

**Report on Guest Lecture on “Intellectual Property Rights (IPR)” organized by
Department of Civil Engineering, Integral University
in association with
CSIR – Central Building Research Institute (CBRI), Roorkee**

A guest lecture titled “**Intellectual Property Rights (IPR)**” was successfully organized by the Department of Civil Engineering, Integral University, in association with CSIR–Central Building Research Institute (CBRI), Roorkee, on 22nd January 2026 at the Seminar Hall, Block E, Department of Civil Engineering. The programme aimed to enhance research orientation of faculty members, research scholars, and students by exposing them to intellectual property rights relevant to civil engineering research and professional practice. A total of 9 faculty members and 93 Students from department of Civil Engineering, Integral University attended the programme. The programme focused on creating awareness about Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) and their significance in education, research, innovation, and entrepreneurship.

The programme commenced with a warm welcome address by Prof. Syed Aqeel Ahmad, Head, Department of Civil Engineering, Integral University, followed by the felicitation of the guest speaker, Er. Vineet Kumar Saini, Principal Scientist, CSIR-CBRI. In his address, Prof. Ahmad emphasized the importance of capacity-building initiatives in bridging the gap between academia, industry, and research organizations. He highlighted the need for adopting modern construction technologies, sustainable practices, and innovation-driven research to address contemporary challenges in civil engineering.



Prof. Syed Aqeel Ahmad welcoming Er. Vineet Kumar Saini



Er. Vineet Kumar Saini during his lecture

Er. Vineet Kumar Saini, Principal Scientist, CSIR-CBRI, delivered a comprehensive and insightful session on Intellectual Property Rights (IPR), highlighting their critical role in fostering innovation, research, and technological development. The lecture covered key components of IPR, including Copyrights, Patents, Industrial Designs, Trade Secrets, and Geographical Indications, supported by relevant and easy-to-understand practical examples. He emphasized the growing importance of IPR awareness in both academia and industry, particularly for researchers and faculty involved in knowledge creation and

technology development.

The lecture further stressed the need to integrate IPR strategy with business models and start-up ecosystems, enabling effective commercialization and protection of innovations. Legal mechanisms for safeguarding intellectual assets were clearly explained, enhancing participants’ understanding of compliance and ownership rights. Real-world case studies helped bridge theory with practice, while

an interactive quiz actively engaged participants, reinforced key concepts, and made the session both informative and impactful.



Participants during the lecture

At the conclusion of the lecture, an interactive quiz was conducted in which participants enthusiastically took part, followed by a question–answer session that further enriched the discussion. The lecture was highly informative, engaging, and practical in approach, effectively enhancing participants’ understanding of the subject.

The session concluded with the felicitation of the guest speaker through the presentation of a memento by Prof. Syed Aqeel Ahmad, followed by a formal vote of thanks delivered by Dr. Zishan Raza Khan, Associate Professor, Department of Civil Engineering. Dr. Khan expressed sincere gratitude to Er. Vineet Kumar Saini for his valuable lecture and for sparing his time for the Department of Civil Engineering, Integral University. He also acknowledged Prof. Ahmad for his continuous support and motivation, and extended thanks to the organizers and participants for the successful conduct of the event.



Prof. Ahmad Presenting the memento to the guest Speaker

The guest lecture on Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) is closely aligned with **SDG 4** (Quality Education) by enhancing awareness of legal, research, and innovation-related competencies among students and faculty. It supports **SDG 9** (Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure) by promoting protection, commercialization, and strategic use of innovations through patents and other IPR tools. The session also contributes to **SDG 8** (Decent Work and Economic Growth) by encouraging entrepreneurship, start-up development, and knowledge-based economic activities. Additionally, **SDG 17** (Partnerships for the Goals) is addressed through collaboration between Integral University and CSIR-CBRI, fostering knowledge exchange and capacity building.