

# ASSOCIATION AND INSTITUTION NEWS

## IPA (Delhi State Branch) Jointly with Accurate College of Pharmacy Conducts Workshop on Recent Quality and Regulatory Aspects



**GREATER NOIDA:** A seminar on the topic "Recent Quality and Regulatory Aspects - An Academia and Pharma Industry Perspective" was organized by the Indian Pharmaceutical Association-Delhi State Branch (IPADSB) in collaboration with Accurate College of Pharmacy (ACP), Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh (U.P.) on December 04, 2021 at the seminar hall of Accurate Group of Institutions. The objective of the workshop was to impart suitable education & training to the engaged pharmacy students and to understand the gaps between the academia & the pharma industry. Around 200 participants comprising students and faculty of the College attended the one-day conference.

The program officially started with lighting of the traditional lamp by the dignitaries on the dais followed by the welcome address(es) by Ms Avantika Tyagi and Ms Gayatri Joshi, coordinators of the seminar. Sharing the mission of the program, Dr Pradeep Kumar Sharma, Principal of ACP, gave a brief background about pharmacy. He also shared the vision of IPA & Central Drugs Standard Control Organization (CDSCO), and highlighted the role of academia as pillar of the pharma industry. His talk also included various guidelines on World Health Organization, International Council for Harmonization of technical requirements for pharma for human use, World Trade Organization and United States Food & Drug Administration, among others. Dr Sharma finally concluded with the phrase, "quality education provides quality medicines."

While giving the inaugural address, Kalhan Bazaz, President of IPADSB and Editor & Publisher of The Indian Pharmacist enlightened the gathering on the vision & mission and objectives of the IPA encompassing the various divisions of

the Association. He also highlighted the work done by the IPA for sensitizing the government as-well-as the community as a whole for the betterment of the society. Bazaz also gave a brief scenario of the pharma industry and various job opportunities available for pharmacists throughout the country.

Sushant Sharma, Chairperson-Industrial Pharmacy Forum (IPF) of IPADSB and Assistant Drugs Controller, CDSCO, Baddi, Himachal Pradesh, spoke on the topic '*Regulatory framework of India and the process manufacturing approvals*'. He explained about the regulatory system of India and how approvals were granted for new medicines. Sharma said, "CDSCO lays down the standards for drugs, controls the quality of imported drugs in the country and coordinates the activities of State Drug Control Organizations by providing expert advice with a view of bringing about uniformity in the enforcement of the Drugs & Cosmetics Act." Dr Mymoona Akhter, Treasurer of IPADSB and Associate Professor, School of Pharmaceutical Education & Research (SPER), Jamia Hamdard, New Delhi spoke on the topic '*Academia perspective - Drug development & regulations*'. She shared valuable information about the role of academia in pharma industry and detailed academia role in drug discovery. Rajesh Agarwal, EC Member of IPADSB and Deputy General Manager-R&D, Modi-Mundipharma Ltd., Meerut, U.P. enlightened the participants about '*Industry perspective - Recent aspects in quality and regulatory*' by sharing the basics of the pharma industry. He also gave a brief talk on quality control of medicines and rules & regulations for import & export of Indian medicines.

After the presentations by the guest speakers, an open discussion was held where the participants cleared their doubts about the pharmacy profession. Also, mementoes were presented to the dignitaries on the dais and the program ended with vote of thanks proposed by Dr Adil Ahmad, Associate Professor of ACP.

## Indian Association of Functional Medicine Organizes Conference to Spread Awareness About Functional Medicines



**NEW DELHI:** The Indian Association of Functional Medicine (IAFM), an independent body, organized its first-ever virtual conference to promote and spread awareness about Functional Medicines (FM) in India on December 20, 2021. The objective of the conference was to promote FM usage in our day-to-day lives and reduce the dependency of other medicines that act on the symptom & subside the overall problem in a person's body than acting on the actual underlying problem that needs to be fixed. The Association was founded by Dr Priti Nanda Sibal, CEO & Founder, Mediskool Health Services; Dr Anish Musa, Founder, Ultrawellness; Dr Ashwini Garg, Co-Founder, Functional Medicine Clinic; and Dr Ruhi Agarwal, Co-



Dignitaries and participants at one day workshop at ACP (front row from left) are: Dr Mymoona Akhter, Treasurer, IPADSB; Dr Pradeep K. Sharma, Principal, ACP; Rajesh Agarwal, EC Member, IPADSB; Kalhan Bazaz, President, IPADSB; Sushant Sharma, Chairperson-IPF, IPADSB; and Dr Adil Ahmad, Associate Professor, ACP; among others.