In the past decade, the technical education in India has spread its wings even to rural areas. But there is a sharp decrease in interest and overall admissions to post graduate programme (M. Pharmacy) in pharmacy during the last few academic years. This decline may be attributed due to changed trends in pharmaceutical industry which has become primarily research and market oriented. The Primary role of knowledge is to increase employability of the students which has become need of the hour. Simultaneously, the pharmacy profession should give adequate attention to practical skill development and in creation of knowledge based manpower for service to the pharmaceutical industry. The products of this form of education lack the much needed professionalism and rational thinking required for problem solving. So, the situation demands various innovative approaches to bridge the gap.

Some of the Barriers in implementation of innovative teaching learning strategies are

- Indistinct and unspecialised coursework which was varying from university to university. PCI has taken a correct step in making uniform syllabus for all. It should incorporate changes in syllabus from time to time.
- Inability to attract meritorious students into the course.
• Tight boundaries and less integration with other sciences
• Lack of social, industrial and clinical exposure
• Inability to inculcate problem solving attitude in students
• Research output from institutions rarely lead to publication in high impact factor journals. Very few research work or research output in terms of products or processes are patented.

Requirements for implementation of innovative teaching learning strategies are.
• Building world class professionalism.
• Introducing and enhancing multi disciplinary research
• Introducing e-learning and use of advance technologies
• Creation of a common platform to share research facilities
• Given the market needs for trained man power, teaching should involve industrial and practical exposure by industry-Institute exchange programes aimed to build better practically trained man power.

Today, the global institutes are moving towards excellence in research and in order to better meet the requirements of 21st century. This forces us to relook at the status of pharmacy education in India. There is a rapid transition in pharmacy profession worldwide and in the era of globalization, we cannot be silent spectators. If we have to compete with the rest of the world, we will have to become innovative. It means, we have to define the goals of pharmacy education and research for present and future and provide training and research guidance to our future generation to meet the global challenges.

I am sure we all together will take our profession to the newer heights in the coming years…

Wish you all a very happy and prosperous new year ahead…

Thanks and regards

INSTITUTIONAL NEWS

Sri Venkateswara College of Pharmacy, Chittoor, Andhra Pradesh celebrated the “World Pharmacists Day” on 25th September, 2018 to enlighten the importance of Pharmacy profession in Healthcare system. International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP) encourages in the theme of “Pharmacists: Your Medicines Experts” for this year. Dr. K. Bhaskar Reddy, Professor & Principal, Sri Venkateswara College of Pharmacy inaugurated the Pharmacists Day Programme. The program was embarked with welcome speech by the Principal, and he delivered a valuable talk on the entitled theme. As part of this event, we conducted a memorated Awareness Campaign “Pharma-Rally” with a view to impart safe use of medicine, professionalism of pharmacy education to highlight the Pharmacists expertise to public.

A gathering of 400 Students from Sri Venkateswara College of Pharmacy and all faculty members wholeheartedly and passionately participated in the rally. Students distributed informative pamphlets to the residents of Chittoor and in our college premises which helped us to create awareness about “Pharmacists: Your Medicines Experts”. The Rally evoked very good response amongst the local residents. Dr. S. Hemalatha, Dr. G. Swarnalatha, Dr. D. Jothieswari and all other faculty members, coordinated and supported for successful completion of rally. Mr. R.V. Srinivas, Vice Chairman, Sri Venkateswara Group of Educational Institutions, Chittoor, Andhra

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Pradesh was appreciated and wished to the students and staff on this occasion.

To encourage the budding pharmacists we conducted various competitions such as Pharma quiz, Debate and Collage. The topic for Debate and Collage was "Pharmacists: Your Medicines Experts". Which was addressed by Dr. E. Lokanadha Reddy, Vice Principal, SVCET, Mr. T. Raja Reddy, HOD of MBA, SVCET, Dr. Madan and Dr. Vishnu Priya from Department of Pharmacology, RVS Institute of Medical Sciences, Chittoor. Dr. S. Hemalatha, Professor & HOD of Pharmacognosy delivered the vote of thanks. The function concluded with the rendition of the national anthem.

On 25th September 2018 "World Pharmacists Day" was grandly celebrated in MNR College of Pharmacy at MNR Auditorium, Sangareddy. The program was blessed by Indian educationist Shri. M. N. Raju, Chairman, MNR Educational Trust, Hyderabad. Inaugural address was delivered by the dynamic Vice Chairman of MNR Educational Trust Shri. Ravi Varma Manthena. In his inaugural address he mentioned the need of pharmacists in health care team. The program was graced by the chief guest Dr. Sudhakar Bangera, Partner @ AILEEN Clinical Research Services, Hyderabad on the topic "Drug Delivery & Clinical Trial Aspects". Principals & staffs of various colleges of MNR Academy of Higher Education and Research (MNR-AHER) campus graced the functions with their presence. Around 650 students and 50 staffs were participated in this celebration. Cultural programs by students are the other highlight of this program.

Himachal Pharmacy College, Nalagarh, Solan Dist Himachal Pradesh celebrated World Pharmacists Day on 25 September 2018. The theme of Programme is "Pharmacists: your medicines experts". It is meant to emphasise that pharmacists are a trusted source of knowledge and advice, not just for patients, but also for healthcare professionals. Pharmacists play an important role in taking care of people’s health all over the world. In this occasion Dr. Ashma Singla Director, Dr. Debjit Bhowmik Principal, Mr. Bhartendu Sharma HOD HPC, Teaching, non-teaching, Pharmacy students participated and subsequently there was Prayer and lighting of the lamp. The dignitaries present on the dias inaugurated the programme by lighting lamp. The Program started with invocation and welcome speech by Dr. Debjit Bhowmik, Principal, Himachal Pharmacy College, Nalagarh, Solan Dist Himachal Pradesh.He highlighted up gradation of Skill and Knowledge. He stated that the mission of Pharmacy profession to the service to the society and briefed the gathering about role of Pharmacists in the Health care system. Since the Pharmaceutical sector in india is tremendous growth and need quality and effectiveness of drug therapy. In this event college has organized different activities such as Poster presentation, Oral Presentation, Scientific Quiz, Debate, Rangoli Competition. All Participants were in high spirit during the competition.

As per every year rituals Teacher’s Day was celebrated with great pomp and gaiety at Dr. D. Y. Patil College of Pharmacy, Akurdi Pune on September 5, 2018. On this day the whole academics run by the students. Final year students taught to junior classes. These teaching sessions were evaluated for teaching skills by the faculty and accordingly Best Student Teacher award for conduct of theory and practical session were selected and felicitated.

After that students organized gratitude session for all teaching staff and
spoke about role of teacher in their professional life. The function was graced by the presence of Chief guest Principal Dr. N. S. Vyawahare. Ms. Pragya Gigoo and Mr. Abhishek Swami from Final Year B. Pharm welcomed the gathering followed by keynote address by Dr. N. S. Vyawahare, pointed out significance of teachers for guiding students as a torch bearer to grow further in their life and achieve goals. He also acknowledged it as noble profession and that teachers are creators who create students. They shape the world in their classrooms, year after year. This day celebrates their contribution to the society and honors their endeavor. Dr. (Mrs.) Shilpa Chaudhari delivered an inspirational speech where she spoke about culture, attitude, parent’s responsibilities and the role of teachers in imparting moral values to the students. Cake cutting marked the Teachers Day Celebration. Students of Dr. D. Y. Patil College expressed gratitude and respect for their teachers by offering plants an exquisite teacher’s day gift to all Teaching faculty members during Programme.

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Uttaranchal Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences celebrated ‘World Pharmacist Day’ on 25th September, 2018 with the theme ‘Pharmacist: Your Medicine Expert’. On this auspicious day Guests from Pharmaceutical Sector were present who shared their insights with the students. Mrs. Pallavi Ghildiyal emceed the program and initiated by delivering a brief introduction on the FIP and its journey. The Special Guest of the program was Mr. B. S. Payal, President, Federation of Indian Pharmacist Organization and the Chief Guest of the event was Mr. K. C. Kukreti, Chief Pharmacist, Doon Hospital, Dehradun. The dais was shared by the Guests of Honour Mr. B. S. Kalura, Pharmacy Officer, Doon Hospital, Dehradun and Mr. Jaipal Singh Rana, Chief Pharmacist, Forest Research Institute, Dehradun. All the distinguished guests were welcomed by the presentation of a floral bouquet by Hon’ble Chancellor, Mr. Jitender Joshi and Vice-Chancellor, Prof. (Dr.) N. K. Joshi.

The Welcome Note was delivered by the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. (Dr.) N. K. Joshi, wherein he highlighted the need of pharmacists and their responsibilities in the current scenario of the society.

The Keynote Speech delivered by Mr. B.S. Payal pronounced that pharmacists served as a facelift for the pharmacists in the healthcare system.

Mr. Rana highlighted the role of pharmacists in healthcare, medicare and society. They inspired budding pharmacists to abide by pharmaceutical code of conduct and ethics.

In a nutshell, the program proved to establish the stand of the pharmacist amidst other healthcare professionals and also served as an encouraging boost to emerging young pharmacists and make them understand the actual meaning of our theme ‘Pharmacist: Your Medicine Expert’ with ease.
Dr. Anuj Mittal, Director, UIPS articulated about the importance of Pharmacist in Healthcare and stated why a pharmacist was designated as Medicine Expert. The address was followed by Pharmacy Oath & Pledge Taking Ceremony wherein the oath was taken by the entire fraternity of pharmacists who were present in the Seminar Hall.

A Free Health Check-Up Camp was organised by Uttarakhand Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences. The camp included Blood Pressure Check-up, Random Blood Sugar Test, Blood Group Detection, BMI, Obesity, Haemoglobin Count, to name a few. More than 115 members including staff and students availed the services provided by the qualified student volunteers, who recommended appropriate precautions and interventions.

A Poster Presentation on the theme “Drug Abuse” was organised in which 36 participants participated. Ananya (B.Pharm. II Yr) was adjudged the Winner, Amol Tiwari and Shubham Kumar (B.Pharm III Yr) were the First Runners up while Anjali and Amrita (D.Pharm. II Yr) were the Second Runners up of the event.

A Quiz Competition was also organised in which Shriti, Kritika, Amol and Shivani (B.Pharm III Yr) were the Winners while Vanshika, Nupur Jha, Gaurav and Saurav (B.Pharm IYr) were the Runners up.

Students had great fun in the second half of the day; they enjoyed Fun Games and enjoyed delicious food in Food Stalls organized by the students.

Around 250 students including Faculty Members participated in the knowledge enriching programme with great enthusiasm.

The event was concluded with a Vote of Thanks delivered by the Director – UIPS.

The wonderful event was successfully organised under the guidance of Director, Dr. Anuj Mittal which was coordinated by all the Faculty Members and Student Coordinators namely, Dheeraj, Shivani, Manisha, Ritika, Noman, Tahir, Saurab Navani, Ashish Biswas, Tanuj, Anuj and Shyam. The cumulative efforts made the event a grand success.

L.J. Institute of Pharmacy (LJIP), Ahmedabad celebrated ‘World Pharmacists Day’ on 25th September 2018. 25th September has been marked as annual World Pharmacists Day by FIP (International Pharmaceutical federation) to emphasize that Pharmacists are a trusted source of knowledge and advice, not only for patients but for other healthcare professionals. 75 students of the Institute prepared ‘℞’ symbol which is necessary to write when a Doctor gives prescription, received by the Pharmacist.

Approximately 500 students enthusiastically participated in the Pharma Awareness Rally which covered all the institutes of LJ across the campus with more than 20 posters related to Pharmacy profession were prepared and displayed in rally. The celebration was ended by taking Pharmacist Oath by the students and faculties of at L. J. Institute of Pharmacy. Blood donation camp was also organized by Jivraj Mehta Hospital at LJIP.

The institute also organized interactive session with young Pharma entrepreneurs where the students were enlightened about the current scenario and scopes of Pharmacy. They also explained the importance of generic drugs in the year 2020 as many patents are about to lapse in that particular year. This may open the opportunities of formulation development for future pharmacists.

Students performed drama and musical skit based on themes of Patient counselling & scope of Pharmacy.

