"CAREER PROSPECTS IN LIFE SCIENCES" NATIONAL SEMINAR (2017)

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SEMINAR REPORT

Ethiraj College for Women, Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India has organized a National Seminar on "Career Prospects in Life sciences" on 31st January, 2017. The seminar was enriched with skilful talks on career opportunities that are not widely opted, by Life Science graduates but are equally rewarding as the conventional career options taken by graduates. Eminent speakers from different parts of the Country enlightened the young audience, on the diverse jobs available in store for them.

Dr. Anita Singh, Associate Director, Medical Affairs, Central& South Asia Pacific, BD Pvt. Ltd (USA), Gurgaon, Haryana, addressed the gathering on the topic Life sciences: The path less taken and exposed the career prospects of Microbiologists and Medical Pathologists in various fields of production and marketing of Biological and Pharmaceutical products. The fact that the novel products and discoveries due to the advancement in Research can be patented and owned by Researchers, was expounded by the First session speaker, Dr. Deepa, Proprietor, Intellpat Patent solutions, Chennai, whose topic was "Patent: A tool for Professional enhancement".

The following session was presided over by an eminent academician, Dr. Joseph C. Daniel, Head, Department of Microbiology, St.Joseph's College of Arts and Science, Cuddalore, who in his talk, comprehensively included a lot of prestigious institutions offering various courses that a graduate can pursue and oriented the young minds towards both Academics and Research, equally. Career opportunities in Pharma and Biotech industries was presented and explored by Dr. Janani Kanakaraj, Principal Scientist (R&D), Biocon, Bengaluru. The final session of the seminar was with novel inputs from a successful businessman Mr. Syed Ali, who prompted the students to look at Entrepreneurship as an attractive option. The Feedback about the seminar, from the participants was very positive and encouraging. Participants greatly enjoyed the opportunity to view the gateway to various career perspectives and the chance to explore ideas.