

President Speak...



Dear Members,

“One Year successful completion of IPA team”

It's been an incredible ride for the successful completion of one year as the President of IPA. I would like to express my deep sense of gratitude to all the office bearers, Past Presidents, all the CEC members, all the state and local branches, Staff for their immense support and encouragement. I believe that all this good work couldn't have done without your support nor can I take the next step without your encouragement. The memorable highlights and milestones achieved on a day-to-day level above the expectations were briefed below to the members.

• **IPA building:** I owe my special congrats to Mr. Subodh Priolkar and members of IPA building committee for their relentless efforts in obtaining all requisite permissions to commence the IPA Building project. The construction is going with great momentum and I extend my deep sense of gratitude to all the donors for their voluntary contribution and sponsorship.

• **Website updation:** The IPA website has been totally revamped with regularisation of membership data, automatic generation of membership number, online membership with Payment gateway, mass mailing for renewals with reminders.

• **SEAR Pharm forum:** The SEAR Pharm Forum secretariat was handed over to IPA and was given the responsibility of monitoring the activities of Forum. It was a good opportunity to establish IPA amongst the countries of SEAR region and my special thanks to Prafull Sheth, founder trustee of Forum for the confidence reposed and also for giving this opportunity to IPA.

• **IPA-Annual Convention- 2018:** The 12th Annual Convention of IPA was organised for the 1st time in Bhuvaneshwar, by IPA Jeypore local branch in association with

Odisha Pharmacy intellectual forum on 3- 4 November, 2018 with the theme “Pharma Vision 2030: A road map for profession of Pharmacy with special focus on “ Odisha Pharma Industries: Issues and challenges” . The convention mainly focused on the issues pertaining to pharmaceutical scenario of the state and preparing a Road Map towards the development of Pharmaceutical Industry in the state of Odisha.

• **IPA- Students Congress:** A notable IPA-SF'S major national event 10th IPA-Students Congress was hosted by IPA-Rajahmundry Local Branch at Vikas Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences during 16-17 February, 2019 with a theme “Need Based Education——Changes Envisaged”. The Congress mainly focussed on industry-academia issues, Panel discussion by experts from Academia, Industry and Regulatory personals and conducted nine events with huge prize money. Around 2800 delegates from 90 colleges across the nation from various states participated.

• **Pharma Times Golden Jubilee:** IPA hosted a grand event to commemorate 50 years celebrations of Pharma Times on 24th January, 2019. The evolution of Pharma Times right from inception to current position was applauded by the members present and all the former and current editors, Office Bearers, Loyal Supporters of Pharma Times were felicitated. IPA specially thanks Mr. Ajit Singh, Chairman of ACG for supporting the event and to Dr. Alka Mukne, Editor in making the event a grand success.

• **IPA Divisional activities:** I am happy to share that the divisions of IPA has done excellent contribution with various activities and made IPA more visible and vibrant amongst all walks of pharmacy profession. IJPS continued to do its best with good impact factor and my special appreciation to Editor, Dr. Divakar.

IPA-ED has done extremely well with various initiatives like National Pharma Quiz, IPA-GPAT mock test along with regular NEC and FDP. The programmes were huge success and my special appreciation to Dr. Vidyadhara, Chairman of the division and his team.

IPA-CPD continued its good work with various initiatives and focussed mainly on TB fact card project, training modules. My heartfelt congratulations to Mrs. Manjiri Gharat for her excellent efforts in getting these projects and monitoring successfully.

IPA-HPD started providing Professional training to hospital pharmacists on Pharmacy Management and Administration and supply chain management and

contributing immensely with continuous professional development programs.

The Industrial Pharmacy Division (IPD) organized various activities like interactive sessions, training programmes at Chennai, Hyderabad, Delhi on GMP, GCP, Medical devices with main focus on 483 for USFDA approved and USFDA un approved plants in India. The activities of the division were well appreciated by the industry personnel and my special congratulations to Mr. Jayseelan and team.

IPA-RAD continued its steady contribution by organising various sessions on Drug discovery through Regulatory pathway, Co-ordinated Panel discussions on Resurgence of Pharmaceutical Industry and continuously Publishing articles on Recent Regulatory Milestones in India. Publication of Drug Information Bulletin jointly with Bengal Branch updating information on Drugs, professional issues, health care information, has earned recognition from HIFA 2015, UK.

• **MOU with Shen Jie :** IPA took an important milestone step by signing a strategic partnership with Shen Jie business management and consulting company. This strategic partnership will establish the role of IPA amongst the Pharma Industry and also will help in various collaborative activities like Imports, Exports of API, Medical devices and Machinery supply.

• **Advocacy Issues:** I am pleased to share with our members that our Advocacy group Dr. Rao, Dr. Subash Mandal, Dr. R. N. Gupta, Mrs. Manjari, Mr. Raj Vaidya contributed immensely in representing various advocacy issues to Government and other bodies on vital issues.

• **IPA state and local branches:** The IPA State and Local branches contributed immensely this year by promoting IPA in big way with NPW, World Pharmacist day in addition to their regular activities. My personal thanks to all the state and local branches for making IPA more visible. The regularisation of election process in some state and local branches stream lined the long pending issues and started functioning. The IPA secretariat mobilised to ensure smooth and rapid communication between state, local branches and centre.

Finally, my sincere appeal to all the IPA members, State and Local Branches, Donors to come forward and contribute towards the noble cause of construction of IPA building.

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