

“Success Story – GI Authorised User Seminar, Kanchipuram” Held on 3rd December 2010

The Geographical Indications Registry, under the able guidance of Shri. P.H. Kurian, I.A.S., Registrar of Geographical Indications had organized a One day Seminar-Cum-Workshop on Geographical Indications on “Awareness & Registration of GI Authorised Users” at Sri Sankara Arts & Science College, Prayer Hall, Enathur, Kanchipuram – 631 561, Tamilnadu on December 03, 2010 from 10.00 a.m to 3.30 p.m.

In his address, Shri. G.L. Verma, Deputy Registrar of TM & GI, said that the seminar was the first of its kind to be held in the country, and the Registry had planned to conduct similar seminars at Patna and Kolkata highlighting the various provisions of the GI Act, its applicability, and its advantages to ensure dissemination of information about GI.

The One day Seminar was attended by 170 participants from Weavers from the Textile communities from Kancheepuram, Arani and Salem including the representatives from 31 Registered Authorised Users of Kancheepuram Silk. It was also attended by representatives from the Department of Handlooms and Textiles, Government of Tamilnadu and local NGO's and Self Help Groups.

During this Seminar, this Office has received 39 GI Authorised User Applications from the Producers for registration in Part B of the Register alongwith prescribed fees.

The Registered GI Authorised User Certificates to ‘31 producers of Kancheepuram Silk’ were distributed by Shri. G.L. Verma, Deputy Registrar of TM & GI on this Occasion.

The Seminar was concluded after question & answer session and achieved its target.