Institute displayed more than 20 posters related to covering current healthcare related issues like malnutrition, medication regimen in pregnancy, irrational use of antibiotics, benefits of yoga, hypertension management, healthy eating habits, breast cancer in India, herbal therapy, prenatal risk factor of developmental disorders, Family planning measures, drug addiction and tobacco quitting etc.

World Pharmacists Day celebration by LJIP, Ahmedabad was prominently covered by various newspapers such as Sandesh, Gujarat Samachar, Nav Gujarat Samay and Divya Bhaskar.
Oriental College of Pharmacy [OCP], Sanpada, Navi Mumbai organized One Day Seminar cum Workshop on 'Viscosity & Texture Analysis In Pharmaceutical Industry' in collaboration with BRK Instruments India LLP. The programme was attended by B. Pharm. & M. Pharm. students and faculty of Oriental College of Pharmacy. Technical & Product Specialists Mr. Rahul Mishra and Mr. Rahul Shinde as resource speakers covered the significance of measurement of viscosity and texture analysis in Pharmaceuticals. The interrelation between rheology and other product dimensions that makes measurement of viscosity the most sensitive or convenient way of detecting changes in color, density, stability, solids content, and molecular weight was well explained. Principal Dr. Sudha Rathod welcomed the resource speakers and thanked the speakers for sharing their knowledge and experience and also thanked Programme Convener, Dr. Mrs. Pradnya Palekar-Shanbhag, Professor & Head, Pharmaceutics Department for initiating industry collaborative IQAC activity. The vote of thanks was extended by Dr. Mrs. Pradnya Palekar-Shanbhag where she specially expressed gratitude towards BRK Instruments India LLP for programme sponsorship. The Principal, Programme Convener and organizing committee thanked Prof. Javed Khan, President of Oriental Education Society and Mr. Waseem Khan, Managing Director for their strong support to organize such successful event.

Shri R D Bhakt College of B. Pharmacy affiliated to Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University, Aurangabad has celebrated World Pharmacist Day on 25th September, 2018 at Jalna City, Maharashtra, India. Dr. D. Bhakt, President-Ramchandra Sanskritik Krida Mandal, Dr. S. Bhattacharya, Principal of Shri. R D Bhakt College of Pharmacy, Jalna Maharashtra State, HOD Mr. P. Shingne and all staff members namely Mr. A. Hatkar, Mr. S. Phoke, Mrs. C. Ramteke, Mrs. M. Gite, Mr. T. Dongaonkar, Mr. S. Shinde, Mrs. Gaikwad welcomed all the dignitaries present in the function. Amongst the dignitaries, Shri Bhaskarrao Ambekar, Secretary Dist. Shiv-Sena Chief of Jalna City, Shri Malika ram Mhaske, Shri Sainath Pawar- President Chemist and Druggists Association, Jalna city, Dr. Atmanand Bhakt District Shiv-Sena Head, Jalna City were present to make the day a grand success and delivered key note lectures highlighting the role of pharmacists in present health care system of the society. A road show was organized by the college where all the staff members and non-teaching staff and students of all the years of B. Pharmacy participated. Students of all years of B. Pharmacy performed Skit road shows for Public awareness pertaining to the role of Pharmacist-Your medicine experts. Students also highlighted the importance of Swatch Bharat Abhiyan-an initiative of his Excellency Honorable Prime Minister of India in the city-Jalna, Maharashtra state, India.

The Annamacharya College of Pharmacy (ANCP), Kadappa in association with IPA Hospital Pharmacy Division and ISPOR India Kadapa City Chapter celebrated the World Pharmacists Day 2018 by organizing One Day Workshop on "Pharmacotherapeutic Approaches in Disease Management" on 25 September 2018.

The Workshop was chaired by Prof. Dr. Swarnalatha (Principal-ANCP), Dr. Dwaraknatha Reddy (Professor-ANCP), Dr. T. Saleem (Head, Dept. of Pharmacology-ANCP), and Chief Guest: Sri.
Chandra Rao (Drugs Control Administration, Govt of Andhra Pradesh), Guest of Honour: Sri C. Abhishek (Treasurer-Annamacharya Group of Institutions) and Guest of Honour and Special Invitee: Dr. Mohanraj Rathinavelu (Executive member-IPA Hospital Pharmacy Division/Elect President-ISPOR India AP Regional Chapter).

The Resource Person of the Workshop were Dr. Karthik Rakam (Associate Director-Tychee Innovations), Dr. Mohanraj Rathinavelu (Executive Member-IPA Hospital Pharmacy Division / Associate Professor and In-Charge, Dept. of Pharmacy Practice-RIPER) and Mr. Kiran Kumar (PV Chronicle).

The Workshop brought new insights of Pharmacotherapeutic clinical decision making among 125 delegates who made their active participations.

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V. V. Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Gudlavalleru, in collaboration with Operant Pharmacy Federation (OPF) organized a two day International Conference Pharmanecia’18 on 25th & 26th September, 2018. The theme of the Conference was ‘Pharmaceutical and Clinical Research in India: Current Scenario, Challenges, Opportunities and Future Perspectives’. The first day of conference started with welcoming of all guests and participants in the inaugural function. There was an overwhelming response for the conference with 700 delegates from all over India. The inauguration ceremony commenced with lighting of lamp by Chief Guest Dr. S.V.U.M. Prasad, Programme Director, School of Pharmacy, JNTUK, Kakinada. The National and International Speakers attended the event are Dr. P.M. Rao, Associate Dean, School of Pharmacy, International Medical University, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, Dr. Thakur Gurjeet Singh, Associate Professor, Department of Pharmacology, Chitkara University, Chandigarh, Punjab, Dr. S. Rama Krishna, Principal Scientist, Indian Institute of Chemical Technology, Hyderabad, Telangana, Dr. V. Gopal, Professor & Principal, Mother Theresa Post Graduate & Research Institute of Health Sciences, Puducherry, Dr. Sneha R Ambwani, Head and Professor, Department of Pharmacology, AIIMS, Jodhpur, Rajasthan, Dr. D.S. R. CH. N. P. Varma, Assistant General Manager, RA Chem Pharma Ltd., Hyderabad, Dr. Amit Karmarkar, Director, Clinical Research, Inclination, Mumbai, Maharasthra, Dr. Elangovan Manivannan, Assistant Professor, School of Pharmacy, Devi Ahilya Vishwavidyalaya, Indore, Madhya Pradesh. The conference was presided by Dr. A. Lakshmana Rao, LOC Chairman of Conference and Principal, V. V. Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences. He addressed the gathering by emphasizing the primary objective of this conference. Chief Guest Dr. S.V.U.M. Prasad enlightened the need for progress and possible advancements in the field of Pharmacy. Later the Souvenir
containing scientific abstracts was released by chief guest. The Speakers delivered the plenary lectures on the theme of this conference.

OPF presented Noble Principal of the Year award for Dr. A. Lakshmana Rao, Principal, V.V. Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Noble Teacher Award for Dr. P. Bhargava Bhushan Rao, Oscar Teacher award for Dr. Sk. Amina Bee. The convener presented mementos to the Chief guest, Speakers and inaugural function ended with vote of thanks. Conference was attended and papers were presented both in Oral and Poster session by more than 400 delegates all over the India. Cultural events during evening session have made this event to be colourful.

Second day of the conference included two plenary lectures and valedictory session. Dr. Thakur Gurjeet Singh was the chief guest for this session. The chief guest highlighted the importance of emerging role of pharmacist in society. After then the best presenters of oral and poster presentations of each department were appreciated with prizes. Guests were felicitated by the Chairman of the conference. The program was curtain downed with vote of thanks and concluded with photo session.

World Pharmacist Day celebration at Ikon Pharmacy College, Bidadi

World Pharmacist Day was celebrated at Ikon Pharmacy College, Bidadi. Ikon Pharmacy College is a unit of DKS Charitable Institute, under Ikon Group of Institutions situated in an eco-friendly green campus in Bangalore-Mysore Highway near to Bidadi.

Every year 25th September is celebrated as World Pharmacist Day to promote awareness about the role of Pharmacist in the health care sector. The Pharmacist day was celebrated at Ikon Pharmacy College, Mr Gangadhar V Yavagal, President of Karnataka State Pharmacy Council (KSPC) was the Chief Guest, Mr Sunil Chiplunkar, Vice-President, Juggat Pharma Ltd, was the guest of honour for the function. The programme was presided by Mr. S.Chinnaraj, Secretary Ikon Group of Institutions.

The programme started with welcome dance and speech by the students of Ikon pharmacy college, followed by lamp lighting by the guests. The chief guest of the function insisted about the importance of Pharmacists in the health care sector of the country and the guest of honour highlighted on the need of Pharma graduates in the Pharmaceutical Industries throughout the globe. The Secretary of Ikon Group of Institutions Mr S.Chinnaraj ignited the minds of budding students to focus on research activities apart from their regular academic curriculum.

All the students of D.Pharmacy and B.Pharmacy took Pharmacist Oath after the swearing-in ceremony of office bearers of Student Pharmacist Association (SPA). Mr Samson P George, Deputy Registrar of Karnataka State Pharmacy Council (KSPC) addressed the students about the roles and responsibility of Pharmacists in taking care of the health of the public. The programme ended with vote of thanks delivered by Dr S Rajasekaran, Principal, Ikon Pharmacy College.
Dr. (Prof) Vimalkumar, Associate Dean, GTU & Principal, ITM School of Pharmacy, Vadodara, Resource persons; Mr. Shubhranghsu Chaudhury, AGM, Alembic Pharmaceuticals Ltd., Ms. Jignasa Oza, Vice President, IPA, Vadodara and Dr. Lalji Baladania, Associate Professor, Marwadi University, Rajkot. More than 90 delegates, from academia and industry participated in the seminar and had a fruitful learning.

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One day National Workshop on “Stress Free Health Care Professionals: A Self Care and Wellness Workshop”, sponsored by Association of Pharmaceuticals Teachers of India (APTI) conducted by Geetanjali Institute of Pharmacy, Geetanjali University, Udaipur (GIP). The event brought together around 100 Academicians, Scientists, Doctors, Research Scholars, Dentists, Post-doctoral fellows, Nursing staff, Health care Professionals and PG medical students from different states, all over India.

The workshop was inaugurated with lighting the lamp in the presence of mother Saraswati by the guests Dr. N. K. Sharma, GM at JK Tyres and corporate trainer, Kishore Pujari, CEO, Geetanjali Hospital, Dr. Ramesh Patel, Dr. Ashok Dashora, Dr. Anju Goyal and Dr. Udichi Kataria.

In the welcome address Dr. Ashok Dashora Dean, GIP & convenor of the workshop welcomed all the dignitaries and delegates in one day workshop. He continued his words and talked about his mission towards vision & values. He talked about how Geetanjali University and workshop is creating a platform and resource to explore about the root cause identification of stress and stress management techniques. He thanked Geetanjali University for support in this lifelong learning process.

After the welcome address, the keynote session started with a talk by Dr. Kishore Pujari, CEO, GMCH discussed with that all living creatures experience stress every day. While doing adjustment in environment, our body and mind get stressful. Stress is nothing but the gap between expectations and reality. Several external and internal factors causes stress like family, society and working area etc. We have to play different role everyday in our life. Its not easy to control your mind in everyday life. There are many yoga guru’s who teach you how to control your mind.

Dr. Ramesh Patel, Consultant Cardiologist, GMCH talked that stress is body’s response to physical, chemical and emotional reactions. Long term effects of stress are change in heart rate, increase in blood pressure and increase in cholesterol level. There are two types of personalities type A and B. Most of us are type A which shows excessive anger, aggressiveness and inappropriate competitiveness. Stress increases the risk of heart disease by 10%, Heart attack by 25%. He discussed some ideas for coping with stress by safe eating and drinking, saying no is OK, regular exercise, relax and stop smoking. He shows his way to deal with
stress: enjoy in difficult situations, outing with friends and spent time with family and play with kids.

This was followed by a talk by Dr. Udichi Kataria, organising secretary of workshop & Associate Professor, GIP explained that stress is so much to do in less time with less energy where we can only deal with energy. She talked about how to manage our energy with good food, sleep, breathing exercise and a happy mind which we can do with mind management.

