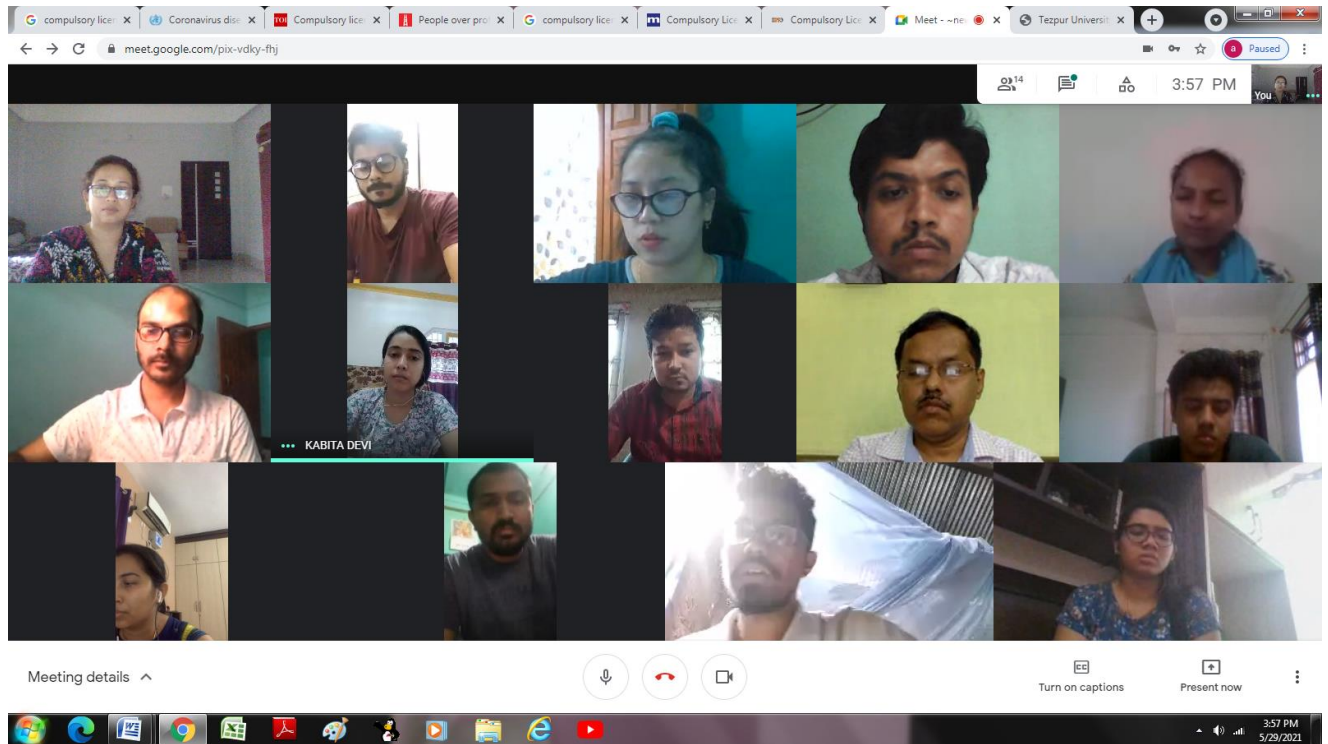


Virtual Discussion organized by the TUIPR Cell among the Ph.D students on the topic '**Need to have compulsory license on Covid-19 vaccines and drugs**'.



Peer leaning and critical thinking are two very important aspects of academic learning for budding researchers. In the times of the COVID-19 pandemic, when most of the research scholars are stuck at home, IPR Cell at Tezpur University ensured that this mode of learning is uninterrupted and organized a virtual debate on 29th of May 2021, among the Ph.D students enrolled for the CBCT course on IPR to encourage them analyse and understand the current crisis of drugs and vaccines for treating COVID-19. The debate focused if Compulsory License could be the answer to meet up the challenge. The thoughts and opinions put forth by the students not only reflected concerns of the general citizens but also the apprehensions of the relentless inventors engaged in the pharma companies, who have invested lots of time and efforts to come up with required drugs in need hour. The discussion have enriched the collective consciousness of the students about the IPR provisions in the Indian Constitution to deal with pandemic and emergency situations and its effect on the industries as well as common citizens.