## DEPARTMENT OF BIOELECTRONICS AND BIOSENSORS ALAGAPPA UNIVERSITY, Karaikudi.

Department of Bioelectronics and Biosensors, Alagappa University, organised a one-day awareness session on "Intellectual Property Rights" on 24<sup>th</sup> May 2023. Sr. Prof.G. Ravi, the Vice-Chancellor, Alagappa University inaugurated the event and highlighted the need for moving towards IPR as they are intangible in nature and gives exclusive rights to inventor or creator for their valuable invention or creation. He further emphasized that with increasing focus on innovation, and interdisciplinary approaches in research and development, young students and faculty members need to learn about IPR to protect their inventions and novel ideas.

Prof. J. Kumar, Vice-Chancellor, Madurai Kamaraj University delivered a special lecture on the need to focus obtaining patents and subsequent commercialisation of the inventions through start-up and incubation. He has also outlined the importance of IPR in today's environment as the definition of assets has changed from material counts to knowledge-centric wealth. He encouraged and motivated students to take up challenges and put efforts to achieve excellence in their life. Dr. S. Karutha Pandian, Honorary Senior Professor, Dept. of Biotechnology, Alagappa University delivered an informative and technical lecture on Intellectual Property Rights, protection of tangible and intangible property Patents, Trademark, Copy right and Infringement. Finally, Dr. J. Jeyakanthan, Senior Professor and Dean-Faculty of Science gave the concluding remarks. Prof C. Sekar, Department of Bioelectronics and Biosensors welcome the gathering and Dr. V. Dharuman, Associate Professor of the same Department delivered vote of thanks.

The event coordinated by Dr J Wislon, Associated Professor, Dept of Bioelectronics and Biosensors was attended by senior facult members, scholars and students from various Science Departments of the University.





Professor C. Sekar has been nominated as an Adjunct Faculty in the Department of Nano-Agricultural Technology at Tamil Nadu Agricultural University (TNAU), Coimbatore for the academic year 2023–2024. Under this position, he will deliver lectures either through online or offline mode at TNAU campus. The Department of Bioelectronics and Biosensors has already signed a

MoU with TNAU and carried out a joint project funded by DST-TDP and Coromandel International Limited. The new assignment will be helpful to strengthen research collaboration between Alagappa University and Tamil Nadu Agricultural University in the field of biosensors and agricultural nanotechnology.