



President Speak...



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Dear Members,

I congratulate the IPA-Students Forum for organising its major national event IPA-Students Congress at Vikas Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Rajahmundry during 16th - 17th February, 2019 with a theme "Need Based Education—Changes Envisaged". The congress was a big success with presence of more than 3000 student delegates, IPA Student Forum leaders, invited guests, IPA members from the states of Delhi, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Tamilnadu, Telangana, UP, Orissa and Bihar. Students from 14 states and 89 colleges participated in this congress and made it a mega event. The 10th IPA - National Students Congress was hosted by IPA-Rajahmundry Local Branch and supported by IPA Andhra Pradesh State Branch under the mentorship of IPA Education Division. The panel discussion involving the students, completions with total prize money of Rs.9 lakhs in Patient counselling event, Clinical Skills event, Compounding Event, Innovative Ideas Event, Pharma Quiz, Dance competition, Best Oral and E-Poster Presentations. The bash was blessed with the presence of five former presidents of

IPA Dr. C. K. Kokate, Mr. Subodh Priolkar, Dr. B. Suresh, Mr. J.A.S.Giri and Dr. Rao Vadlamudi. It was a rare privilege to have the five former Presidents and present President together sharing the dais. The IPA Student Congress had leaders like Dr. B. Suresh, President, PCI, New Delhi as Chief Guest and Dr. Krishna Ella, MD of Bharat Biotech as key note speaker, Mr. Lee li, from Shanghai, Mr. Subodh Priolkar, MD of Wincoat Limited, Mumbai. Dr. M.D Karvekar, E.C member, PCI, New Delhi, Dr. S Vidhyadhara, Chairman, IPA - Education Division, Prof. KPR Chowdary - SSC Convener, IPCA. Mr. Dilip Kumar, President, AIDCOC, Prof. P. Rajeswara Rao, President, IPA AP State, Dr. A. Ramakishan & Dr. Naresh Sharma from CDCSO, Sri. T. Ch. Subbarao - Chairman, Vikas Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Rajahmundry, Sri. G. Surya Rao, MLA, Dr. T. K. Ravi, Dr. M. Sriram, Dr. K. Venkata Ramana, Dr. P. Srinivasbabu, Dr. M. Prasada Rao graced the event. The conference was inaugurated with a lively welcome address by Ms. P Pragna Ella, Chairperson IPASF and was followed by galvanizing and energizing perorations of the notable dignitaries on the dais. Dr. T.K. Ravi, Dr. Sriram, Dr. Divakar Goli, Dr. C. Ramesh, Dr. Narasimha Reddy and Dr. G. Nagarjuna Reddy, convener, NEC-2018 played a vital role in guiding and conducting the events in grand manner.

I am happy to share with our members the statement given by FIP President during the 78th FIP Congress at Glasgow, UK. Currently FIP has more than 4 million members through its member organisations and our profession is the third largest "health workforce" on a global level, according to WHO sources. However, evidence shows that the number of pharmacists may be insufficient or poorly distributed, depending on the region of the world. To provide a solution to this problem, we must continue to offer proof that pharmacists, as experts in medicines, both in academic training and professional capacity, must be fully integrated in healthcare policies and, as a consequence, in the designing of national health systems.

I note with concern that, according to a 2017 report by the World Bank and the World Health Organization, (Tracking Universal Health Coverage: 2017 Global Monitoring Report) half of the global population continues to be denied essential

health services, so access to medicines remains a distant goal in many parts of the world, especially in the case of women and children. This lack of access, as we all know, has multiple causes and, in turn, has devastating consequences. Consequences such as the problem of the falsification and sub-standardisation of medicines, in some regions of the world, are a real and growing threat. According to the WHO, up to 50% of the medicines that reach developing countries are falsified or substandard. We pharmacists know that medicines are not consumer products, because patients are not consumers who can choose whether or not to take their medication. To prevent this health risk for patients, the greatest guarantee of sustainability in access to and responsible use of medicines, resides in policies that lay down global, national and regional regulations which ensure that the whole medicine chain, from research to destruction, is supervised and safeguarded by pharmacy workers, ensuring the final goal: patient health.

Indian Pharmaceutical Association commends the action taken by DTAB by consideration of the proposal to include nicotine orally disintegrating strips along with nicotine gums and lozenges for exemption from the provision of sale license. DTAB was apprised that, as per Schedule K to the Drugs and Cosmetics Rules, under entry no. 33 provided exemptions for nicotine gum and lozenges containing 2mg of nicotine from the provisions of sale license subject to the condition that such a product has been manufactured under a valid drug manufacturing license.

The construction of IPA building is going with great momentum and I extend my deep sense of gratitude to Pharma institutions, Pharma industries for their voluntary contribution and sponsorship. My sincere appeal to all the IPA members, IPA state and local branches, donors to come forward and contribute towards the noble cause of IPA Building.

"Great leaders don't set out to be a Leader, they set out to make a difference. It's never about the Role-always about the Goal".

Dr. T. V. Narayana