

IPA-Devinder Pal-National Elocution Competition-2018 (IPA-DP-NEC-2018)

The IPA-Devinder Pal-National Elocution Competition-2018 (IPA-DP-IPA-DP-NEC-2018) final round was conducted on 22nd December, 2018 during 70th Indian Pharmaceutical Congress at Amity University, New Delhi. Dr. G. Nagarjuna Reddy, National convener, IPA-DP-NEC-2018 welcomed the guests, Judges and Participants. Dr. T.V. Narayana the President, IPA inaugurated the IPA-DP-NEC-2018. The IPA-DP-NEC-2018 was witnessed by the galaxy of intellectuals from Industry, Academia, Regulatory and IPA office bearers along with about 200 budding pharmacists arrived from all over the country.

The IPA-DP-NEC-2018 was conducted in four rounds **i) Preliminary/Institution Round ii) State Round** (19 states/zones), Nineteen coordinators all over the country have coordinated in conducting IPA-DP-NEC-2018 state round successfully. **iii) Semi-final Round** was held on 23-11-2018 at Hyderabad (21 participants from 12 states/zones) and **iv) Final Round** (Eight participants from six states have participated). For all the out station participants of semi-final round free boarding and lodging and for finalists Complementary registration & free accommodation have been provided for the 70th IPC at New Delhi.

The Eight Contestants of final round of the National elocution competition-2018 orated on the topic "**Pharma Vision 2030 : Indian Pharma Industry- A Global Leader**". **The First place** was secured by **Ms. Renny Rozario** of college of pharmacy of Sri Ramakrishna Institute of Paramedical Sciences, Coimbatore, Tamilnadu; **Second place** by **Ms. Castelino Renita Edwin** of J.S.S. College of Pharmacy, Ootackmand, Tamil Nadu and third place by **Ms. Rashmi Anand Shukla** Saraswati Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Gandhinagar, Gujarat.

The winners of first, second & third place were given with certificate, memento and cash award of Rs.20000/-, Rs.10000/- & Rs.5000/- respectively. The cash awards for winners of the National elocution competition - 2018 were sponsored by the Dr. M. Venkateswarlu Memorial Lecture Endowment fund.

As a token of appreciation & to encourage the remaining finalists a cash prize of Rs.2500/- with & certificate have been awarded to each of them namely Ms. Sindhuja Ragathi AU College of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Visakhapatnam, A.P.; Ms. Mrinalini R., Manipal College of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Manipal, Karnataka; Ms. Sonu Benny of St.James college of Pharmacy, Chalakudi, Kerala; Mr. Avik Das, NSHM Knowledge Campus, Kolkata, West Bengal; and Ms. Anupama Banerjee, Dr.B.C. Roy College of Pharmacy, Durgapur, West Bengal, who stood fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth positions respectively.

Dr. T.V. Narayana, President, IPA; Dr. Rao V.S.V. Vadlamudi, President of Commonwealth Pharmacists Association; Shri Asish Pal, Managing Director & Zone Leader of MSD Pharma (Singapore) Pte. Ltd.; Dr. S. Vidhyadhara, Chairman IPA Education Division; Shri T.B. Nair Coordinator of IPA; Mr. Suresh Khanna, Hon. Gen. Secretary, IPA and others have distributed

the prizes, mementos and certificates to all the winners and honoured the Judges, state coordinators and assistant coordinators with a memento.

Finalists and Winners with Dignitaries:



Finalists and Winners Standing down: from left to right:

Ms. Anupama Banerjee, Mr. Avik Das, **Ms. Rashmi Anand Shukla (3rd Prize)**, **Ms. Renny Rozario (1st Prize)**, **Ms. Castelino Renita Edwin (2nd Prize)**, Ms. Sindhuja Ragathi, Ms. Sonu Benny and Ms. Mrinalini R.