MST204: IPR & BIOSAFETY	
Teaching Scheme Lectures: 4 hrs/Week	Examination Scheme Class Test -12Marks Teachers Assessment - 6Marks
Credits: 4	Attendance – 12 Marks End Semester Exam – 70 marks

Course Objectives: - To give a background on the history of science, emphasizing the methodologies used to do research - To use the framework of these methodologies for understanding effective lab practices and scientific communication - To use the framework of these methodologies to understand and appreciate scientific ethics.

Unit I

Introduction to Intellectual Property Types of IP: Patents, Trademarks, Copyright & Related Rights, Industrial Design, Traditional Knowledge, Geographical Indications, Protection of New GMOs; International framework for the protection of IP IP as a factor in R&D; IPs of relevance to Biotechnology and few Case Studies; Introduction to History of GATT, WTO, WIPO and TRIPS

Unit II

Concept of 'prior art' Invention in context of "prior art"; Patent databases; Searching International Databases; Country-wise patent searches (USPTO, EPO, India etc.); Analysis and report formation

Unit III

Basics of Patents Types of patents; Indian Patent Act 1970; Recent Amendments; Filing of a patent application; Precautions before patenting-disclosure/non-disclosure; WIPO Treaties; Budapest Treaty; PCT and Implications; Role of a Country Patent Office; Procedure for filing a PCT application

Unit IV

Patent filing and Infringement Patent application- forms and guidelines, fee structure, time frames; Types of patent applications: provisional and complete specifications; PCT and convention patent applications; International patenting-requirement, procedures and costs; Financial assistance for patenting-introduction to existing schemes; Publication of patents-gazette of India, status in Europe and US Patenting by research students, lecturers and scientists-University/organizational rules in India and abroad, credit sharing by workers, financial incentives Patent infringement- meaning, scope, litigation, case studies and examples

Unit V

Biosafety Introduction; Historical Backround; Introduction to Biological Safety Cabinets; Primary Containment for Biohazards; Biosafety Levels; Biosafety Levels of Specific Microorganisms; Recommended Biosafety Levels for Infectious Agents and Infected Animals; Biosafety guidelines - Government of India; Definition of GMOs & LMOs; Roles of Institutional Biosafety Committee, RCGM, GEAC etc. for GMO applications in food and agriculture; Environmental release of GMOs; Risk Analysis; Risk Assessment; Risk management and communication; Overview of National Regulations and relevant International Agreements including Cartagena Protocol.

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