

## **One Day National Workshop on “Innovation, IPR and Start-ups” at NIT Jalandhar**

The Innovation Club along with the Institution Innovation Council (IIC), of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar National Institute of Technology, Jalandhar (NITJ) organized a One Day National Workshop on “Innovation, IPR and Start-ups” on July 7, 2022, in online mode. Mr. Dipan Sahu, Assistant Innovation Director, National Coordinator IIC, AICTE, MHRD, Delhi was the chief guest of the event and he stated that the theme of the workshop is particularly pertinent to the current day, in which the COVID-19 pandemic has affected every aspect of human life. He further added that the paradigm of innovation has shifted from being a ‘buzzword’ to now a ‘survival tool’, and everyone has to think innovatively to survive as well as thrive in this competitive world. Dr. Lakhwinder Pal Singh, Convenor IIC and Innovation Club, briefed the participants about the objectives of the workshop and objectives of the innovation club and IIC. He accentuated that one should be a job provider rather than a job seeker.

Prof. J. N. Chakraborty Dean of Research and Consultancy necessitated upon the importance of ‘innovation’ in today’s world, stating that innovation is the backbone for the progress of any society. Prof. Arun Khosla President IIC emphasized the Innovations aligning with emerging business concepts can help individuals to become self-reliant and assist them in overcoming the obstacles posed by the pandemic. Dr. Shyamkiran Kaur and Dr. Samayveer Singh, coordinators IAC welcomed the participants and stated that the Institution Innovation Council and Innovation club have developed as viable models for supporting innovation not only within the institution but also throughout the country.

Mr. Dipan Sahu, Assistant Innovation Director, National Coordinator IIC, Mr Subrat Sahu, Indian patent officer, Government of India, Mr. Sameer Panda, CEO and founder of TJ Tyres Startup were the experts of the workshop. The experts generated awareness about Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) in all the Sectors, thereby furnished requisite guidance and proficiency about an assortment of procedures of copyrights, patents, trademarks, and publicity rights search and application filing. The workshop also focused on National Innovation and Startup Policy (NISP) for HEIs. It had also thrown light on International Acceleration Program for Early Stage Startups. The participants actively participated in the sessions by raising questions and experts diligently resolved their doubts.

The event concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr Tangellapalli Srinivas, Vice-President IIC.

Prof. B. K Kanaujia, Director NIT Jalandhar congratulated and lauded the constructive efforts of the innovation club and IIC team. He also emphasized that the workshop had employed a methodical strategy to stimulate the innovative endeavors of young minds and the unique ideas generated by them would assist our youth to recover economically and contribute to the nation's growth as a whole.

