



President Speak...



In a development that puts IPA at the centre stage of global destination, I was nominated as Board of Director of Asian Association of Schools of Pharmacy for the year 2019 as India representative during the 9th AASP conference held at Suwon, South Korea.

Dear Members,

"With motivation, liberation and Determination, you can reach any Destination"

I on behalf of IPA and also on my personal behalf, extend my heartfelt congratulations to Dr. R. Udaybhaskar, DG of Pharmexcil for getting elected unanimously as President of IPCA for the year 2019 and also going to preside over the 71st IPC-2019 to be held at Chennai in December 2019. Dr. Udaybhaskar after taking charge from Sri. Dilip Shanghvi expressed his concern about the present system of conduct of IPC in monotonous way as tradition or as legacy and not giving any value addition either to Industry or Education or thereby to the Pharmacy Profession. I am of the opinion that several changes will be initiated under his leadership and the new model of conduct of IPC will address the major issues on top priority during the 71st IPC 2019.

This year so far has been remarkably exceptional for IPA and will be remembered as an important period in IPA history. I am happy to share that all the divisions of IPA are contributing to maximum extent with various collaborative projects, fund raising activities throughout India and contributing immensely to build the brand image of IPA and also contributing towards the dream project of IPA building.

IPA Delhi state branch continued its activities by announcing IPA annual convention on 11 -12, September, 2019 at New Delhi. My special appreciation to IPA Delhi state branch and its President Dr. Naresh Sharma for organising various professional activities throughout the year and creating brand image to IPA. I request all the state and local branches of IPA to promote the event and participate in big number and make it a grand success.

The IPA Devinder Pal - National Elocution Competition Convener, Dr. Nagarjuna Reddy is preparing for the NEC-2019 and is trying to get maximum participation of Pharmacy colleges all over the India. I request all the NEC state coordinators, IPA State and Local branches to give wide support and guidance for the success of National Elocution Competition for the year 2019. The Education Division under the Chairmanship of Dr. S. Vidyadhara initiated the National level GPAT Online Practice Test with an aim to impart suitable education and training to the students preparing for further studies. The Education division is organising training modules in association with ACMA and PTI on Quality Assurance, Quality Control including Instrumentation, Manufacturing, Life Skills and Career Opportunities for Pharmacy Graduates. The HPD in association with Samartha Life sciences is conducting a day long training program for 30 Hospital Pharmacy Heads across India on Pharmacy Management & Administration, Medication Errors, Inventory Management, Cold Chain Management, Laws governing Pharmacy Practice. IPA also made agreement for Pharmacist Excellence program with Bio Quest Solutions Pvt. Ltd. My special appreciation to IPA advocacy group for their relentless efforts and representations on

issues of using the same brand name by the manufacturers though the composition of the API (s) in the new formulation changed. IPA requested to take immediate measure by amending the rules and regulations in the interest of patient safety so that manufacturers will not continue with the same brand name after changing the composition of the formulation. The Advocacy group also represented the concerned to include B. Pharm qualification for the posts where ever notified and also to consider the services of Pharmacists with proper Pharmacy Services, designation and pay scale.

I am happy to share with our members that the Supply Annual Report of UNICEF recognized India as the world's largest supplier of generics. In developing countries, it is rendering yeoman service by facilitating affordable access of poor patients to life-saving medicines. Due to the ability of the Indian Pharma companies to produce drugs at economical rates, the cost of HIV/AIDS treatment has gone down to \$400 per year from \$12,000 - a spectacular contribution to global healthcare.

In Geneva, Switzerland, initiatives to raise awareness about patient safety were discussed by FIP, the World Health Organization and other partners recently. FIP lead for policy, practice, aimed to plan an effective global campaign and stimulate action on preventing avoidable harm to patients. In May during the 72nd World Health Assembly, FIP supported the establishment of the World Patient Safety Day on 17 September and let us all observe the day and support the FIP initiative.

The construction of IPA building is going with great momentum and I extend my deep sense of gratitude to Pharma institutions, Pharma industries for their voluntary contribution and sponsorship. My sincere appeal to all the members of IPA, IPA State and local branches, Donors, Sponsors to come forward and contribute towards the noble cause.

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