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Valuing Creativity and Inventions

On April, 09, 2018, an important workshop on the theme 'Valuing Creativity and Inventions' under the purview of broad, Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) was held at the school of Islamic Studies and Languages, BGSB, University, Rajouri, J & K. The workshop was attended by the faculty of Islamic studies, research scholars and the students. The programme was coordinated by Dr. Naseem Gul, Assistant Professor, Islamic Studies. At the outset he introduced the guest speaker— Dr Shams Kamal Anjum to the audience. Dr. Shams Kamal Anjum is having an enormous experience in the field of education.

Dr Shams gave a valuable lecture on Intellectual Property Rights. He introduced the concept of Intellectual Property Rights in a systematic manner. Elaborating on the theme in a meticulous way, Intellectual property, said he refers to the creations of the mind: inventions, literary and artistic works; and symbols, names and images used in commerce. Intellectual property rights (IPR) said he, are like any other property right. They allow creators, or owners, of patents, trademarks or copyrighted works to benefit from their own work or investment in a creation. These rights are outlined in Article 27 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which provides for the right to benefit from the protection of moral and material interests resulting from authorship of scientific, literary or artistic productions. The speaker said that an efficient and equitable intellectual property system can help all countries to realize intellectual property's potential as a catalyst for economic development and social and cultural well-being. The intellectual property system helps to strike a balance between the interests of innovators and the public interest, providing an environment in which creativity and invention can flourish, for the benefit of all.

In response to the queries raised by the participants, Dr. Shams enumerating the merits of intellectual property rights (IPR) argued that IPR reward creativity and human endeavor, which fuel the progress of humankind. He assured that without the rewards provided by the patent system, researchers and inventors would have little incentive to continue in producing better and more efficient products for consumers. Consumers would have no means to confidently buy products or services without reliable, international trademark protection and enforcement mechanisms to discourage counterfeiting and piracy.

In the end Dr. Rafiq Anjum, Assistant Professor, Islamic Studies, BGSB, University extended the vote of thanks to the guest speaker and all the participants on the occasion.

Dr. Shams Kamal Anjum

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