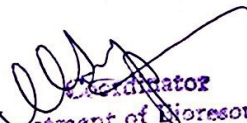


Minutes of the meeting of Biosafety Sub-committee of the University Research Council held on 12-11-2020 at 02:00 p.m. in the Committee Room of old Administrative Block.

The recommendations of the committee in order to implement the terms of reference are given under:

- that each School/ Department/ Project Coordinator/ Principal Investigator/ Scholar/Supervisor should strictly follow the Biosafety measures at the time of drafting of projects/Research Plans/Starting Experimentation/ and disposing off the project/Research wastage so that its negative impact does not harm the workers environment, biodiversity, fragile ecosystem and environment at large in and around the research labs and sites
- that each Principal Investigator/ Research Supervisor should strictly follow the guidelines recommended by the Biosafety sub-committee
- that at the time of drafting of Research plans (Projects as well as Programmes) a clearance should be sought from the committee after formulating suitable strategies and plans towards taking care of Biosafety measures and waste disposal in the research proposals
- that segregation, colour coding and proper management of Research wastage should be as per the basic information available related to its impact on flora/fauna/habitat, etc. If need arises opinion should be sought from experts related to the field of research so that the side effects are taken care off.
- that Principal Investigator, Supervisor, Scholars shall follow standard operative procedures in laboratory work before, during and after experimentation so that it will have no impact on surroundings and inhabitants of the laboratory in general and the University and Valley of Kashmir in particular
- that safety audit of old as well new buildings of the University should be periodically undertaken in a time bound manner and safety checks regularly assessed. If the need arises, any modification of the infrastructure should be carried out on priority basis or if impact is highly destructive that Laboratory/building/ block should immediately be labelled as "*Unsafe for Scientific Experimentation*"

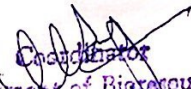
  
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- that appropriate methods of disposal of “*radioactive and poisonous substances*” should be followed in all such departments wherever these are either being used or produced during experimentation
- that in each Department there should be local coordination committee, preferably comprising of atleast one faculty members and a couple of senior scholars, who will regularly be assessing and monitoring the safety measures being followed in the concerned Department/Research Laboratories
- that in each department installation of sanitizer/dispenser should be made mandatory in view of Covid-19 Pandemic Protocol, during performing of any and every research related activity
- that in case of fire or any other untoward incident evacuation in each Department should be a priority issue wherein all members should actively participate. In every building the installation of fire extinguishers and fire alarms must be made mandatory, particularly in Research labs
- that in each Department members of DRC and the officials of Estates section of the University should be held accountable for the implementation of the safety standards
- that in all labs, the basic safety installations such as water shower, lab-coats, safety goggles, evacuation signs must be made mandatory
- that University should engage some recognized agency for auction and recycling of e-waste, instead of dumping the same with garbage or in the store house of estates section
- that a proper MOU should signed with other agencies within and outside the University for monitoring and maintaining the Biosafety measures, waste disposal management, and safety audit on annual basis

The Committee, after threadbare discussion, also recommended that the Research Council of the University of Kashmir should be approached to recommended addition of two more members – one (01) each from Department of Law and Department of Social Work, so that there is wider theme for implementing the safety measures on priority basis for safeguarding the environment and the Institution.

It was resolved that after approval of the guidelines and instructions, a copy of the same will be circulated to the relevant departments with the remarks that the committee shall periodically make visits to the concerned departments to inspect the implementation of Biosafety measures.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks.

  
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