Dr. N. K. Sharma started with how man and women deal with stress in daily life. He said women go through more tress in day to day life in male dominating society but male are more in stress because women are more stable. He talked about emotional health which is balance between your work and your health and how you keep disturb emotion with you as baggage which disturbs yourself. He also talked about quality professionals, quality work and Intellectual wellness.

The post scientific session of the workshop was followed by yoga session by a Master Trainer i.e. Dr. Guneet Monga Bhargava, Head of Department, Faculty of Yoga, Pacific University, Udaipur.

The workshop was concluded by Dr. Anju Goyal, Professor, BNIPS, Udaipur and Co-ordinator, APTI, Women Forum, Rajasthan Branch with vote of thanks.

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Himachal Institute of Pharmacy, Paonta Sahib celebrated World Pharmacists Day 2018. The theme of this year on World Pharmacists Day is "Pharmacist: Your Medicine Expert". The main purpose of the celebrations of Pharmacist Day is to highlight/ project the image and role of the pharmacist in Healthcare System among the public and budding Pharmacists. With this aim, World Pharmacist Day was celebrated in the college. In the celebrations various activities and events were organized by staff and students of the college to motivate the pharmacy professionals as well as public about the theme.

The program was inaugurated by Mr Rakesh Kumar, DGM Production, Sun Pharma, Dr Gaurav Gupta, Director, Mr Sunder Thakur Executive Director along with Dr Naveen Goyal, Principal. The chief guest of the function emphasized on the role of Pharmacist in public health. He delivered a talk and encouraged the students of Pharmacy for their role in responsible use medicines. Dr Naveen Goyal, Principal motivated the students for active participation in learning and spreading the knowledge among the society. Dr Ujjwal Nautiyal, Vice principal and staff members and students of college were present during the occasion.

In a series of activities, A Quiz Competition-2018 was conducted for the B. Pharmacy and M. Pharmacy students. The response was overwhelming for the competition. Dr. Naveen Goyal, Principal emphasized on conceptual understanding and alertness of the students in answering the questions in his speech. Apart from appreciating the correct answers, the Quiz Master explained the context and significance of each question. The completion was on powerpoint where quiz master exploited the modern technology to make quiz interesting. The first prize was won by Team A (Riya, Chunna, Neelesh, Hardeep, Randeep).

Rangoli, also known as Kolam, is a folk art from India. Rangoli are decorative designs made on courtyard floors that typically consisting of bright colors. The purpose of Rangoli is decoration and it is thought to bring good luck. A rangoli competition for the students was also organized at the campus during Pharmacists Day. Five teams of six students from different batches participated in the competition. The rangoli was judged for Layout, Colour Combination, Theme and overall presentation. Three judges judged separately and awarded marks to each rangoli. The judges appreciated the participants and organizers of competition for their sincere efforts. Finally, team of B. Pharmacy 1st yr won the competition.

A Painting competition on theme "Pharmacists: Your Medicines Expert" was organized at Campus with a view to improve the students' oratory
and imaginative skills. Fifteen students participated in the competition. The Painting was judged for Colour Combination, Theme and presentation. Three judges judged separately and awarded marks to each painting. The judges appreciated the participants of competition for their creativity. Finally, Mr Aashish of B. Pharmacy 1st yr won the competition.

Model making competition for the students was also organized at the campus. Ten teams of four students participated in the competition. The Models were judged for creativity, theme and overall presentation. Judges appreciated the participants and organizers of competition for their sincere efforts. Team of students (Bibdolma, Chunna, Shehwaz) won the competition.

The Valedictory function was presided by Dr Gaurav Gupta, in his valedictory address, he exhorted the students to continue to evince the same enthusiasm in learning in their studies and become experts in their field. The feedback by the student participants was very positive and encouraging. Dr. Naveen Goyal, Principal proposed a vote of thanks.

On the eve of World Pharmacist’s Day, 25th September 2018, NSS unit of Rajiv Memorial Education Society’s College of Pharmacy Gulbarga has organized Health Awareness Camp at Khandal Village of Gulbarga District. The programme was inaugurated by Chief Guest Smt. Lalitabai Dhenunaik, President Gram Panchayat Khandal and Dr. Kishore Singh Chatrapati, President Rajiv Memorial Education Society Gulbarga. On this occasion Dr Ashok Malpani, Principal of the Institution has addressed the gathering by welcome speech and a key note address on the theme Pharmacists: Your Medicines Experts to the public of the village followed by a talk on Dengue awareness programme was made by Mr. Hanmanth kallur, Asst. Professor of the institution. There after the staff and students made door to door campaign on safe use of medicines and dengue awareness. The programme was concluded with vote of thanks for inaugural function. Then plantation of trees by staff and students were made at the new campus of RMES College of Pharmacy, Khandal Camp followed by leadership outbond training programme to staff and students by Sri. Vijay Singh Thakur and Group V2 Skill Development Kalaburagi

One day Seminar was organized at ISF College of Pharmacy on 25th September on the occasion of World’s Pharmacist Day. Seminar was inaugurated by Chief Guest Mr. Rajesh S. Vagh, Founder and Chairman, Pharma Tutor, Guest of honor Dr. Satish Kaura, MD, Senior Surgeon, Kaura Nursing Home, Moga, Dr. Amit Jain, Associate Professor, Guru Gobind Singh Medical College & Hospital & Research Centre, Baba Farid University of Health Sciences, Faridkot, Dr. V.K. Jain, Senior Manager and Head (IPR), National Research Development Corporation, New Delhi along with Er. Janesh Garg, Secretary, ISFCP, Dr. G.D. Gupta, Director-cum-Principal, Dr. R.K. Narang, Vice-Principal and Mr. Sourabh Kosey, Co-ordinator of seminar by enlightening the ceremonial lamp. A warm floral welcome was given to all guests by Er. Janesh Garg, Secretary, ISFCP. Dr. G.D. Gupta has given a welcome speech and gave briefing about the event. He told this seminar is based on theme "Pharmacists: Your medicines experts". World’s Pharmacists Day is being celebrated every year on 25th September and its theme is decided by International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP). Chief Guest of the seminar Mr. Rajesh S. Vagh has given his key note
address on the topic "Artificial Intelligence". He emphasised on sparking field "Artificial Intelligence" in Pharmaceutical Sciences. Budding pharmacist may take this opportunity and may opt this as their career. Dr. Amit Jain has delivered a technical lecture on "Recent Trends in Post Marketing Surveillance" and he stated that prominence of Post Marketing Surveillance is as equivalent as the field of Pharmacovigilance. This particular area has abundant job opportunities for the pharmacy students. Dr. Satish Kaura, another eminent speaker of the seminar has appreciated the pharmacy profession in his lecture. He also said that the pharmacy profession has a significant role in today's healthcare system. Dr. V.K. Jain has delivered a lecture on "Indian Patent System". He has given vast information on patents and he guided the process and sequence of filling a patent. Along with it, he has also given very useful tips to enhance research and development in any organisation through research and patents. Chairman of the institute Shri Parveen Garg has felicitated all the guests by giving them mementos. Chief Guest of the seminar, Mr. Rajesh S. Vagh, Founder and Chairman, PharmaTutor has declared MoU with the ISF College of Pharmacy, which would be very useful in placements of college students. This MoU will be beneficial for the students as information regarding new research and techniques would be easily accessible for them. At the end, co-ordinator of the event, Mr. Sourabh Kosey, has proposed a vote of thanks. The event was well organized by stage co-ordinators Mrs. Daisy Arora, Associate Professor and Ms. Meenakshi Gupta, Assistant Professor.

As a part of Silver jubilee celebrations of N.E.T. Pharmacy College Raichur, Karnataka, the Department of Pharmacy practice organized
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Theme: Innovative Teaching & Learning Strategies in Pharmacy - Requirements & Barriers

Branch: APTI, Rajasthan State Branch

Venue: Swami Keshvanand Institute Of Pharmacy, Jaipur

23rd APTICON Bulletin
The 23rd Annual National Convention of APTI took place at Swami Keshwanand Institute of Pharmacy, Jaipur on 5th & 6th October 2018.

This Convention was organized by APTI Rajasthan State Branch under the Leadership of Mr. Ajay Phatak, LOC Chairman and Dr. Rajesh Asija, Convener.

In March 2018 at Noida, it was declared that the next 23rd Annual National convention of APTI will be held at Jaipur. From that day, the team Rajasthan started working to make the event grand success. The Convention was organized in Rajasthan third time after the interval of 9 years.

In this Convention, more than 1400 delegates registered from across the country. More than 400 abstracts received out of this 300 has been selected for poster presentation and 33 for Oral Presentation. The EC meeting of APTI was held on 04.10.2018 at Hotel The Grand Uniara, Jaipur.

On Inauguration ceremony following distinguished guest were present:

Chief Patron Dr. P. C. Dandiya, Dr. B. Suresh (Chief Guest), Dr. Shailendra Saraf, Dr. R.K. Goyal, Mr. Naveen Jain, Mr. Suraj Ram Meel,

Welcome addressed by

Mr. Ajay Phatak, LOC Chairman and Dr. Rajesh Asija, Convener.

President APTI Prof. P.D. Chaudhary addressed the audience and announced the insurance scheme for the teachers. Prof. Raman Dang, Secretary APTI presented the Secretarial Report and highlighted the enormous job done by APTI. APTI Journals, IJPER, IJOPP and APTI Bulletin, Women’s Forum News Letter and Award Book 2018 were released by the Chief Guest and all the dignitaries on the dais.

After the Inauguration the much awaited glittering awards ceremony was organized by central APTI.

Dr. B. Suresh delivered the Convention theme Lecture.

The Audi atmosphere was energetic and enthusiastic during the APTI award ceremony. The awardees were jubilant and happy in recognition on their achievements.

Dr. Mahesh Burande presented the well made Audio-Visual of the Awardees.

Prof. Hemlata Dullar, Co-convenor, gave the vote of thanks.

In post Lunch Session Pharma Expo and Haat Bazar was inaugurated by Dr. Shailendra Saraf and Dr. P.D. Chaudhary.

After the Lunch there were three Oration Lectures

1. Dr. O.P. Katare,
2. Dr. Naveen Seth
3. Dr. R.K. Goyal

After the scientific session APTI Women forum panel discussion was held on.

In the evening cultural night of Rupali Jajja (Singer) was organized in Gyan Mandir Auditorium. The music and social gathering made everyone dancing and cheering then cultural night followed by traditional Rajasthani dinner.

On second day, Morning session started with Poster presentation, Oral Presentation, Slogan writing and Elocution competition followed by three more scientific session by:

1. Dr. Madhusudan Saraf,
2. Dr. M. D. Burande
3. Dr. D. P. Pathak.

After the Lunch APTI General Body Meeting was conducted. Soon after valedictory function started, the function was chaired by chief guest Prof. S.C. Pant and Guest of Honour Mr. R.S. Thakur and all the winners of various events and LOC Members were felicitated. Dr. Rahul Kumar Garg, Organizing Secretary briefly presented the two days report and Dr. Jayesh Dwivedi, Organizing Secretary gave the vote of thanks.
Dr. Sushma Talegaonkar
Dr. L.V.G Nagendra of Nagendra Research Foundation,Bengaluru
Prof. C.S. Shashik Ant Award - 2018 for Research in Pharmaceutical Sciences

Dr. Y. Madhusudan Rao
Sri Nageshwar Rao Life Time Achievement Award - 2018

Dr. Manjunath Ghate
IFER’s Principal of the Year Award - 2018

Dr. Mukesh Nandere
APTI Young Pharmacy Teacher of the Year Award - 2018

Dr. Prof. Renuka Nagendra
Bharati Vidyapeeth (Deemed University) Pharmacy College, Pune
Pharmacy Teacher of the Year - 2018

Prof.Om Prakash Kutre
Dr. (Mrs) Meenawar Pal Memorial Award for the
Best Pharmaceutical Scientist - 2018

Dr. Remesh J. Dias
PC, Karu Memorial Award 2018 for Principal/Teacher of the Year in
Diploma Pharmacy

Dr. Priy Mehta
APTI Woman of the Year - 2018

Dr. M.D Burande
Contribution to APTI

Odisha State Branch
Best State Branch

Rajasthan Branch
Best State Branch
two days National Workshop on “Current Perspectives on Pharmacovigilance & Hemovigilance” based on the theme “Medication use without harm for enhanced patient care” from 28-29th September 2018 at Dr. S R. Hegde Silver Jubilee auditorium, in association with Southern Regional Training Center, PvPI, JSS Medical College & Hospital, Mysuru. The workshop was partly sponsored by Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences, Karnataka.

