

### **Celebration of Independence Day-2022 at NIPER, S.A.S. Nagar**

The National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research (NIPER), S A S Nagar, celebrated 76<sup>th</sup> Independence Day with great fervor and enthusiasm. Prof Dulal Panda, Director, NIPER, hoisted the National Flag followed by recitation of the National Anthem.

In his institutional address, Prof. Panda offered his heartfelt devotion and respect to the thousands of freedom fighters who laid down their lives in the long struggle for the independence of the country. He said the country is celebrating 75 years of independence. NIPER, SAS Nagar, had organized "NIPER Week" under Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav (AKAM) celebrations from 4<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> October 2021 as a joint program for all seven NIPERs. In addition, a weeklong Rashtriya Ekta Diwas (National Unity Day) was also celebrated from 24<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> October under AKAM celebrations under the umbrella of Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers. He further told the rationale of bringing Tiranga at home for Har Ghar Tiranga celebrations under the aegis of AKAM. He mentioned the country's lead in different fields including science and technology, vaccine development, and hub for medical tourism etc.

He mentioned different steps taken by the institute in line with the Honourable Prime Minister's speech of 15<sup>th</sup> August, 2021 e.g. development of Herbal medicines, Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Schemes for make in India Campaign, New Education Policy, and emphasis on MSMEs and Start Ups.

He briefed about the achievements of the institute e.g. QS World University Rankings, NIRF Ranking, publications, patents etc. He said the Institute has received Rs. 1.14 Crore as royalty for technology transfer. He also said that there is a remarkable improvement in placement record and the highest annual package of Rs. 27.83 lakhs has been given to three Masters students. In addition, he mentioned Masters-Ph.D dual degree programme is being started from the current year.

Prof. Panda mentioned about the initiation of steps to promote research within the Institute e.g. Presentations by PhD students, Presentations by faculty members, Initiation of Annual NIPER Students Research Symposium (NSRS), Time-bound product development proposals scheme, Dr Anil Gulati Travel Awards for two meritorious students for presenting research work at an international platform in USA. Neha Shoree memorial award, and Smt. Krishna Gulati awards were given last year and will continue in future.

He highlighted the progress/achievements of different sections of the institute. He also acknowledged the awards won by different faculty members of the institute since last year. He also mentioned that our immunity booster tea is almost ready for marketing.

He concluded his speech by wishing all the NIPERites and their families a very happy Independence Day.

It was followed by the cultural programme where the children of the staff presented colourful programmes under the theme of patriotism. The ceremony ended with the distribution of sweets to all the attendees.