

Press Release for 04.10.2021

India is celebrating *Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav* and events in the field of Pharmaceutical sciences are happening under the aegis of Department of Pharmaceuticals, Ministry of Chemical and Fertilizers. National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research (NIPER) - SAS Nagar (Punjab) is organizing "NIPER Week" from 4th-9th October, 2021" as common program for all seven NIPERs - Department of Pharmaceuticals. It is being conducted in both offline and online mode.

Many pharmaceutical industry experts, professors, start-up leaders, young pharmacy graduates and alumni of this institute are giving lectures during this week. The faculties from other NIPERs have also come to NIPER Mohali to join this celebration.

In this context, inaugural event was organized on 04.10.2021 from 11:30am onwards. Sh. Mansukh Mandaviya the Hon'ble Union Minister (Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers) was the Chief Guest and Smt. S. Aparna, Secretary, Department of Pharmaceuticals, Chairperson, Apex Council, NIPERs was the Guest of Honour for the Event. Prof. Dulal Panda, the Director of the Institute, welcomed the Hon'ble Chief Guest, Respected Secretary Madam, and other dignitaries and apprised about the programme.

The Hon'ble Minister mentioned about the growth of Pharmacy field in 75 years from small subtopic of health sciences to making India as the "pharmacy of the world" as it is supplying generic drugs to around 150 countries in the world. He emphasized that there is a need to change the model after 75 years of independence. He told we must have vision for next 25 years so that we should today know that where we will take Indian Pharma sector at 100 years of independence. He told that after this lecture series, a road map of 25 years should be ready and it should be sent to Ministry.

After the inauguration, the Registrar (Officiating) gave the vote of thanks wherein after thanking the Hon'ble Minister, Respected Secretary Madam, dignitaries, audience, he

made special mention of the Media fraternity for projecting NIPER to the public in right spirits.

Immediately after the inauguration function, there were lectures by eminent personalities in the field of Pharmaceutical Sciences which was followed by the key note address by Dr. V.K. Paul, Member Niti Ayog.

The first lecture was from Dr. Rustom Mody, Head Biologicals, Sun Pharma delivered a lecture on "Recent Trends in Biopharma Industry". He highlighted the contribution of Indian Pharma to the world. He talked about the Recent Trends in Biopharma Industry which is a gold mine for India, and future of Indian Biopharma. He discussed about biopharmaceutical research, biosimilar, scale and how to take carry forward from clone to clinic. He ended his talk by providing insights for pharmacy graduates job opportunities in biotech industry.

Dr. Girish Sahni, Ex DG-CSIR, Dr. carried forward the today's discussion with topic "Riding the next Rainbow of Pharma Opportunity: From Smart Processes to Innovative Biopharmaceuticals". He highlighted the opportunities beckon for Bio better, Changing Face of S&T in India and steps between innovation and application for biopharmaceutical development. He ended his talk with the words that India is already an Epicenter of Pharma products and the future belongs to us to become the world leader in Bio Pharma.

The next lecture was by Dr. Dinesh Dua, Executive Director, Chairman, Nectar Lifesciences, & Chairman, Pharmexcil and Chairman, CII Northern Region, (life Science and Biotech) delivered a lecture on "Indian Pharma 2021-Perspective & Way forward". He talked about India Global Power Horse of Pharma Formulations & Atamnirbharta in Intermediates, API's & KSM's. He discussed about government policies and industry expectations from research institutes like NIPERs.

It was followed by the key note address by Dr. V.K. Paul, Member, NITI Aayog. Dr. Paul focused upon the quality education, innovative teaching and research required at

NIPERs. He talked about the increase in the industry –academia interface for carrying forward research to people. He stressed upon the need to pharma research bridge with medical practitioners for innovative research solutions.