Around 230 delegates including staff, interns and students from Pharmacy and Medical faculty of different colleges from within and outside Karnataka attended this workshop, which included nine scientific sessions by eminent resource persons and e-poster presentations by delegates. It was arranged to bring the people working in the health care system on one platform and bring the necessary improvement in the treatment and help the patients.

The formal customary inauguration of the national workshop was carried out on 28th September by the dignitaries on the dais by lighting the lamp. Dr. T. Srinivas, Registrar, Navodaya Education Trust, Raichur speaking on the occasion as a chief guest stressed, the need of arranging such national level workshop to know recent developments and global scenario about Pharmacovigilance and Hemovigilance. He also appreciated the theme of this national workshop and informed the delegates that the enhanced patient care by using proper medicines without harm is top priority in the present-day practice of treating the patients with different diseases. He admired the good response from the institutions of different states for showing the interest and participating in the workshop to upgrade the existing knowledge and learn the developing trends in the health care system. Dr. H. Doddayya, Principal, N.E.T. Pharmacy College, Raichur in his presidential remarks highlighted the points related to Pharmacovigilance & Hemovigilance, he briefed the gathering the names of the institutions of different states who have deputed their students & staff to attend such an important workshop. He also told the detailed protocol of this two days’ workshop.

After the formal function, the series of scientific sessions were arranged by eminent resource persons from JSS College of Pharmacy, Mysuru. The scientific session began with lecture by Dr. M. Ramesh, Professor & Head, Dept. of Pharmacy Practice, JSS College of Pharmacy, Mysuru and Deputy Co-ordinator, Southern Regional Training centre - PvPI on “Pharmacovigilance – Global & National perspective”. During which, he stressed upon the history and development of Pharmacovigilance and also the statistics of Adverse drug reaction reporting among different countries of the world. In second session, he also spoke on the topic “Causality assessment of ADR’s”, in which he highlighted upon the need, importance and different approaches of causality assessment.

The resource persons, Mrs. Juny Sebastian & Mr. Krishna Undela from Dept. of Pharmacy Practice, JSS College of Pharmacy, Mysuru delivered lectures on “Detection, Reporting, Management & Monitoring of ADR’s” and “Different Pharmacovigilance methods”. All the resource persons together conducted hands on session on causality assessment of ADR’s by discussing two patient cases.

At the end of the day, the e-poster presentation of scientific papers was arranged in Central library. Around 17 scientific papers were presented electronically by the delegates from different institutions. The e-poster presentation attracted the big crowd and has become special event of this workshop.

On day two, the scientific session began with lecture by Mr. Krishna Undela on “Signal Detection in Pharmacovigilance”, followed by scientific session on “Medication error reporting systems to strengthen patient safety” by another resource person, Dr. Kanthi DA, Associate Medical Safety Director, IQVIA (formerly Quintiles), Bengaluru. The scientific sessions were highly interactive with lively discussion of different types of Medication errors encountered in medical practice. After the tea break, there were two scientific sessions on “Hemovigilance programme
of India" by Mrs. Juny Sebastian and "Establishing an ADR monitoring center in a Hospital" by Dr. M. Ramesh.

The valedictory function was arranged after lunch break. Dr. B. Vijaya Chandra, Principal, Navodaya Medical College, Raichur was the chief guest. The chief guest addressing the delegates appreciated the organisers for arranging this wonderful event. He highlighted that in the present days of advanced medical treatment it is much essential to know and give importance to ADR’s as it is directly connected with the life of the patient. He told that delegates must be serious about bringing this into practice they should also study to improve the existing drawbacks and work hard for improving present system. Dr. H. Doddadaya in his presidential remarks briefed the gathering the purpose of arranging this workshop and excellent arrangements made for the event. He advised the delegates to make use of the deliberations of this workshop. He stressed that the health care team should come together to think seriously about the reporting the ADR’s and proper implementation of it during the treatment.

The convenor of this workshop, Dr. Shiv Kumar, Professor & Head, Dept. of Pharmacy Practice, N.E.T. Pharmacy College, Raichur in his concluding remarks explained the way the arrangements were made for this mega event and also proposed gratitude to all the persons who worked hard for the smooth conduct and success of the workshop. The winners of e-poster presentation were honoured with prizes and certificates. All the delegates appreciated the efforts made by the organising institute and also the lectures presentations by resource persons in their feedback. Finally the program ended with national anthem and group photo session.

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Pharmacist day was celebrated at Royal College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, Berhampur on 25th September 2018, with the theme "Pharmacists: Your medicines experts". At the outset Dr. Madhusmriti Khandai, Assoc. Professor invited the dignitaries to the dais and Prof. A. K. Mahapatra introduced the guests to the gathering.

The meeting was presided over by Prof. (Dr.) P. N. Murthy, Director cum Principal of the college. Dignitaries on the dais included Dr. Nilamadhab Dash, DDC, Southen Zone, Odisha as Chief Guest. T. Prakasa Rao, President, Royal Educational and Research Society, Berhampur as Guest of Honour, Prof. S. K. Panda, Vice principal and Prof. U. S. Mishra, Head of PA & QA Department.

Prof. P. N. Murthy briefed on the theme by his elaborate explanations on the role of pharmacist as a drug expert. He explained on different pharmaceutical formulations and about their proper use to get the desired effects. He strongly advised the students to be good human beings with humanitarian values. Dr. T. Prakasa Rao, informed the role of pharmacist in patient care and as a counsellor in health care system. Dr. Nilamadhab Dash spoke on the scope and responsibilities of pharmacists in the hospital and industry. Prof. S.K Panda explained the importance of pharmacists and human values in health care system. Prof U. S. Mishra emphasized the role and responsibilities of a pharmacist in the manufacturing process of formulations. Some faculty members and students also spoke on the occasion.

President’s closing remarks followed a vote of thanks proposed by Dr. P. K. Choudhury, assoc. Professor of the college. Prof. Iswori Prasad Padhy, Mr. Rakesh Ranjan Pradhan, Asst. Professor and Mr. Santosh Patnaik, Asst Professor and other staff members monitored the arrangements for the celebration.

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Students of G. Pulla Reddy College of Pharmacy celebrated Teachers Day on 5th September-2018 in the college. On this occasion, the students paid their respects to the teachers and expressed gratitude for their valuable teaching not only in subjects but also in various aspects of life skills, morals and ethics. Principal Dr. B. Madhava Reddy addressed the students and briefed about the achievements and greatness of
Dr. Sarvepally Radhakrishnan. He said the achievements and success of the students will give a great satisfaction to the teachers. All the other teachers wished the students to do well in their studies. In this program all the students of B.Pharm, Pharm.D and M.Pharm participated.

Commemorating the birth anniversary of former President Dr. Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan, students from Sinhgad College of Pharmacy expressed their love and gratitude towards their teachers by enthusiastically celebrating Teachers’ Day on 5th September 2018. The occasion was inaugurated at the hands of Principal Dr. K. N. Gujar, Heads of Departments and NSS Program Officer. Students expressed their feelings towards the college and teachers. The program concluded with vote of thanks given by student representative.

World pharmacists day was celebrated in Vignan Pharmacy College on 25th September, 2018 on a theme “Pharmacists: Your Medicines Experts”. As a part of celebration a series of activities-essay writing, cartoon contest and elocution competitions were organized to B. Pharmacy & Pharm D students. Our Principal Dr. P. Srinivasa Babu presided over the function. Mr. Sateesh S Gottipati, Dean of Academics, Dr. P. Ravisankar, Professor have also honoured the function through their ever motivating speech. Mrs. P. Sowjanya coordinated this event with her team. The celebration included oath taking ceremony by faculty and budding pharmacists, skit on value of pharmacist was also enacted by our students. Principal in his brief motivational speech mentioned the scope, role and responsibilities of pharmacists in a clinical practice and also said that Pharmacists should ensure that the right medicine is provided at the right dose and in the most suitable formulation. Vignan group of institutions Chairman Dr. Lavu Rathaiah, Vice-Chairman, Sri. Lavu Srikrishnadevarayulu conveyed their regards to the faculty and students on this most awaited occasion.

Around 350 delegates registered for the seminar and 141 posters presented in scientific session.

The program was inaugurated by the Chief Guest Prof. Dr. Chandrakant Kokate, Former Vice Chancellor, KU and KLE Universities and former President, Pharmacy Council of India, Dr. B. Prabha Shankar, President, Mr. Ram Prasad Reddy, Secretary, IPA, Telangana State Branch and Guests of Honour Dr. B. Prabhakar, Prof of Gastroenterology, Retired Principal, Osmania Medical College, Dr. Ram Kishan, Deputy Director, CDSCO, New Delhi and Dr. K. Satyanarayana, Vice President, R&D, NATCO Research Centre, Hyderabad addressed the gathering on the importance of pharmacist in the society.

Dr. B. Madhava Reddy, Principal, G. Pulla Reddy College of Pharmacy, briefed the delegates about the theme and objectives of the seminar. After inauguration Dr. K Satyanarayana delivered a lecture on "Innovations in Drug Discovery" and enlightened the students with practical examples in pharmaceutical field.

On the occasion of "World pharmacists day" the eminent pharmacist Mr. G. Madhubabu, Care Hospital, Hyderabad was honored by chief guest and Dr. B. Madhava Reddy, Principal, G. Pulla Reddy College of Pharmacy in recognition of his services to the society.

Students from 22 various colleges presented more than 140 posters in various fields of pharmacy. The presentations were evaluated by senior academicians and selected the best posters for the award.

In the valedictory program in the evening Dr. Prabha Shankar, Dr. Ram Prasad Reddy and the Principal distributed the certificates and mementos to the best poster awardees.

Faculty of Pharmacy, Sri Ramachandra Institute of Higher Education and Research (Deemed to be University), SRIHER conducted World Pharmacists Day Celebrations on 24th and 25 September, 2018 in the campus. The celebrations started with Elocution competition in English and Tamil on the theme Pharmacists : Your Medicines experts" and a slogan competition on the theme. On 25/9/2018, Poster competitions, competition on role plays and skits were held on the theme, competition on Best out of waste were conducted and the participation included the Pharmacy students, the teaching and non-teaching faculty of Faculty of Pharmacy, and the hospital pharmacists of Sri Ramachandra Medical Center and Hospital. The celebrations and prize distributions started with a welcome address by Dr. D. Chamundeeswari, Principal, Faculty of Pharmacy, SRIHER (DU), Dr. P. V. Vijayaraghavan, Vice-Chancellor, SRIHER (DU), released the Annual report of Faculty of Pharmacy for the academic year 2017-2018 and delivered the felicitation address. Dr. K. Balaji Singh, Dean of students, SRIHER(DU), delivered the Presidential address. Dr. S. P. Thyagarajan, Professor of Eminence & Dean (Research), SRIHER(DU), delivered the Keynote address. Mr. Thiruvengadam Rajagopal, Managing Director, Tablets (India) Ltd., Chennai was the Chief Guest of the Program. He delivered the inaugural address and distributed cash prizes for the winners of the competitions. Dr. S. Umamaheswari, Professor of Pharmacology, Faculty of Pharmacy, SRIHER(DU), proposed the vote of thanks. Around 300 students, pharmacists and faculty members participated.

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Across the AP, the Government has introduced the AP Prathibha Awards. Six (6) students of Annamacharya College of Pharmacy bagged “Prathibha Awards” for outstanding performance meritorious students by Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University (JNTUA), Ananthapuramu. Two (02) Bachelor of Pharmacy (B. Pharm) students named, D. Reshma and K. Renuka Devi and four (04) Master of Pharmacy (M. Pharm) students named, S. Sucharitha, Department of Pharmacology, M. Chandana Priya, Department of Pharmaceutics, C.
Surya Savarny, Department of Pharmaceutical Chemistry and A. Sumithramma, Department of Pharmaceutical Analysis and Quality Assurance were announced for this Meritorious Award for the year 2018. For this track record Achievement each student will receive a Gold Medal, Laptop, Felicitation Certificate and a sum of Rs. 20,000/- from Nara Chandra Babu Naidu, Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh.

