

## Seminar on Biosafety and IPR concluded

The research in biological sciences offers tremendous opportunities for improving our understanding of biological mechanisms and processes. The technologies arising out of such research helps in improving therapies. However, this research involving recombinant DNA, infectious agents, and other potentially hazardous biologics involve risks. It is therefore essential to understand appropriate biosafety containment level and adequate safety precautions for mitigating such risks. Whereas Intellectual property (or "IP") includes intangible creations of the human intellect, and primarily encompasses copyrights, patents, trademarks, etc. The purpose of intellectual property law is to encourage the creation of a wide variety of intellectual goods. To achieve this, the law gives people, academic institutions and businesses property rights to the information and intellectual goods they create, usually for a limited period of time. The properties give rights to the inventors to earn economic incentives for their creation.

The Department of Biotechnology on 20 March 2018 had organized a Seminar on Biosafety and IPR. Dr Savio Rodrigues, Head Microbiology, Goa Medical College and a member of Goa University's Institutional Biosafety committee (IBSC), delivered a lecture on "Disposal of Biomedical waste". A movie "Contagium" depicting how a pathogen escapes from a laboratory and creates a havoc was screened! Adv. Shalini Menezes spoke on Patent laws and about filing a patent. The proceeds of the seminar benefited over 70 participants from among Faculty of the Goa University, Research scholars and M.Sc. students from all the Life Science Departments of the University.

