-by-step process for registering patents and copyrights, along with the documentation required for the same.
- **Challenges in IPR:** Dr. Das discussed the challenges faced by individuals and institutions in protecting intellectual property, especially in the digital age, and provided solutions for overcoming these issues.

- **Interactive Session:** The workshop concluded with an interactive Q&A session, where participants raised queries about specific intellectual property cases, which Dr. Das addressed with clarity.

Feedback:

The participants provided positive feedback, appreciating the relevance of the workshop in today's academic environment. They expressed interest in attending more such workshops to deepen their understanding of intellectual property rights and related legal frameworks.

Conclusion:

The one-day state-level workshop on "Protecting Ideas and Inventions: The Basics of Intellectual Property Rights" was a great success. The workshop met its objective of imparting fundamental knowledge about IPR and equipping participants with the tools needed to protect their intellectual contributions. The organizing team expressed their gratitude to **Dr. Santanu Das** for sharing his expertise and making the event a learning-rich experience.

The department looks forward to organizing similar events in the future to continue fostering awareness about intellectual property and its importance in academic and professional fields.