The students expressed their gratitude for providing necessary amenities, sophisticated laboratory, advanced digital library, conducting guest lectures periodically form both academic and industrial resource person, exposure of updated knowledge and perception in Pharmacy field by guiding to appear various national and international conferences, seminars and workshops with expertise faculty members and for conducive atmosphere in college with installing and imparting quality and discipline in their education program to meet out the standards in Pharmaceutical Industry in and around India.

Principal, Dr. Dugasani Swarnalatha, Dr. Peram Dwarakanadh Reddy and all Head of the departments are appreciated the students with zeal and also instructed the students to pioneer their career in a sweetened path by taking this award an inspiration for further challenges.

The Secretary, Sri. C. Gangi Reddy, Treasurer, Executive director, Sri. C. Abhishek Reddy, Vice-chairman, Sri. C. Yella Reddy, Chairman, Dr C Ramachandra Reddy said the students studying NBA and NAAC-A, UGC 2(f) & 12 (B) accredited institution like Annamacharya College of Pharmacy can be assured that they will receive a quality education and they would become a very good citizen with good morals.

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Association of Pharmacy Professionals (APP) Ethiopian International Branch and Andhra Pradesh State Branch organized 13th Indo-African Conference on ‘Advances in Pharmaceutical Sciences and Technology’ on 7th September, 2018 at Vijaya Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences for Women, Enkepadu, Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh on the occasion of ‘Paryushan Parva’. The scientific event was witnessed by Sri B. S. Appa Rao, Chairman, SRK Foundation, Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh as ‘Chief Patron’, Dr. K. Padmalatha, Principal, Vijaya Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences for Women, Vijayawada and Dr. Sunita Dahiya, General Secretary APP from Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, School of Pharmacy, University of Puerto Rico, San Juan, PR, USA as ‘Conveners’, Dr. Suresh V. Chennupati, Vice President, APP Ethiopian International Branch from Wollega University, Ethiopia as ‘Coconveners’, Dr. Subas Chandra Dinda, President, APP Ethiopian International Branch from Mekelle University, Ethiopia and Dr. Sudhakar Sagaram from Wollega University, Ethiopia as ‘Guests of Honor’. Further, Dr. Rajiv Dahiya, Founder President APP and Director, School of Pharmacy, Faculty of Medical Sciences, The University of the West Indies, St. Augustine, Trinidad & Tobago acted as ‘Scientific Committee Chairman’ in absentia.

Inauguration started with ‘Prayer’ followed by welcome of all the guests on the dias with bouquet of flowers. Scientific session was initiated with lecture of Dr. Subas Chandra Dinda, Professor, Department of Pharmaceutics, School of Pharmacy, College of Health Sciences, Mekelle University, Mekelle, Ethiopia who addressed the gathering on ‘Nanotheranostics and Its Toxicity Concerns in Drug Targeting’. Another lecture was delivered by Dr. Sudhakar Sagaram, Associate Professor, Department of Pharmacy, College of Medical and Health Sciences, Wollega University, Ethiopia on the topic ‘Indian Pharmaceutical Industry and Its Potential in Term of Opportunities and the Challenges of Data Management’. Session was terminated with lecture of Dr. A. Lakshman Rao, Principal & Professor, V.V. Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Gudlavalleru on the topic ‘Natural Product Based Research: A Promising Outcome’.

During the valedictory function, Chairman, SRK Foundations, Vijayawada and Principal, Vijaya Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences for Women, Vijayawada were conferred with ‘APP Appreciation Awards’ by Dr. Suresh V. Chennupati, Vice President, APP Ethiopian International Branch. At the end, Prof. A. Lakshman Rao, Principal, V.V. Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Gudlavalleru was honored with ‘APP Principal of the Year Award’ for his overall outstanding performance in administration, academic and research activities by Prof. S.C. Dinda, President, APP Ethiopian International Branch and Ms. Veeramachineni Padma Sri, B. Pharm. student of Vijaya Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences for Women was conferred with ‘Best Student Award 2018’ by Dr. S. Sagaram from Wollega University, Ethiopia. Programme ended with vote of thanks by Dr. S. Sundar, Associate Professor from the hosting institute.

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Geetanjali Institute of Pharmacy (GIP), Geetanjali University, Udaipur has celebrated the World Pharmacists Day on 25th September, 2018. This year’s theme is “Pharmacists: Your medicines experts”. GIP organized various events like literary competition (Pharma Quiz, Essay writing and Debate), cultural (Song/Dance competition, Drama), blood
The programme started with invocation and welcome speech by Dr. Ashok Dashora, Dean, Geetanjali Institute of Pharmacy. He highlighted the importance of continuing education for updating the skills, competence & knowledge. He briefed the gathering about the role of Pharmacists in the Health Care System. He stated that the mission of the pharmacy profession is to render services to the humanity. The public places great trust in the knowledge, skill and professional judgment of the pharmacist and therefore the pharmacist needs to ensure high standards of professional conduct, up to-date knowledge and professional competence. Since the Pharmaceutical sector in India is witnessing tremendous growth, issues of quality and effectiveness need to be urgently addressed.

He mentioned that whenever and wherever “Medicine” is discussed, whether in distribution and retailing of medicines in community or hospital pharmacy, manufacturing, quality, R&D, regulatory, academia etc. the pharmacists should be there. He emphasized the role of pharmacists in quality and rational use of medicines by way of patient counseling. He encouraged and motivated the students to identify the new opportunities and challenges for pharmacy practice in a changing health sector context.

Dr. Dashora also emphasized that the pharmacist shall address the needs of the society and individual patient. Pharmacists can make a vital contribution to the patient care by counseling, providing drug information to doctors, nurses, monitoring drug therapy etc.

The Pharmacist cares to patient's oriented activities were organized on view of World Pharmacist Day from 24th September, 2018. The students participated in Quiz competition and in Quiz competition 1st & 2nd position received by Miss. Charul Agarwal & team and Mr. Deepak Khandelwal & team of Pharm D II year & B. Pharm IV Year respectively and 3rd Position received by Mr. Geet Godawat & Team of B. Pharm III SEM. Furthermore, In Debate competition 1st position received by Ms. Charul Agarwal of Pharm D-II year in Favor of the topic and in against of the topic by Ms. Vimala Choudhary of B. Pharm 3rd year. In addition, solo & group song competition the 1st position received by Ms. Tanuja Chouhan in solo of D. Pharmacy 2nd year and in group Kimi & team of Pharm D-II year, whereas the 2nd position received by Ms. Pooja Padmawat in solo of B. Pharm 3rd year and in group Mamta & team of D. Pharm 2nd year.

On 25th Sep, Geetanjali Institute of Pharmacy has also organized a rally and blood donation camp at blood bank of Geetanjali Medical College and Campus, Udaipur. More than 50 students and staff donated the blood during this camp. All competitions were based on Pharmacist care towards patients.

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An explorative and informative 3 days Continuing Education Programme for pharmacy teachers sponsored by Pharmacy Council of India was conducted in the campus of Royal College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, Berhampur from 7th to 9th September 2018. The programme was smoothly conducted under the supervision of Prof. P. N. Murthy, Convener and Prof. Susanta Kumar Panda, Organizing Secretary of the programme. The inaugural session was presided over by Prof. P. N. Murthy, Convener and the Chief Guest Prof. C. K. Kokate delivered a motivational talk which encouraged all the teachers to perform well.
Eminent persons from the field of Pharmacy like Prof. M. Vimala Devi, Dr. M. Venkata Reddy, Prof. S. Satyanarayana, Prof. P. N. Murthy, Prof. KPR Chowdary, Prof. V. Malla Reddy, Prof. Y. Madhusudan Rao, Prof. Jagannath Sahoo, Dr. Sudarsan Biswal, Prof. S.K. Sahoo, Prof. K.V. Ramana Murthy, Prof. J. Vijaya Ratna and Dr. T. Prakasa Rao addressed the gathering of teachers and updated them on the recent advances in various aspects of the profession. They also highlighted on the teaching methodologies and strategies to enhance the quality of teaching. Practical demonstrations were also arranged on the instruments like LUMiReader and DSC. All the resource persons emphasized on the adaptation of new strategies to deliver quality teaching to produce graduates who can work more efficiently through the knowledge provided to them. Delegates present during the programme were happy over the training programme and expressed their appreciation and gratitude to Pharmacy Council of India for sponsoring the programme and Royal College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences for organizing the programme effectively.

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All the faculty members and students of Department of Pharmacy, Moti Lal Nehru Medical College Allahabad (U.P.), had celebrated “World Pharmacists Day” on 25th Sept. 2018 based on theme “Pharmacists: Your Medicines Experts” with great enthusiasm and vigor.

Prof. (Dr.) Alok Mukherjee, Principal, United College of Pharmacy, Naini, Allahabad was present as chief guest and Dr. Himanshu Pandey, Associate Professor from Sam Higginbottom University of Agriculture, Technology and Sciences, Allahabad was present as guest of honour. All the faculty members including Prof. (Dr.) Ashutosh, Dr. Rajesh Shukla, Dr. D. R. Patel, Dr. Man Singh, Dr. Alka Verma, Dr. Sarita

Kumari Yadav, Dr. Rahul Deo Yadav and Dr. Ratan Lal Vishvakarma of the Department were present in the event.

Prof. (Dr.) Ashutosh was the chairman and Dr. Man Singh was the convener of the event. Dr. S. P. Singh, Principal, Moti Lal Nehru Medical College Allahabad was the Patron of the event. All the guests and dignitaries provided deep insight into the pharmacy profession and motivated students.

The event organized in two categories as scientific and cultural events. Scientific category included posters, models and speech, while cultural programmes included songs and dance by students. Winners were awarded with the medals and mementos. All the dignitaries were presented with memento as a token of remembrance. This short and effective celebration of Pharmacist Day created awareness among student’s participants about the importance of pharmacist in healthcare system.

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The Indian Pharmaceutical Association (IPA) Anantapuramu Local Branch, celebrated the World Pharmacists Day 2018 (Pharmacists are your medicines experts) in collaboration with Three Pharmacy Institutions of the region; Raghavendra Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research (RIPER); University College of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Sri Krishnadevaraya University; and College of Pharmaceutical Science; Oil Technological Pharmaceutical Research Institute, JNT University Anantapur, in association with Chemists and Druggists Association of Anantapur District.
The celebrations started with a rally in Anantapur Town, with the core message of this year World Pharmacists Day "Pharmacists are your medicines experts" as announced by the International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP), in which students, faculty members, community and hospital pharmacists of the region participated actively.

In IPA Anantapuramu Branch office, at Raghavendra Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research (RIPER), WPD was celebrated through lectures and talks by eminent professionals, teachers and practitioners of pharmacy fraternity towards budding pharmacists regarding the significance of pharmacist’s services in healthcare team as member and a care giver of public.

The distinguished persons who address the gathering were Dr. Y. Padmanabha Reddy (Immediate past president–IPA Anantapuramu Branch/Prof & Principal-RIPER), Prof. Chakka Gopinath (Principal-OTPRI, JNT University Anantapur), Dr. P. Ramalingam (President – IPA Anantapuramu Branch), Dr. KVSN Gupta (Deputy Director, Drugs Control Administration, Govt of Andhra Pradesh), Sri B. Suresh Krishna (Assistant Director, Drugs Control Administration, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh) and University Nominees Prof. Dr. K. Sudhakar Babu (Registrar-Sri Krishnadevaraya University) and Prof. Dr. K. Prahalada Rao (Rector-JNT University Anantapur), and Sri Ranga Reddy (Nominee from Anantapuramu Chemists and Druggists Association).

The Chemists and Druggists Association Anantapuramu, honoured the excellent and outstanding performance and contributions of pharmacy professionals in the area of teaching and practice, of the region by conferring certificate of merit and memento.

