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Topic: Indigenous knowledge and Intellectual Property Rights

North East Institute of Social Science and Research organized an online Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) program on 30th August, 2022. Dr. Moatoshi Ao, Assistant Professor in the Faculty of Law at the University of Delhi, served as the resource person, and the online session was moderated by Mr. Liangamang Robert, Assistant Professor, NEISSR.

Dr.Moatoshi stated that Indigenous knowledge, rooted in the traditions, practices, and wisdom of indigenous communities, represents a valuable cultural heritage that spans generations. As the global discourse on intellectual property rights (IPR) evolves, the intersection with indigenous knowledge becomes increasingly significant. This connection raises crucial questions about preserving cultural integrity, ensuring equitable benefit-sharing, and protecting indigenous communities from exploitation. Preserving and protecting indigenous knowledge within the context of intellectual property rights requires a delicate balance between recognizing the uniqueness of indigenous systems and adapting existing legal frameworks. A harmonious approach can contribute to cultural preservation, foster sustainable development, and ensure that indigenous communities receive fair recognition and benefits for their invaluable contributions to global knowledge systems.

He also emphasized that indigenous knowledge in Naga society is deeply ingrained in cultural practices, rituals, folklore, and traditional arts. It serves as a repository of the Naga people's identity, connecting them to their roots and fostering a sense of community. Therefore, integrating Naga indigenous knowledge into intellectual property rights frameworks is essential. Recognition at the national and international levels is crucial for protecting the unique cultural expressions, innovations, and traditional practices of the Naga people.

He concluded by encouraging the students to develop initiatives for documenting and preserving Naga indigenous knowledge through collaboration between community members, scholars, and governmental agencies and also by promoting education and awareness programs within Naga communities to empower individuals about their intellectual property rights and the importance of preserving their cultural heritage. The programme ended with a vote of thanks by Dr.Toli H Kiba, Assistant Professor, NEISSR.

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