The Department organized -The DBT-BioCARe Conclave with the theme “Women Scientists Achieving Great Heights” on 8th and 9th March, 2019 at NIPGR, New Delhi. The Biotechnology Career Advancement and Re-Orientation Programme (BioCARe) of the Department specific for women scientists of India has been able to provide first independent R &D projects to 315 Women Scientists of India. The scheme has also supported unemployed women scientists with a career break and brought them to the main stream of Research. The aim of the conclave was to bring all the awardees of the scheme at one platform so that they could share their experience and discuss importance of the scheme in their careers. Around 250 women scientists, students, Experts and entrepreneurs from various states across India participated in the conclave. The major highlights of the conclave were various sessions where the beneficiaries of the scheme shared their success stories before and after getting their first independent BioCARe R&D projects and how it made an impact in their careers. A booklet describing role of the BioCARe scheme providing first independent project as a milestone in careers of the awardees was released. Awardees have penned down their experience about the scheme in the booklet. 60 abstracts were also published in the booklet. Five Best poster awards in 5 areas were given after selection from 60 posters.

Janaki Ammal-National Women Bioscientists Awards of the Department of Biotechnology for the year 2017/18 were also conferred in the conclave.