

President Speak...



The road map would be effective only if each and every state and local branches and its office bearers involve and contribute to achieve the goal and making IPA the most dynamic & professionally relevant association. I earnestly request all the IPA members to collectively work towards making the IPA's Building project the most momentous one and let the dream of all the members of IPA come true.

Dear Members,

I express my deep sense of gratitude to all the Central and State executive council members of the Indian Pharmaceutical Association for electing me unopposed as the National President of IPA for the term 2018-20 along with a team of dynamic office bearers. I also extend my gratitude to all the members for electing the entire team of office bearers unopposed which created history in IPA elections in recent past. The election results reflected the harmony amongst the members of IPA and also the attitude of the members to support the good work done in past by the office bearers. It is a welcome note that Hon. Gen. Secretary's position has been made open across the country with implementation of recent amendments of by-laws of IPA.

I wish to provide a brief introduction to each of these highly accomplished individuals who contributed immensely to IPA. The team is well balanced and representing personalities from Industry (4), Regulatory (1), Education (4) and Community Pharmacy (1) and state wise 3 members from the state of Maharashtra, 2 each from Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh and 1 each from West Bengal, Jharkhand and Tamil Nadu. Mr. Suresh Khanna, MD of Dossier Solutions & Services based at Bangalore, elected unopposed as Honorary General Secretary and is the first person who got elected from the place other than Head Quarters. He has served IPA Karnataka State

Branch for several years from the position of Treasurer to President and is well known to most of the IPA members for successfully organizing 63rd IPC 2013 at Bangalore as LOC Secretary and instrumental in contributing major share to the IPA Centre. Dr. Hemant Mondkar consolidated his position of Honorary Treasurer for one more term. He is highly successful in his previous term and having total control over finance and accounts of IPA with the guidance of Immediate Past President Dr. Rao Vadlamudi. Dr. Alka Mukne returns unopposed as Editor, Pharma Times is well recognized for her contributions to IPA for the past decade and also for streamlining the Journal Pharma Times. The Journal Pharma Times is going to celebrate its Golden Jubilee year in 2018 in big way during her able editorship. Dr. Divakar Goli also returned unopposed as Editor, IJPS is a well known personality to IPA for his instinct support of mobilizing record number of life members from IPA Peenya Local Branch and also for winning the best local branch award repeatedly. Mrs. Manjiri Gharat, elected unanimous as Chairperson of Community Pharmacy Division, a record fifth term and is a prolific contributor to IPA. She is responsible for initiating various community pharmacy activities that have gained national and international repute and brought laurels to IPA at International level, particularly FIP. She is also representing Community Pharmacy Section of FIP and received prestigious Fellowship of FIP recently. Dr. R. N. Gupta, recently honoured with prestigious Eminent Pharmacist 2017 award of IPA and is back to Hospital Pharmacy Division elected unopposed as Chairman of the division. Dr. R. N. Gupta known for his significant contribution to IPA for more than three decades and also for his contribution to Advocacy matters of IPA. Dr. Subhash Mandal, is elected unopposed as the Chairman, IPA Regulatory Affairs Division. Dr. Mandal's contribution in promoting IPA and its activities in innovative ways in the state of West Bengal is commendable and is known for sending frequent regulatory updates as well as running the Drug Information Bulletin of the Bengal IPA Branch as its Editor. Mr. J. Jayaseelan, Managing Director of Sai Mirra Innopharm Pvt. Ltd. and Delvin Formulations, Chennai elected unopposed for the position of Chairman, Industrial Pharmacy Division served on the CEC of IPA at both state and centre. He was instrumental in successfully organizing IPC twice at Chennai (2004 & 2012), IPA Convention twice (2010 & 2018) and many IPA activities in the state of Tamil Nadu. Dr. S. Vidyadhara, Principal of Chebrolu Hanumaiah Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Guntur, AP, is elected unanimous to the IPA Education Division as the Chairperson. He is well known personality in the academic circles and contributed immensely to start the IPA AP State Branch after the separation of Andhra and Telangana States. He is President of IPA AP State Branch and his entire team worked splendidly for the success of 68th IPC 2016 organised by IPA at Andhra University, Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh.

The Team IPA 2018-20 wish to seek the support and guidance of all the State and Local Branches to take IPA to the next level and make it vibrant with the following Road Map:

- To start the long awaited IPA building and its project with all the amenities required for smooth functioning of IPA office and to mobilize the funds required for completion of the project.
- To strengthen corpus fund of IPA by collecting contributions from donors and also by organizing various activities.
- To mobilize IPA life members, Institutional members throughout the country with membership drive.
- To create data base of IPA members of all the state and local branches with complete details and updation of the data available.
- To streamline administrative set up of IPA secretariat and to ensure smooth and rapid communication between state, local branches and Centre.
- To make IPA website dynamic and interactive.
- To ensure that IPA will be a preferred partner for all professional organizations of National and International bodies to organize various professional activities.
- To motivate and activate all IPA State and Local Branches and to build a sense of belonging for all IPA members through activities planned during the term with active support from IPA Centre.
- To coordinate with IPA State and Local Branches and to monitor prompt conduct of elections in fair and democratic manner.
- To ensure that all divisions of IPA actively participate in IPA events and promote IPA activities like Convention, NPW, NEC, Pharma Quiz, and various revenue generation and collaborative projects.
- To define and promote the role of Pharmacists with D.Pharm, B.Pharm, M.Pharm, Pharm.D qualification in National Health Care programs and work towards creation of employment opportunities.
- To represent Government, professional bodies and its committees to play a pivotal role in developing regulatory policies for the pharmacy profession on all fronts, Industry, Education, Regulatory and Pharmacy Practice.
- To create a highly active publication platform to efficiently manage IPA publications such as Pharma Times, Indian Journal of Pharmaceutical Sciences, IPA-CPD e- Times and Panache live to create an international image for IPA and enhance readership.
- To strengthen IPA SF and its activities.

I once again thank all the IPA Electoral College members for placing their trust and electing the entire team unanimously for the term 2018-20.

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