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Press Note

Dr. Parvinder Singh Memorial Award to Dr Mohan. D Nair

National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research, SAS Nagar celebrated the 4th Dr. Parvinder Singh Memorial Award Lecture on May 21, 2019 (Tuesday) from 04:00 P.M. onwards at Convention Centre, NIPER-SAS Nagar.

The celebrations started with the traditional lamp lighting by the dignitaries and Saraswati Vandana presented by students of NIPER.

Prof Raghuram Rao Akkinapally, Director NIPER delivered the welcome address. He introduced the guests and gathering about Dr. Parvinder Singh and his contribution in the formation of NIPER-SAS Nagar, Punjab. He informed the gathering about the origin of this award and recalled the names of past awardees.

4th Dr. Parvinder Singh Memorial Award was awarded to Dr. Mohan D. Nair, who is the present Director of SAMI Labs, Consultant- WHO; Ex- Vice President - SPIC; Fellow- INAE and a very well renowned scientist. He delivered the 4th Dr. Parvinder Singh Memorial Award Lecture on **“EMERGING TRENDS IN DISEASES MANAGEMENT & NEW DRUG DISCOVERY”**. Dr Nair in his lecture focused on the realities of healthcare issues and diseases, their prevalence & management in Indian healthcare scenario. He elaborated the current drug discovery & development approaches and emergence of personalised medicines. He also underlined the need of fresh approaches such as synthetic biology, genomics, proteomics, gene editing etc. in drug research and development. He concluded with emphasis on traditional medicines for healthcare

NIPER-SAS Nagar and Dr. NityaNand, Ex-Director, Central Drug Research Institute (CDRI), Lucknow and a well-known Scientist in drug discovery instituted this award in the memory of Late Dr. Parvinder Singh, Former Chairman of Ranbaxy Research

Laboratories, Gurgaon. As the 37th President of IPC, Dr. Parvinder Singh was instrumental in setting up of NIPER, the first national level institute in pharmaceutical sciences in India. His contributions in the field of Pharmaceutical Sciences are quite laudable and he played many crucial roles in terms of growth in Pharmaceutical sector of the Nation.

This award has been previously awarded to Dr. Praful D. Seth, Vice President, International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP) in 2014, to Dr D. B. Anantha Narayana, Director, Regulatory affairs, Unichem Research, Bangalore in 2016 and to Padma Bhushan & Padma Shri Prof. P. Balaram, Emeritus Professor of IISc, Bangalore (Ex Director, IISc, Bangalore) in 2017. All the faculties, students and research staff of NIPER as well as Pharmacy experts within the tricity attended this function.