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Indian Pharmaceutical Association, local branch, Belagavi, in association with KLE College of Pharmacy, Belagavi celebrated "World Pharmacist Day -2018" with the theme of "Pharmacist your Medicines Experts". During the celebration all the pharmacies in KLE’s Dr. Pabhakar Kore hospital campus and Pradhanamanti Janaushadi Kendra of Pharmacy College were decorated and drug information pamphlets were distributed to patients by pharmacy students. The information brochures provided by the Indian Pharmaceutical Association (IPA)

On this occasion formal function was organised and was inaugurated by Mr. Deepak Gaikwad, Deputy Drugs Controller, Belagavi division. Prof. Kirankumar Hullatti, President IPA local branch has welcomed the gathering and briefed about the various awareness programs, competition for the students and other activities conducted by the local branch during 2017-18. Dr. M.S. Ganachari, Deputy Registrar, KAHER, Belagavi in his speech highlighted the importance of Pharmacist Day celebration and responsibilities of pharmacy students towards community. The chief guest of the function Mr. Deepak Gaikwad addressed the students and pharmacists with respect to “Ethics and Responsibilities of Community Pharmacist”. Dr. B.M. Patil, Principal, KLE College of Pharmacy, Belagavi in his presidential remarks directed the students to be responsible future pharmacists. At the end of the event Pharmacist oath was administered.

The function was attended by All the three Assistant Drugs Controller, Mr. Rajashekar Mali, Mr. Raghuram N.V and Ms. Sanofar Jan of Drugs Controller Department, Belagavi. Office bearers of IPA Local branch Dr. S.G. Alegaon (Vice President), Dr. V.S. Mannur (Secretary), Mr. U.B. bolmal (Tresurer) and all the staff members of KLE College of Pharmacy were present at the function. The chief guest Mr. N.G. Kulkarni and other members of Chemists and Druggists Association, Belagavi were also present at the function. The program was witnessed by more than 300 students and student forum members of KLE College of Pharmacy, Belagavi.

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APTI Members are invited to contribute for the collectors Album and the Continuing Education sections of the APTI Bulletin. Kindly send your write ups and the collection to be shared by all the Members at aptienquiry@gmail.com, or dangraman2000@yahoo.co.in.
Mr. Hemant Badwaik, Research Scholar, Shri Rawatpura Sarkar Institute of Pharmacy (SRIP), Kumhari, Research Centre affiliated to Chhattisgarh Swami Vivekananda Technical University, Bhilai has been awarded Ph.D. on title "Structural modification of natural polysaccharide for drug delivery" under the supervision of Prof. D. K. Tripathi. Dr. J.K. Upadhyay, Vice Chairman, SRGOI, Raipur, Mr. M.L. Mishra, Executive Director, SRGOI, Raipur, Mr. M.K. Shrivastava, Director SRGOI, Kumhari and Dr. Chanchal Deep Kaur Professor and Principal congratulated him and said that he is the first Research Scholar of SRIP, Kumhari Research Center and we all wish him good luck for his future endeavors.

According to Hemant, has developed the technique by which drawbacks of natural gums (poor solubility and susceptibility to microbial contamination) can be successfully overcome. For his remarkable innovative technique, he has signed a treaty with a Private Firm for the extrapolation of his research work based on the carboxymethylation of tamarind gum. He says further, that Chhattisgarh state is cover with 44 percent with forest and approximately 320.00 quintal of gums per year are collected from these forests which are mostly used in the production of adhesives. Hemant assures that by using his current modification methods, the drawbacks of gums (poor solubility and susceptibility to microbial contamination) can be successfully overcome. Such modified gums might get global acceptance as an excipient for not only in drug delivery but also in food, varnish, and adhesive industry.

As far as the research background of Hemant Badwaik is concerned, he has published more than 35 research papers in reputed International and National Journals. Also, during his Ph.D tenure he had published 5 research papers in reputed International Journals. He was also the recipient of Young Scientist Award (2017) recognized by Chhattisgarh Council of Science and Technology, Raipur, in Medical and Pharmaceutical Sciences for its Research Work.

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Dr. Amar Gangadhar Zalte currently working as Assistant Professor, Department of Pharmaceutical Chemistry, Kalyani Charitable Trust’s, R. G. Sapkal College of Pharmacy, Anjaneri, Nashik, Maharashtra has been awarded the degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in the Pharmaceutical Sciences, Savitribai Phule Pune University, Pune on 27th September 2018 for his research work entitled "Preparation and Characterization of Co-crystals of Few Active Pharmaceuticals". The research work was carried out under the guidance of Prof. Dr. R. B. Saudagar, Principal, Kalyani Charitable Trust’s, R. G. Sapkal College of Pharmacy, Anjaneri, Nashik, Maharashtra. Dr. Amar Zalte has 5 years of teaching and industrial experience and published more than 15 papers in National and International Journals. He has also represented Savitribai Phule Pune University three times at state level Avishkar Research Competition organized by Governor of Maharashtra. He presented research posters in various National and International conferences.

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Dr. Ambadas Ranganath Rote currently working as Associate Professor, Department of Pharmaceutical Chemistry, MGV’s Pharmacy College, Panchvati, Nashik, Maharashtra has been awarded the degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in the Pharmaceutical Sciences, Savitribai Phule Pune University, Pune on 27th September 2018 for his research work entitled "Development of Analytical Methods and Validation of Some Active Pharmaceutical Agents ". The research work was carried out under the guidance of Prof. Dr. R. B. Saudagar, Principal, Kalyani Charitable Trust’s, R. G. Sapkal College of Pharmacy, Anjaneri, Nashik, Maharashtra. He has 28 years of teaching experience and published more than 27 papers in National and International Journals. He has been nine times continuously awarded with P. D. Sethi Best Research Paper Award. He presented research posters in various National and International conferences.

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Dr. U.S. Sharma, Professor and Director at Sir Madanlal Institute of Pharmacy, Etawah, Uttar Pradesh received Young Scientist Award in an international conference on Innovation in Pharmaceutical, Medical and Bio Sciences (ICIPMBS-2018) at Oriental University, Indore (M.P) India on 29th & 30th September 2018 from the hands of Prof.(Dr.) Shailendra Sarraf, Vice President, Pharmacy Council of India and Vice Chancellor, Durg University Raipur, Chattisgarh and in the gracious presence of Member of Parliament Indore Dr. Shashikala Pushpa, Chancellor, Vice Chancellor, Pro Vice Chancellor, Dean of the Oriental University and international speaker Dr. Sally A. El. Zahaby, Pharos University, Alexandria, Egypt.

Earlier to this honor, Dr. Sharma has received some other prestigious awards such as “Jewel of India Award” and a “Certificate of Excellence” organized by Indian Solidarity Council, New Delhi, “Rashtra Vibhushan Award” organised by Foundation for Accelerated Community Empowerment, New Delhi, “Bharat Vedhya Shiromani Award” and a “Certificate of Education Excellence” organised by International Institute of Education & Management, New Delhi.

Dr. Sharma has many completed projects funded by DST, ICMR & CPCSEA and has published 40 scientific papers in national and international journals. He has presented 95 papers at national/international conferences. He has successfully guided 20 M. Pharm and 03 Ph.D. students.

Dr. Sharma presently acting as an Editorial in Chief of The Journal of Phytopharmacology, Journal of Scientific & Innovative Research and in the team of editorial board and reviewer in many national and international journal of repute.

Dr. Sharma is actively involved with the educational regulatory boards of the county like Pharmacy Council of India, AICTE, UGC, CPCSEA and Directorate of Technical Education.

He is also playing a vital role in the financial literacy of the country governed by Security and Exchange Board of India (SEBI).

Honorable Chairman Mr. Vivek Yadav, Administrative, Teaching and non teaching Staff of the institution congratulated Dr. Sharma for receiving Young Scientist Award 2018.

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On 5th October 2018, first report of AICTE-CII Industry linked Technical Institute Survey-2018 ranking by officials of AICTE-CII (Confederation of Indian Industry) Govt. of India, announcing national level rankings in categories of Engineering, Management, Pharmacy and Architecture were announced. It aims to rank institutes on objective parameters on national scale, which can help in promoting healthy competition among the institutes and can provide better information to various stakeholders of the society.

This framework outlines a methodology to rank institutions across the country. This survey, which has been developed by AICTE-CII (Confederation of Indian Industry) in close consultation and coordination with AICTE, serves a different purpose – that of mapping the industry linkages of institutes. From that perspective, its objective is different from that of the government ranking which is meant to inform parents about the performance of institutes. The purpose of this survey is to inform industry about best institutes to scout talent from.

There were four levels of statistical screening and short listing. The Short Survey entries were pruned to 3659. From the Full Survey, 755 number was first reduced to 213, then to 21 but retaining all institutes which had scored 55 or in each discipline. Evaluation of Institute out of 100, 21 institutes which had scored 55 or above, Platinum (high industry linkages) category was kept at above 30, Gold category was kept at below 30 (10-29), Silver category was kept at below 10.

The methodology draws from the overall recommendations broad understanding arrived at by a Core Committee set up by AICTE-CII, to identify the broad parameters for ranking various institutions. The parameters broadly cover “Governance, Curriculum, Faculty, Infrastructure, Services/Project/ Skill Development & Placements.
Ranking methods have been worked out for 4 categories of institutions i.e., Engineering, Management, Pharmacy, Architecture.

Principal Dr. H. N. More said, "this highest rank "Platinum" Award in the AICTE-CII Industry linked Technical Institute Survey-2018, (Band Score above 30) ranking is reward for Bharati Vidyapeeth College of Pharmacy, Kolhapur for its contribution in the field of education, research, industry sponsored projects, MOU with industry, Grants from Government Agencies, Skill Development, Placements, sports & culture and towards wellbeing of society under the valuable guidance of late Hon. Dr. Patangrao Kadam, Founder, Bharati Vidyapeeth, Pune. This is heart touching & proud feeling moment for all Bharati family members."

Further he added that, "this achievement is result of team efforts by teaching & non-teaching staff, students, alumni, all Bharati family members, stakeholders, HR Managers,

Managers in company, Employers and Friends. This college will definitely serve as excellent platform for the students of rural western region of Maharashtra who aspire bright career in pharmacy." Principal Dr. H. N. More, Vice-Principal Dr. M. S. Bhatia, AICTE-CII coordinator Dr. Anilkumar J. Shinde, all teaching & nonteaching staff members and students were congratulated by Hon. Dr. Vishwajeet Kadam, Secretary Bharati Vidyapeeth, Pune, Hon. Dr. S. S. Kadam, Vice-chancellor, Bharati Vidyapeeth University Pune and Hon. Dr. H. M. Kadam, Regional Director, Bharati Vidyapeeth, Sangli.

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Dr. Bhushankumar S. Sathe Principal Institute of Diploma in Pharmacy Wardha & Dr. Toshniwal Principal Pharmacy Institute Wasim were invited as Jury for evaluation of Technical Paper presentation at Geetadevi Khandelwal Institute of Pharmacy, Akola were they evaluated around 43 technical paper presentation of Diploma Pharmacy students. The Inaugural ceremony was completed with the hands of Hon. Dr. Ranjit Patil State Home Minister, Skill Development Law Minister, and Guardian Minister Akola. Principal R. V. Patil gave introduction of the event, Prof. Ade introduced members on dais & Prof. Gajbhiye put vote of thanks.

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This year, R.G. Sapkal College of Pharmacy, Anjaneri, Nashik (Maharashtra) received the Best Hospitality Award 2018 at Jalgaon, Maharashtra for arranging all the necessary requirement needed for the Rotary Club, Ambad, Nashik (Maharashtra)

Dr. Ravindra Gambhirrao Sapkal, Chairman & Managing Director of Sapkal Knowledge Hub believes in the principle of “Atithi Devo Bhava”, meaning "The Guest Is God" from this stems under the guidance of Dr. R.B.Saudagar, Principal, R.G.Sapkal College Of Pharmacy provided best hospitality possible.

Last year, Zonal Rottrac Representative & District Rottrac Representative inspected the hardwork put in by the college and hence, elected it for the best hospitality provided.

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Prevention of heart disease by MeXis: A Cholesterol-removing gene

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Abstract

MeXis is an example of a "selfish" gene which have no function because it does not make a protein product but recent studies suggested that these genes perform important biological functions through the production of a special class of molecules called long non-coding RNAs or lncRNAs. It helps remove cholesterol from blood vessels and prevents heart disease by controls the expression of a protein that pumps cholesterol out of cells in the artery wall.

