

## Geographical Indication (GI) meeting with legal attorney by PIC



Patent Information Centre (PIC), Sikkim State Council of Science & Technology (SSCS&T) has conducted a meeting with Geographical Indication (GI) legal attorney, S. Majumdar & Co., IPR legal firm, Kolkata, for GI registration of Sikkim Mandarin/Orange & Sikkim Temi Tea, held at Vigyan Bhawan, Department of Science Technology & Climate Change (DST&CC) on 5<sup>th</sup> January, 2016. The PIC has filed four local items of Sikkim for GI registration to the Technology Information Forecasting & Assessment Council (TIFAC), Govt. of India.

The four products are:-

1. Sikkim Mandarin/Orange
2. Sikkim Temi Tea
3. Sikkim Dzongu Lepcha Hat (*Sumok thyaktuk*)
4. Sikkim Dzongu lepcha Weave (*thokro*)

Among four items, Sikkim Mandarin & Sikkim Temi Tea were accepted by TIFAC and assigned S. Majumdar & Co. IPR legal firm of Kolkata, regarding registration of the matter. Horticulture & Cashcrop Development Department, Govt. of Sikkim will be the GI applicant of Sikkim Mandarin and Temi Tea Estate, Govt. of Sikkim will be the applicant for Sikkim Temi Tea respectively. In the meeting legal attorney suggested important point to the stakeholders. The matter of GI registration is initiated and supported by PIC, SSCS&T, Govt. of Sikkim funded by Department of Science & Technology (DST), Govt. of India. SSCS&T is also the Nodal department for IPR registration in the state of Sikkim.