

Report on World Intellectual Property Day 2025 Webinar

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Organized by: Institution's Innovation Council (IIC), Sudhiranjan Lahiri Mahavidyalaya (SRLM)

Topic: *"Intellectual Property (IP) Rights in India"*

Speaker: Dr. Subrata Ray, Dept. of Defence Studies & IP Coordinator, IIC-SRLM

External Expert Introduced: Dr. Otojit Kshetrimayum, Fellow and NER Coordinator, V.V. Giri National Labour Institute, GoI

On the occasion of **World Intellectual Property Day 2025**, the IIC at SRLM conducted an enlightening webinar titled *"Intellectual Property (IP) Rights in India."* The event was part of the council's mission to promote innovation, legal literacy, and IP awareness among the academic community. The webinar featured **Dr. Subrata Ray**, faculty member from the Department of Defence Studies and IP Coordinator of IIC-SRLM, as the keynote speaker. Dr. Ray's lecture skillfully covered various aspects of intellectual property rights in the Indian context, including **legal criteria, application procedures, emerging challenges, and future possibilities**. Using contextual examples such as **Majdia's famed Khajurer Gurr** and **Darjeeling's tea industry**, Dr. Ray illustrated how traditional knowledge and regional products can be protected through legal mechanisms like Geographical Indications (GIs). His clarity and expertise left a lasting impression, further reinforcing his value as the council's legal advisor.

Dr. Dipankar Ghosh, President of IIC and Head of Institution, officially **launched the social media handles of IIC-SRLM** during the program. He emphasized the importance of building incubation centres and encouraging student involvement in IP, patents, trademarks, and skill-building initiatives. He also highlighted SRLM's pioneering efforts in setting up an incubation centre in a rural border region, aligning with national innovation goals.

The webinar also featured the introduction of **Dr. Otojit Kshetrimayum**, Fellow and Coordinator (NER), VVG NLI, GoI. Dr. Kshetrimayum expressed interest in quarterly evaluations of the IIC's activities and proposed potential collaborations.

The session concluded with a heartfelt **vote of thanks** by Mr. Roshan Agarwalla, Start-Up Coordinator and student of Commerce Hons., marking the success of a timely and meaningful event.

Objective:

To promote awareness and legal understanding of IP rights and innovation among students and faculty.

Benefit:

The program enhanced knowledge of IP law, showcased regional examples, and encouraged innovation and entrepreneurship.

Number of participants: 45

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