



## President Speak...



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### Dear Members,

On behalf of IPA, I am happy to share the news of commendable contributions of Indian pharmacy industries to the national and global market, supplying some of the life saving drugs at 1/3 rd price and making the drugs available at affordable cost. Presently, over 80 percent of the antiretroviral drugs used globally to combat AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome) are supplied by Indian pharmaceutical firms. The Supply Annual Report of UNICEF (United Nations Children's Fund) 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 medicine. 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 health care.

Pharmacists have to prove their added-value in the health system. Pharmacists need to demonstrate their worth, there is plenty of evidence of the value and impact that pharmacists can have in health systems. However, there is not enough strategic communication and collaboration between the major sectors of the profession-practice, education and regulation/policy- and other key stakeholders till now. Now PCI has made a beginning. With Diploma in Pharmacy exit exam (DPEE) to ensure that a candidate applying for registration as pharmacist with the SPC (State Pharmacy Council) has undergone pharmacy education and practical training as provided in ER-91 from an institution approved under section 12 of Pharmacy Act 1948. The main objective of DPEE is to ensure that the candidate has acquired core competencies in dispensing of medicines and other areas of pharmacy practice and to reinforce his discipline, integrity, judgement, skills, knowledge and interest for learning and be able to exercise the professional skills in addition to his duty and responsibilities professionally. I, on behalf of IPA

and all the Pharmacy Professionals congratulate PCI, President, Dr.B. Suresh and his team for the initiations to maintain the quality and standards of the Pharmacy Professionals registering under Pharmacy Act 1948.

The FIP Congress is a catalyst that allows pharmacists from around the world to reach consensus on topics such as medicines shortages, antimicrobial resistance and responses to natural and man-made disasters. International groups have produced recommendations that form the basis for discussion with the World Health Organization, governments and other stakeholders. On a smaller scale, discussions at the FIP Glasgow congress have led groups of pharmacists and scientists to collaborate on developing guidance for topics such as dissolution testing, or to develop training programmes in good manufacturing practice for developing nations. In Glasgow, the sessions were held on topics ranging from "Supply chain solutions to strengthen emergency and disaster response" to "How to write great lay summaries and empower patients".

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### Our Mission

The Indian Pharmaceutical Association (IPA) is the national professional body of pharmacists engaged in various facets of the profession of Pharmacy. The IPA is committed to promote the highest professional and ethical standards of pharmacy, focus the image of pharmacists as competent healthcare professionals, sensitize the community, government and other on vital professional issues and support pharmaceuticals education and sciences in all aspects.

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