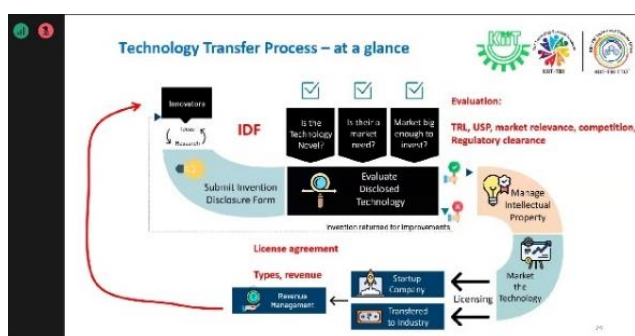


WEBINAR ON BASICS OF PATENT AND ITS IMPORTANCE IN ACADEMIA IN COLLABORATION WITH LEAD TTO- KIIT TBI

October 19, 2023: The enlightening session on the "Basics of Patents and its importance in Academia," organized by the BioNEST Facility & IPR Cell, NEHU, Meghalaya; in collaboration with Technology Transfer Office, KIIT – TBI, Odisha. The webinar commenced with a warm welcome from Ms. Alva Margareth Kharkongor, Program Manager of the B3I Facility at NEHU, Meghalaya. Subsequently, Dr. Suman Kumar Nandy, CEO of the B3I Facility at NEHU, Meghalaya, introduced BIRAC's BioNEST Bio-Incubator (B3I) Facility, emphasizing its mission to foster entrepreneurship programs in Meghalaya. He provided insights into key activities and ongoing initiatives, shedding light on the infrastructure, handholding programs, and services offered by the facility to support entrepreneurs in transforming their ideas into reality.



The session progressed with Dr. Samuel Rout, Manager – Technology Transfer at KIIT-TBI TTO, guiding participants through the central theme of the day – the fundamentals of patents and their significance. Dr. Rout initiated the discussion with an overview of intellectual

property and its importance in business, covering the application procedure, timeline, and key regulatory organizations in both local and global contexts. He expanded on the necessity of technology transfer, including the step-by-step process, and shared insights into the role of the technology transfer office in scouting appropriate industries, securing contracts between commercialization allies and R&D partners, accompanied by real-world case studies.

In the subsequent session, Dr. Jyotsnarani Jena, Associate at KIIT-TBI TTO, led participants on a virtual tour of KIIT-TBI TTO. She provided an overview of the organization's awareness activities, technology assessment, IP filing, technology transfer services, and showcased achievements over the years. Dr. Jena actively encouraged attendees to consider applying for patents and IP filings to safeguard their inventions. She also extended an invitation to academia in the east and northeast regions to connect with KIIT-TBI TTO for support in IP filing and technology transfer.

The program concluded with a vibrant question and answer session, featuring active participation from the attendees, followed by a vote of thanks from Dr A. K. Singh, Coordinator, IPR Cell, NEHU, Meghalaya. The engaging and informative session left participants equipped with a deeper understanding of patents and their crucial role in academia.

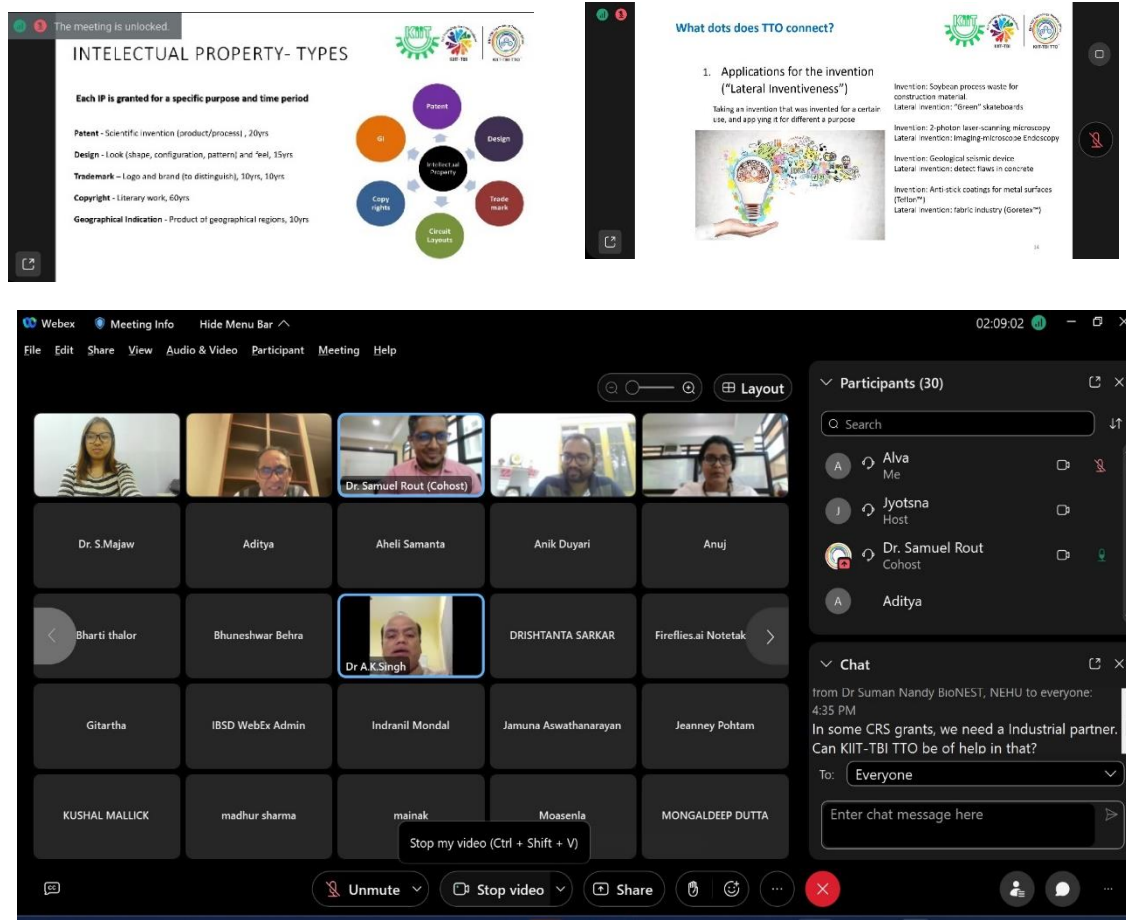


Fig. Snapshots of the webinar program on *The Basics of Patents & its importance in academia.*