Key words: Cholesterol, MeXis-gene, heart diseases, mechanism.

Introduction

Heart disease is now a day’s very common and occurring any age group people, cause of death for men and women in the Worldwide. High cholesterol is one of the major risk factor for heart disease. Coronary heart disease, arrhythmia and myocardial infarction are some examples of heart disease that are generally treated with medication or surgery. These heart diseases affect different parts of the organ and occur in different ways. There are various types of heart diseases which are listed in Table - 1. Some common symptoms include chest pain, breathlessness, and heart palpitations. Other symptoms are like pain that travels through the body, profuse sweating, heart burn, stomach ache, heavy feeling in the chest, dizziness, nausea, vomiting etc. The chest pain common in many types of heart disease is known as angina or angina pectoris. It occurs when a part of the heart does not.

These diseases are causes by mostly with high blood pressure and cholesterol. Other causes are like smoking, overweight and obesity, diabetes, junk food diet, age and also family history.

Coronary artery disease or heart disease is the most common form of heart disease, accounting for around 370,000 deaths annually which are increasing day to day. The current scenarios of our health sector as well as the statistics in the year 2017 show that cardiovascular diseases are becoming increasingly common in India. Indian Council of Medical Research shows that death rate is increased up to 28.1% in 2017. This number has been increasing in the past decade (Figure-1).

According to a Global Burden of Disease Report, 1.7 million Indians are died of cardiovascular illnesses, a leading cause of death in India. The number of deaths is increased by 53% since the year 2005 to 2017 which indicates that the cases of heart illnesses are increasing (Figure-2).

Treatment is needed initially with medications, but further in serious conditions, balloon valvuloplasty or open-heart surgery or may be performed to clear an obstruction. These treatments are painful and sometimes failure rates are high. Hence there is a need for new strategies to prevent the condition. Researchers are founded the root level cause of...
They found that a gene that assists in the clearance of excess cholesterol from blood vessels in experimented animal (mice) model.

The gene is known as MeXis. It is also known as Selfish gene. They do not produce proteins but makes molecules known as long-coding RNAs (IncRNAs). These IncRNAs regulate the expression of a protein that removes cholesterol from the arteries because plaque formation blocks the arteries and reduce the flow of blood to the heart (Atherosclerosis). More specifically, high low-density lipoprotein LDL) cholesterol is a major risk factor for heart disease. So the MeXis gene potentially opens the door to a new strategy for prevention of heart disease, by acts within key cells inside clogged arteries and helps remove excess cholesterol.

This MeXis gene activates the expression of a protein called Abca1 through the production of IncRNAs that actually remove excess cholesterol.

**Conclusion**

The idea that IncRNAs are directly involved in very common ailments such as plaque buildup within arteries offers new ways of thinking about how to treat and diagnose heart disease. Further study require how other long non-coding RNAs act will lead to exciting insights into both normal physiology and disease and to find out more about the mechanisms of MeXis.

**References**


Minutes of the meeting held during 23rd APTI at Swami Keshvanand Institute of Pharmacy, Jaipur, Rajasthan on 06th October 2018, 3.30 p.m. onwards.

Members Present:-
Dr.P.D.Chaudhari, Dr.Milind J.Umekar, Dr.Satish.A.Kavatigamath, Dr.Raman Dang, Dr.S.Rajasekharan, Dr.V.Murugan, Dr. Sohan Chitlange, Dr.Mahesh Buarande, Dr.Akash Midha, Dr.Boendra, Dr.Vandana Sharma, Dr.H.Chitra, Dr.Rajiv K.Sharma, Dr.Md.Salahuddin, Dr.K.Khar, Dr.Sirs Kranti Kumar, Dr.Dhanabal Kumarsamy, Dr.Ashish Baldi, Dr.Rajesh Asija, Dr.Rahul Garg, Dr.Manoj S.Charde, Dr.Mayur, Dr.Prashant S.Khanser, Dr.Anil.M.Pethe, Abhishek Kumar Singh, P.S.Minhas, Dr.Pramod H.J. Dr.Aswatha Ram H.N., Dr.Alok Pal Jain, Dr.Rupesh.K.Goutom, Dr.Rajesh Singh Kumar, Dr.Keerti Jain, Dr.Rajnish Arora, Dr.Rajkumar M., Dr.Md.Majid Iqbal, Dr.Pinish Sharma, Dr.M.S.Ranawat, Dr.Alok Bhargava, Dr.Bhupendra Vyas, Dr.Ramesh K.Goel, Dr.Bhoomika M.Patel, Dr.Radhay Shyam Kumawat, Dr.Lakshmi Kumar Saini, Dr.Avinash Gupta, Dr.Deepak Sharma, Dr.Pravesh Kumar Sharma, Dr.Shi Ram, Dr.Amit Sharma, Mr.Chandra Prakash Mishra, Dr.Kalpesh Gaur, Dr.Tara chand, Dr.Bhupendra Kumar Kumawat, Dr.Yogendra Singh, Dr.N.Udupa, Dr.M.N.Saraf.

Secretary of APTI, Dr Raman Dang, welcomed all the members for the Annual General Body meeting and requested the President Dr Pravin D Chaudhari to address the members.

President welcomed all the members and said that the meeting will go ahead with the agenda that has been sent to all the members.

Agenda 1 Confirmation of the minutes of AGM held at Lloyd, Noida on 24th March 2018.

The president Dr Pravin D Chaudhari requested all the members to go through the minutes of the meeting held during 22nd APTICON, held at Lloyd Institute, New Delhi. The minutes were proposed for approval by Dr Chitme and seconded by Dr Pramod.

Agenda 2 APTI Report, Insurance & New Award

Dr Raman Dang highlighted that the association has two journals Viz. Indian Journal of Pharmaceutical education and Research and Indian Journal of Pharmacy Practice, bulletin of APTI has been received well by all the members and carries all the proceedings of the association, Women’s forum has been performing well in many states, many awards are being given to all the outstanding pharmacy teachers covering principal, teachers, young teachers, life time contributors, researchers etc., and also added that a new award named Ambikanand award has been introduced recently for the members. The secretary stated that the membership fee has been hiked to Rs 3500/-.

An insurance scheme for all the members has been introduced by the association.

The President requested Dr Sohan Chitlange, Associate Secretary to brief on the insurance scheme.

Dr Sohan Chitlange briefed on the insurance scheme introduced for all the members of the association, he said that every member registering for the scheme will be insured for a sum of Rs.3,00,000/- and till now almost 1,300 members have opted for this insurance worth to the tune of about 34 crore., he also requested all the members to register immediately to avail the benefit of the scheme.

The President requested all the members to enroll and update their details in the APTI website for getting the benefit of the insurance scheme.

APTI President said that a new award in the name of Ambikanand Misra has been instituted. Which was ratified and approved by AGM. It is for Excellence in Pharmaceutics and Drug Delivery.

Dr Mayur stated that the Aadhar link is should not be mandatory for registration for the insurance scheme, the Secretary said that it will be shortly made as an optional during the registration for the scheme.

Dr Anil Pete highlighted that the inaugural programme was too lengthy and requested if this shall be split in to inauguration separately. Dr Salahuddin said that it is always better to give the award during the inauguration ceremony as the awardees may feel prestigious if they receive the same from the chief guests and guest of honour. APTI President agreed to review and suitably modify the inaugural and Award Ceremony.

Agenda 3 IPC Audit Accounts

APTI President said that APTI has organized the 69th IPC at Chandigarh and the audit account has to be submitted to IPCA, unfortunately the vice president of APTI, Dr Dherender Khausik has not yet provided the accounts to APTI as on date. He requested the members to suggest about this act by the Vice-President.

The members suggested that his life membership should be terminated and legal action be taken against him to recover the audit account and the
Dr. Raman Dang, Secretary said that the central APTI supports financially to the state branches to organize Pharma programmes like convention, workshop Women Forum Programmes and State Conventions. The secretary also stated that if the state branch is introducing any award, the same should be brought to the notice of the central office of APTI, and said that the awardee selection should be done judicially by the state branches. In future it is better to have only eminent Teachers Award by State Branches if so required. The Presidents of State Branches highlighted their state branch activities and proposed a well drafted programme and increase membership Dr. Raman Dang stated that the women’s forum is active by conducting various programmes and also highlighted that the bulletin is publishing all the programmes and functions organized by various Pharmacy Colleges throughout the nation.

APTI President requested all the state branches to initiate various pharma programme and work for the upliftment and awareness of the profession and communicate the same to the central APTI.

Dr. Raman Dang, Secretary said that the central APTI supports financially to the state branches to organize Pharma programmes like convention, workshop etc

Agenda 7 - Audited Accounts of APTI, APTI Academic & Welfare Trust and IJPER.

Dr Murugan V, Treasurer of APTI presented the audit accounts of APTI welfare trust.

Dr V Murugan, briefed about the income and expenditure incurred in the welfare trust account of APTI. It was proposed for approval by Dr. Anil Pete and Seconded by Dr. Saluddin plus Dr. Dhanbal for approval. The AGM approved the audited accounts.

Dr S Rajasekaran briefed on the income, expenditure and the balance sheet of the APTI accounts along with IJPER and IJOPP.

The audit accounts of APTI and APTI welfare trust was proposed for approval by Dr. Umekar and seconded by Saluddin to Approve. The AGM approved the accounts of APTI, IJPER and IJOPP.

Agenda 8 APTI membership Drive

APTI President requested all the members to encourage the pharma teachers to become members of the association and also avail the benefit APTI insurance scheme. It was resolved that the Vice Presidents of the Zones will do the needful in their respective zones and increase the membership.

Dr Pramod asked whether Pharm D students shall become members of
the association, Dr Raman Dang said that M.Pharm students shall become Associate members of the association by registering through online in the APTI web portal and they are also eligible to become life members in future through the associate membership. It was resolved by AGM that even Pharm D can become APTI members.

APTI President appreciated the LOC of 23rd APTICON, and the office bearers of Rajasthan branch for their efforts in organizing the 23rd APTICON.

APTI President stated that it was decided in the EC meeting that 24th APTICON will be organized in Dehradun and requested Dr Chitme to provide a presentation on the proposal to organize 24th APTICON at Dehradun.

Dr Chitme presented the AV aid showing the proposal of organizing APTICON in DIT, Dehradun and thanked all the members for giving a chance to host APTICON at Dehradun.

Any other matter with the permission of the chair.

1. The AGM approved the sanction of Rs. 25000/- to Karnataka State Branch for the conduct of State Convention.

2. Punjab State Branch Requested for Rs. 50,000/- toward the conduct of International conference. It was agreed and approved by AGM to give it as seed money to Punjab State Branch.

3. Dr. Mihir strongly felt the need to make the Elected State Presidents and the Zone Vice Presidents more accountable to increase the membership drive, act of teacher issues, Organization of designated SOPs. He felt that many a times Elected members are not attending the EC and AGM even when they are present. Which is violation of Protocol. They are elected members and are more accountable to Teachers. Action should be taken against such casual behavior. The AGM thought it to be a valid remark. APTI President issued the directive to all elective members to act responsibly.

Dr Milind Umekar Vice President delivered the vote of thanks.

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The Association of Pharmaceutical Teachers of India (APTI) is pleased to bestow upon Dr. Y. Madhusudan Rao the prestigious Shri Bhojraj Panjamool Life Time Achievement Award during 23rd APTICON at Jaipur.

He was born 7th May 1952. He is recipient of Pharmacy Teacher of Year Award 2016, Prof. G.P. Srivastava Memorial Award in 2012 by Association of Pharmaceutical Teachers of India, Best Teacher Award 2007 from government of Andhra Pradesh, Distinguished Alumni Award from Manipal, Eminent Pharmacist Award from IPGA in 2013. He has worked in Kakatiya University, Warangal from 1977 to 2012. After retiring he joined Vaagdevi pharmacy colleges as Director.

