



Centre for Intellectual Property Rights Technology Management and Trade

IMPORTANT DATES

Last date of application : **06.01.2026**
Communication to the participants : **11.01.2026**
Commencement of Training Programme : **02.02.2026**

HOW TO REACH

The Kerala Agricultural University is situated in Vellanikkara, Thrissur, approximately 13-14 km from Thrissur Railway Station and 55 km from Cochin International Airport. Thrissur is well-connected by road, rail, and air to various parts of the country.

CITY & WEATHER

Thrissur, situated in the heart of Kerala, is known for its rich cultural heritage and historic charm. In February, the city experiences warm tropical weather with daytime temperatures around 33–36°C and cooler nights near 22°C. This blend of pleasant climate and vibrant cultural backdrop makes Thrissur a distinctive and welcoming destination.

WHO CAN APPLY?

The applicants should have a Master's Degree in Agriculture or allied disciplines and must be faculty/scientists working at a designation not below Assistant Professor or equivalent in State Agricultural Universities, ICAR institutes, National/Central Research Institutes, or other recognized agricultural research or academic institutions.



HOW TO APPLY

The duly filled application form (as enclosed), recommended by the forwarding authority, should be submitted to the **Head in Charge, Centre for IPR Technology Management and Trade, College of Agriculture, Vellanikkara, Kerala Agricultural University, Thrissur-680656**, either by email at iprcell@kau.in or by speed post.

The application must reach the office on or before **6th January 2026**.

Maximum number of participants: 25



ICAR sponsored Short Course on **Emerging Paradigms in Intellectual Property Management for Agriculture**

From February 02 – February 11, 2026

Organized by

**Centre for IPR Technology Management & Trade
College of Agriculture, Vellanikkara
Kerala Agricultural University, Thrissur, (Kerala)**

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ABOUT THE TRAINING

This short-term training programme on “Emerging Paradigms in Intellectual Property Management for Agriculture” is designed to build advanced capacity among agricultural professionals in protecting, managing, and commercializing innovations. The course integrates comprehensive lectures, hands-on sessions, case studies, and expert interactions to provide participants with practical skills in patents, plant variety protection, geographical indications, germplasm registration, biodiversity governance, and technology transfer.

COURSE CONTENT

- Foundations of Intellectual Property Rights (IPR)
- Patents: Concepts and Procedures
- Geographical Indications (GI)
- Plant Variety Protection (PPV&FRA)
- Trait-Specific Germplasm Registration & Biodiversity Management
- Technology Transfer, Licensing & Innovation Management
- Start-up Ecosystem & Agricultural Incubation
- Copyrights & Academic Publications

KERALA AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITY

Kerala Agricultural University (KAU), established in 1971 and headquartered at Vellanikkara, Thrissur, is the premier institution for agricultural education, research, and extension in Kerala. The University oversees a wide network of colleges, research stations, and specialised centres



dedicated to crop improvement, technology development, and farmer-centric innovation. As the state's principal agency for agricultural advancement, KAU plays a pivotal role in generating scientific knowledge, nurturing skilled human resources, and delivering sustainable technologies that enhance productivity and support diverse agro-ecosystems.

COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE, VELLANIKKARA

The College of Agriculture, Vellanikkara, is one of the premier constituent colleges of Kerala Agricultural University and a leading centre for agricultural education, research, and extension. Established in 1972, the college has evolved into a vibrant multidisciplinary academic hub supported by several departments, qualified faculty, and modern instructional facilities. Among these, the Department of Plant Breeding and Genetics is a major academic unit, and in association with the Centre for IPR, it offers structured IPR courses to undergraduate, postgraduate, and doctoral students. With strong linkages to research stations and outreach units, the college actively contributes to technology development, farm advisory services, and experiential learning.

CENTRE FOR INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS, TECHNOLOGY MANAGEMENT AND TRADE

The Centre for Intellectual Property Rights, Technology Management and Trade at Kerala Agricultural University, Vellanikkara, originated as IPR Cell in 2003 and was formally established in its present form in 2021 to strengthen the University's capabilities in IP protection and facilitation. The Centre provides comprehensive support for patent filing, plant variety protection, and Geographical Indication (GI) registration. The Centre has played a major role in Geographical Indication (GI) activities and has facilitated the registration of 18 unique Kerala agricultural products, with 3 more currently in progress. It also assists farmers and communities in securing national recognitions, including the Plant Genome Saviour Awards. The Centre conducts regular training programmes and awareness initiatives for students, faculty, and farmers, and contributes academically by offering IPR courses at the UG, PG, and PhD levels.

TRAVEL

Selected participants will be eligible for TA as per ICAR norms, limited to 2nd AC train fare by the shortest route. The organizing institute will provide food and accommodation to all outstation participants. No DA is admissible. Local participants are not eligible for boarding and lodging; however, working lunch and refreshments will be provided during the training programme. The participants are requested not to bring any accompanying members with them.