



## President Speak...



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### Dear Members,

Change is the only performance in life. A look into the world of pharmacy gives an insight into the unlimited possibilities of change and the potential to make a giant stride.

The month of January has been an eventful one with many positivities for our grand association. As the President, IPA it gives me immense pleasure of attending Asia Pacific Pharmaceutical Science summit forum in Shanghai, China, where the Indian Pharmaceutical Association took an important milestone step by signing a strategic partnership with Shen Jie business management and consulting company Ltd with a view to promote IPA activities in China. Shen Jie is engaged in high and professional

conferences, summits, forums in medical and pharmaceutical industry and online medical and pharmaceutical training courses and acts as a gateway to promote training and placements in academic in pharmaceutical industries and also to promote interactions, tie-ups and joint conferences both in India and China.

Through the professional and social achievements of IPA, the organization has created a positive image for pharmacy profession, an image that is a matter of pride for all pharmacists. Beyond its academic and professional activities, IPA hosted a grand event to commemorate 50 years of Pharma Times, a pharma conclave organised on 24<sup>th</sup> January, 2019 with the Theme "Transforming disrupters to enablers for universal health care" at hotel Orchid, Mumbai. The Conclave hosted two panel discussions, one on "Evolving regulatory landscape" moderated by Dr. Rao V S V Vadlamudi with panelists Rajeev Patil, Subodh Priolkar, Dr. Nilima Kshirsagar, Dr. Eswaran Iyer and the other on "Digitization in Pharma Industry" moderated by Utkarsh Palnitkar with panelists Ettore Cucchetti, Sandeep Dewangan, Dr. Parizad Elichidana, Seshnath Chauhan. The chief guest of the conclave, Dr. S. Eswara Reddy, DCGI highlighted the proceedings with a fruitful deliberation. Panel discussion was followed by Pharma Times Golden Jubilee award function. The evolution of Pharma Times right from inception to current position was applauded and all the former and current editors, office bearers, loyal supporters of Pharma Times were felicitated. I take immense pleasure in appreciating the role of Ajit Singh, Chairman of Associated Capsules Group (ACG) for supporting the event. I extend heartfelt greetings to Dr. Alka Mukne, Editor Pharma Times, for her efforts in making the event a grand success.

We are very excited to have opened our doors to new local branches and student chapters across the country. Indian Pharmaceutical Association has sent a letter to J. P. Nadda, Hon'ble Minister of Health and Family Welfare requesting to develop strict regulations and policies for disposal of pharmaceuticals. Unfortunately there is no system in place, which would direct the patients and clinics to send the medicines unused by them through a specific safe collection and disposal mechanism. All medicines are chemical and their improper disposal poses a serious threat to the environment and public health. Indian Pharmaceutical Association took part in 81<sup>st</sup> DTAB meeting with considerations of the proposal to amend drugs and cosmetics rule 1945 for declaring the not of standard quality drugs under different categories for taking regulatory actions and also to amend medical device rules 2017.

I am happy to inform that Indian Pharmaceutical Association - Education Division and in Indian Pharmaceutical Association Students Forum is proposing to conduct the 10<sup>th</sup> National IPA Student Congress at Vikas Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Rajahmundry on 16<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> Feb, 2019. On behalf of Indian Pharmaceutical Association, my heartfelt appreciation to contributors towards the dream project of IPA building. The construction of the IPA building is going at a great pace and I extend a deep sense of gratitude to the pharma institutions, industries for their voluntary contribution and sponsorship. My sincere appeal to all the IPA members, IPA-State Local Branches, Donors to come forward and contribute towards the noble cause.

Dr. T. V. Narayana

### 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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