He has published 9 books, has 6 patents and guided the Ph.D work of 37 scholars. He has received research grants more than one core from A.I.C.T.E, U.G.C and D.S.T. He is consultant to several cosmetic and pharmaceutical industries. He has more than 210 research publications. He was convener for scientific committee of Indian Pharm. Congress. He also acted as member of committee to Indian Pharmacopeal commission. He was an invited speaker for continuing Education programs of PCI, Quality Improvement Programme and others.

The association for pharmaceutical teachers of India is proud to recognize the services of Dr. Y. MADHUSUDAN RAO in the field of Pharma Sciences.

We wish him good health and prosperity.
Dr. Priti Mehta, Professor of Pharmaceutical Analysis at Institute of Pharmacy, Nirma University, has more than 20 years of teaching, Research and industrial experience.

She is a recipient of prestigious M L Khurana award for the best research paper in Pharmaceutical Analysis. She is also recipient of P D Sethi awards and best Pharminnova M Pharm thesis Award in guide category.

She is pioneer in starting post graduate program of Pharmaceutical Regulatory affairs in Institute of Pharmacy in the Year 2013. She worked as IQAC coordinator of Institute of Pharmacy, Nirma University and actively involved in NAAC accreditation process of University. She also acted as a coordinator for NIRF ranking of Institute of Pharmacy, Nirma University when institute received 5+ rank at national level in the year 2015-16.

She has aptitude of research and working hard to provide platform to students and junior faculty members to grow scientifically and technically. She is pioneer in getting interdisciplinary research grants at Nirma University. Currently Dr Mehta is working on many research projects from government funding agencies like AYUSH, ISRO, BRNS, GUJCOST etc. She has two patents on her credit.

Under her guidance, almost all full time Ph D students received fellowship from CSIR, DST-ISPIRE, ICMR etc. other than Junior Research Fellows (JRF) working in funded research projects. She is mentor of Women Scientist under WOS-A scheme of DST. Full time Ph D students also received International travel grant to do paper presentation at international conference outside India.

She is also recipient of financial assistance from government funding agencies for organization of various events like seminar, workshop, conference and STTP.

Dr Mehta has published number of research papers and review articles in peer reviewed scientific Journals. She has presented research paper in International conference at USA. Dr. Mehta has delivered guest lectures at various Institutions during seminars, workshops and staff development program. She has rendered professional services to leading Universities at various capacities.

APTI feels proud to bestow upon Dr. Priti Mehta the prestigious Woman of the year Award - 2018

On behalf of the APTI Family
The Association of Pharmaceutical Teachers of India (APTI) is pleased to bestow upon Dr. Mukesh Nandave the prestigious APTI Young Pharmacy Teacher of the Year Award.

Dr. Mukesh Nandave is Associate Professor in Pharmacology at Delhi Pharmaceutical Sciences and Research University, Delhi. He earned his Ph. D. from All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Delhi. He received his Post-Doctoral training in Cardiothoracic Surgery from the Ohio State University Medical Center, USA. Before that Dr. Nandave worked as Research Scientist in Ranbaxy Laboratories Limited, Gurgaon.

Since more than 12 years, Dr. Nandave has been investigating the role of use of nutraceuticals, herbomineral formulations, plant extracts & constituents for Myocardial ischemia & reperfusion injury, Diabetes, Obesity, and Pain management.

He has published more than 80 research papers, reviews and book chapters in peer-reviewed national and international journals and books of repute. His overall citations are now more than 600 with an H-index of 14. His lab is well funded from Govt. grants including DST, DBT, ICMR and industry including Dabur, Charak, Madhavbaug, Sandu etc.

Dr. Nandave has received numerous awards including G. Achari Gold Medal by Indian Pharmacological Society, Early Investigator Award by International Society for Heart Research, Prof. Duggirala Visveswaram & Prof. Sreemantula Satyanarayana Prize, He also received Best Research Output of the Year Award consequently for three years 2015, 2014, and 2013 of SVKM’s NMIMS University.

Dr. Nandave is life member of various professional bodies including International Society for Heart Research (ISHR), International Academy of Cardiovascular Sciences (IACS), Indian Pharmacological Society (IPS), Indian Pharmaceutical Association (IPA), Association of Pharmaceutical Teachers of India (APTI), and Society for Ethnopharmacology.

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On behalf of the APTI Family
The Association of Pharmaceutical Teachers of India (APTI) is immensely pleased to confer Prof. C. J. Shishoo Award 2018 for Research in Pharmaceutical Sciences on Dr. Sushama Talegaonkar. Presently she is Associate Professor in Dept of Pharmaceutics, Delhi Pharmaceutical Sciences and Research University, New Delhi. She has acquired her B. Pharm, M. Pharm and Ph. D from Dr Hari Singh Gaur Vishwavidyalaya, Sagar. She has actively participated in various APTI Conventions. Dr. Sushama Talegaonkar is a researcher to the core and has published more than 200 papers in high impact factor International journals. She has more than 6000 citations and her h-index is 38. She has many books & chapters to her credit. She has completed projects with grants worth around Rupees one crore. She has supervised 22 Ph D students besides guiding about 45 M Pharm students. She has presented her research work in various National and International conferences and workshops. She has travelled to Canada, United Kingdom and Singapore to present her research papers. She has been conferred the "UGC Research Award 2014-2016. She has also received Best Paper Award in Pharmaceutics for article published in IJPER by APTI in its 18th and 22nd Annual National Conventions. She is also recipient of Motan Devi Dandiya Prize for Best Publications in Pharmaceutical Sciences.

APTI recognises and appreciates her services as a researcher and hopes that she continues her good work.

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The Association of Pharmaceutical Teachers of India (APTI) takes immense pleasure in conferring P.C. Karia Memorial Award 2018 for Principal/Teacher of the year in Diploma Pharmacy on Dr. Remeth J. Dias. He is working as Head of Department at Government Polytechnic, Jalgaon in Maharashtra. In his chequered career of 20 years in teaching, he has established himself as a best teacher, an able administrator & a good researcher. He is loved by his students very much for his unique style of teaching and motivational talks. He has four books & 64 research publications to his credit.

His leadership & organizational skills have led to the successful establishment of pharmacy institutes. He is a motivational speaker & passionate about his work. He has always believed in teamwork & nurtured the teams. Apart from being an avid learner, he is always enthusiastic in organizing various professional programs. His multitasking skills, honesty, integrity, sincerity & committed efforts make him stand apart.

We appreciate his immense contribution to the field of Pharmacy as a teacher, administrator & researcher. We wish him all the best for his future contributions!

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Dr. Prof. Ravouru Nagaraju

The Association of Pharmaceutical Teachers of India takes immense pleasure in honouring Dr. Prof. Ravouru Nagaraju with the prestigious “Bharathi Vidyapeeth Deemed University Poona College of Pharmacy, Pune Pharmacy Teacher of the Year Award 2018” during the 23rd Annual National Convention of APTI being held during October 5th and 6th, 2018 at Swami Keshavanand Institute of Pharmacy, Jaipur, Rajasthan, India.

Prof. Ravouru Nagaraju, born in March 1963, at B. Kothakota, a rural town in Andhra Pradesh, is a B. Pharm., (1984), M. Pharm., (1986) (Pharmaceutics) and Ph. D., (2001), all from College of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Manipal, Karnataka. He started his teaching career in 1986, at Visvesvarapura Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Bangalore as a lecturer and rose to become a Professor and Head of Department of Pharmaceutics. Later, he joined K L E Society’s College of Pharmacy, Bangalore as a Professor and established the post-graduate course in Pharmaceutics. In 2004, his services were utilised by The Institute of Pharmaceutical Technology, Sree Padmavathi Visvavidyalayam (Women’s University), Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh, as a Professor and later at very responsible academic and administrative positions there till date.

Prof. R. Nagaraju has served, apart from his present university, several other universities, academic institutions and professional bodies, in various capacities. He was on a few committees of APTI and IPCA in organising conventions, seminars, workshops etc., He has been an Invited Speaker and Resource Person at many events.

Prof. R. Nagaraju has published nearly 60 research papers in both national and international journals of repute, with a large number of citations. He holds two patents on Dental Implants. He has guided 35 Masters and 7 Ph. D., scholars, presently 8 aspirants are pursuing their doctoral programmes under his tutelage. He has procured research grants worth about Rs. 2.4 crores funded by various agencies like DST/UGC/AICTE etc.,

Prof. Ravouru Nagaraju is already a much decorated persona with several awards, both State and National, including AP State Best Teacher Award 2017. He is a consultant to industries, R and D Cells and Formulation Development units. He is/was an Executive Committee Member of several professional organisations, including APTI.

Prof. Ravouru Nagaraju is a devoted, dedicated and innovative researcher, teacher and administrator. He has been a friend, philosopher and guide to his students and colleagues. He is much admired and loved by his students for his erudition, work ethics, compassion and humbleness.

The Association of Pharmaceutical Teachers of India is proud to present this much coveted National Award to Prof. Ravouru Nagaraju and wishes him a glorious life with his family on the personal and more achievements on the professional front in the years to come.

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The Association of Pharmaceutical Teachers of India (APTI) is pleased to bestow upon Prof. Om Prakash Katare the prestigious Dr. Manjushree Pal Memorial Award for the Best Pharmaceutical Scientist during 23rd APTICON at Swami Keshvanand Institute of Pharmacy, Jaipur, Rajasthan.

Professor Katare, acclaimed globally for his research work on Liposome Technology-based Topical Drug Delivery Systems, has contributed 3 decades of dedicated service towards Pharmaceutical Research. With more than 200 research publications, 13 patent applications (7 granted), 18 Ph.D’s, and successfully completion of several Govt. and industry-funded research projects. He has made phenomenal contributions in the area of Industry-Academia collaborations by transferring technologies to Pharma industrial houses. For his pioneering efforts in the Translational Research, quite unprecedented in the Pharm. field, Prof. Katare was conferred the top DBT Technology National Award by then President of India, Dr APJ Abdul Kalam in 2007. Three novel Pharma products for skin diseases, Psoriasis and Eczema from his Liposomal Research Laboratory are in the market.

He has already been decorated with many recognitions, including Best Patent Award 2012 by IABMS Society, OPPI Scientist Award 2011, Illustrious Alumni Award & Lifetime Achievement Award 2016 by Dr HS Gaur Vishwa Vidyalaya, Sagar, Dr RK Upadhyaya National Teacher Excellence Award and also several times felicitations by the Panjab University Syndicate, Chandigarh. He has also been among the founder members on the Expert Board of Phospholipid Research Center, Germany.

Prof Katare has also successfully led the University Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences as its Chairperson (2005-2008), Dean, Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, (2011-2012) and Founder Director, Research Promotion Cell (RPC), Panjab University, Chandigarh (2015-2017). He successfully organized APTI National Convention 2007 and Chandigarh Science Congress (CHASCON-2008), and many other symposia, seminars and workshops. Panjab University has signed several national and international MoUs and fetched many laurels like ASSOCHAM-Best Campus Award 2016, UK-India Award 2017 under his stewardship. Currently, he is the President IPA, Panjab Branch, Chandigarh.
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IPER's Principal of the Year Award - 2018

Dr. Manjunath Ghate

Association of Pharmaceutical Teachers of India (APTI) is honoured to bestow IPER's Principal of the Year Award - 2018 upon Dr. Manjunath Ghate, Director, Dean, Faculty of Pharmacy, Nirma University, Ahmedabad. He did his PhD from Karnatak University, Dharwad and Postdoctoral from National Dong Hwa University, Hualein, Taiwan and Changwon National University, Changwon, South Korea for three years. He was Dean, Faculty of Doctoral Studies and Research, Nirma University, from 2014-17. He has published 75 paper in the National and International journals and received PharmainnovaBest M Pharm thesis award in 2010 and 2018. He was invited as resource person for the international conferences held in Canada, Bulgaria and China. He visited Southwest university, Chongqüing, China as visiting professor in June 2018. He has completed two major research projects from SERB-DST and Indo-bulgarian collaborative project. He has guided several M Pharm and PHD students and he is instrumental in getting several research grants for the Institute (including DST-FIST) more than 4 crores. He has organized several seminars, Conferences, workshops and short term training progrmmes at Institute and University level. Under his leader institute received amongst top 20 ranking in National Institute ranking framework(NIRF). His area of research is Design and synthesis of new molecules for various diseases. Proud moment and blessings

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