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Given awareness that recombinant DNA technology is revolutionizing global life science research, it is mandatory that research in this area is carried out with utmost safety. To this effect the Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India, had framed certain rules vide Gazette Notification No. GSR 1037 (E) dated 05.12.1989, notified under the E.P. Act 1986 to ensure protection of the environment, nature and health while doing such research. Accordingly, the DBT, Government of India, had evolved the "Recombinant DNA Safety Guidelines" in January, 1990. To this effect our University has constituted an IBSC to monitor research that involve manipulation of genetic material, microorganisms, plants and animal, to grant permission and monitor such research in the University. It is mandatory to obtain a clearance certificate to pursue research in the area of Recombinant DNA technology and/or handle pathogenic microorganism prior to start of such research in the University and prior to submission of proposal to agencies for funding. In accordance with the guidelines above it is hereby notified that the Faculty members and PIs who require IBSC clearance are requested to submit 5 copies of their research proposal in the format as per IBSC guidelines issued by DBT, GOI. You must specifically respond to the points outlined the pages 24-25 of the Guidelines. PIs are advised to go through the DBT's Guidelines and Handbook for Biosafety Committees available at <http://dbtbiosafety.nic.in>. Last date for submission of the proposal to the undersigned is 03/09/2018. It is proposed to have a meeting of the IBSC in the second week of September, 2018 for consideration of the proposal submitted by 03/09/2018.

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