



President Speak...



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Dear Members,

Good News for IPA and its members. 30th August, 2018 is a memorable day in the history of IPA. After a decade of waiting, the IPA-Building dream project work has commenced. Bhoomi Puja was performed informally on 30th August, 2018 at 4.30 p.m in presence of office bearers, building committee members and senior members of IPA. Mr. Subodh Priolkar, Mr. A.I. Mehta, Mr. B.N. Thakore, Dr. P.M. Naik, Dr. M.K. Raina, Dr. Ajit Dangi, Mr. Kaushik Desai, Dr. Alka Mukne, Mr. Nitin Maniar, Mr. S.D. Joag, faculty of BCP and other distinguished guests were present during the Bhoomi Puja. I, on behalf of all the IPA members personally thank Mr. Subodh Priolkar and Mr. T.B. Nair for their relentless efforts to achieve the goal of IPA building project.

I personally thank Mr. Amit Valsangkar, the architect for giving excellent building plan and to M/s. Rajshree Build Tech Pvt. Ltd., the main contractor who gave competent quote for the IPA building. The Building

construction work started immediately after the Puja and is expected to be completed in 12 months. The building is designed to have ground plus 3 floors with each floor of area 8000 sq. ft. The ground floor will be provided for car parking and first floor will be available as IPA Administrative office along with seminar hall and guest house. The other two floors will be utilised for revenue generation so that IPA will be self sufficient to meet the administrative and other expenses. I also acknowledge the co-operation and support of IPA-MSB and BCP. The IPA team expresses gratitude for the whole-hearted support of IPA State and Local branches and individual IPA members for contributing generously to make the IPA's Building project the most momentous one.

IPA Team appreciates the advocacy group for the ground work accomplished and submitting the suggestions/views on the draft guidelines on e-Pharmacists released in April 2018 to the Drugs Controller General of India and for the appeal given to Shri. J.P. Nadda, Union Health Minister, redressing anomaly in the qualifications prescribed for the post of Drugs Inspector (Medical Devices) to include B. Pharm and M. Pharm qualifications. The group also gave representation to Shri. Narendra Modi, Honourable Prime Minister of India requesting to address-Importance of the Pharmacist in his "Mann ki Baat" programme.

I am happy to inform our members that Swiss pharmacist "Dominique Jordan" was elected as the President of the International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP). Mr Jordan, a community pharmacy owner and former chief executive officer of the Swiss Association of Pharmacists (pharmaSuisse), has served FIP for over a decade including as chair of the Federation's Board of Pharmaceutical Practice since 2014. Mr.Ash Soni, President, Royal Pharmaceutical Society (RPS), Carlos Lacava from Uruguay and Samira Shammas from

Jordan were elected as three new Vice Presidents of FIP. IPA congratulates the new team of FIP.

Another mile stone in the history of IPA is being Golden Jubilee year of Pharma Times. The Editor of Pharma Times Dr. Alka Mukne is organizing a half day seminar in the month January 2019 and other activities during this period. I request all of you to support the event and make the Golden Jubilee celebration of Pharma Times a grand success.

It was unfortunate that the devastating flood in the state of Kerala hit twelve out of fourteen districts and the national calamity affected badly the human lives and other precious natural resources of God's own land. The timely interventions by the common man without any prejudice in the rescue operations and relief programmes have made history and given back thousands of lives. We have also seen our Pharmacists working in and around the state in medical camp voluntarily in sorting medicines for the relief campaign and to console the people in grief. Indian Pharmaceutical Association has contributed Rs. 100,000/- to Kerala Chief Minister Flood Relief Fund. IPA - Industrial Pharmacy Division along with IPA Tamil Nadu State Branch and various IPA State and local branches has contributed voluntarily five crore worth of material towards the Flood Relief Fund of the Kerala State Government.

Finally, I appeal to all the State and local branches of IPA to organize September 25th World Pharmacist Day in a massive way and promote the core message of this year "Pharmacists are your medicines experts". I appreciate the efforts of Pharmacy Council of India and IPA-Community Pharmacy division for preparing posters and other material promoting World Pharmacist Day.

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