47th National Pharmacy Week Celebration 23rd to 30th November, 2008

Theme: Know Your Pharmacist For Safe Use of Prescription Medicines

IPA Maharashtra State Branch

The Indian Pharmaceutical Association, Maharashtra State Branch, celebrated the 47th National Pharmcy Week (NPW) from 23rd to 30th November, 2008 jointly with Indian Drug Manufacturer's Association (IDMA), Organization of Pharmaceutical Producers of India (OPPI), All India Organisation of Chemist & Drugist (AIOCD) and Maharashtra State Pharmacy Council (MSPC).

The National Pharmacy Week function was inaugurated on Sunday, 23rd November, 2008 by the Chief Guest Dr. A. D. Sawant, Pro-Vice Chancellor, University of Mumbai at the auditorium of Hotel Rang Sharda Natya Mandir Auditorium, Bandra (West), Mumbai.

The inauguration function started with welcome address by the President of IPA-MSB, Mr. M. G. Kekatpure. Dr. A. D. Sawant, Dr, Urmila Thatte, Prof. & Head, Dept. of Clinical Pharmacology, Seth G. S. Medical College & KEM Hospital, Mumbai and Mr. S. D. Joag, Hon. Gen. Secretary, IPA also spoke on this occasion. The inaugural function was followed by a silent rally of over 1000 pharmacists. The other activities included the eyecheck & cataract operation camps in 7 location in Mumbai, patient awareness activity bone donation camp programme and flood growing campus act a closen places and public awareness exhibitions for educating the laymen regarding & benefication of fake medicines.

More than 375 people took benefit of the blood grouping campus and more than 1000 patients were screened for eye sight and around 95 patients were found for cataract operations which were taken to hospital for free operation after every camp. In Bone Mineral Density camp more than 775 people took benefit. Free medicines were also distributed at same locations.

IPA Pune Branch

Poona College of Pharmacy and Indian Pharmaceutical Association, Pune jointly

organized competition on "Patient Counselling" on 26th November 2008. Joint-commissioner FDA, Pune Hon. Bacchubhai Oswal, Executive Member Pharmacy Council of India was the Guest of Honour. Dr. Atmaram Pawar, Prof. of Pharmaceutics and Co-ordinator of the event gave introductory talk about the need of patient counseling.

IPA Nagpur Branch

NPW was inaugurated successfully with a huge Pharma-Rally; more than thousand members of Pharmacy Profession including Pharma students, Pharma retailers, industrialists, Drug Inspectors, Principals and staff of the Pharmacy colleges in the region and the member of local branch participated. Various competitions like Debate Competition, Elocution Competition, Quiz Competition etc. were conducted in various colleges at degree and diploma level separately, blood donation camp and tree plantation was also organized in some of the colleges.

IPA Goa State Branch

Elocution competitions, quiz programmes and lectures from eminent speakers from Pharma industry were held in association with IPA Goa state branch, there were poster competitions, games and other competitions.

IPA Modasa Branch

Modasa Branch had celebrated NPW. A pharma rally was organized and three hundred students of Diploma, Degree and Post Graduate participated. Quiz and poster competitions were also organized.

IPA Nilgiris Branch

Social awareness programme was organized in various schools regarding health related topics, free dental camp and distribution of dental kits. For the benefit of the people and school children, IPA rally and cultural events were organized in collaboration with Nilgiris Branch, JSS

Dental College and Hospital, Dept. of Community Dentistry, Mysore and National Service Scheme, JSS College of Pharmacy, Ooty.

IPA Manipal Branch

The celebrations were jointly organized under the auspices of the Manipal branches of IPA, Association of Community Pharmacists of India (ACPI), Indian Hospital Pharmacy Association (IHPA) and the MCOPS Students' Council.

Inter class sports competitions, christened "Athlos 2008" were held. A Blood Donation Camp arranged to mark the occasion attracted total of 103 students and staff members, who donated blood. Another event of great import was patient counseling. A quiz for the staff and students was also organized. Essay, debate and poster competitions were also conducted. Guest lectures were delivered on topics like nanotechnology, HPTLC, instrumental analysis. A panel discussion was also held for the radio audience on the Scope of PharmD in India.

IPA Rajkot Branch

IPA Rajkot Branch and Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Saurashtra University, Rajkot had organized a Debate Competition for Under Graduate and Post Graduate students from various college across the Saurashtra region. More than 26 students from various colleges had represented their Institute. The event was organized under the presidential chair of Dr. N. R. Sheth, President, IPA Rajkot Branch and Head, Dept. Pharmaceutical Sciences, Saurashtra University.

IPA UP State Branch

A meeting was organized by the IPA UP State Branch in Vigyan Bhawan, Balrampur Hospital, Lucknow. Pharmacists of different departments and pharmacy students participated in the meeting. Dr. Jawahar Lal Senior Scientist C.D.R.I., Dr. C.H.V. Rao and Dr. V. Kumar N.B.R.I., (Prof.) K.C.Rastogi Directorate

of Medical Education U.P., V.A.K. Saxena President Drug Manufacture Association, Lucknow, R.A. Gupta Convener, S.M. Kabeer State President I.H.P.A., Sunil Yadav Spokes person Diploma Pharmacists Association delivered their views on the theme.

IPA Jharkhand State Branch

NPW was celebrated jointly by IPA Jharkhand State Branch and Pharmaceutical Society of BIT, Mesra, Ranchi at the Auditorium of BIT, Ranchi.

Prof. P. K. Barhai, Vice Chancellor of BIT, Mesra was the Chief Guest on this occasion. He expressed his concern about good practices in pharmacy profession because it is all about life and survival.

The Biannual Journal, Pharmbit, was released by Prof. P. K. Barhai, Vice Chancellor of BIT, Mesra.

NPW seminar was organized at Mecon Hospital Ranchi. It was well attended by Pharmacists of Govt. and PSU hospitals.

Srinivas College of Pharmacy, Valachil, Mangalore

The celebrations were jointly organized by South Kanara District Chemists & Druggists Association, Mangalore and Association of Community Pharmacists of India, Mangalore Nodal Centre and Srinivas College of Pharmacy, Mangalore.

"AIDS/HIV Awareness" Pharma Rally

A Pharma Rally was held from Hotel Srinivas G.H.S. Road Scout Bhavan Mannagudda. More than 800 students from different colleges of district participated in the Rally.

B.N. Girls College of Pharmacy, Udaipur

B.N. Girls College of Pharmacy celebrated 47th NPW vigor high. Various activities were conducted on this occasion like literary, cultural, sports activities and various social activities.

R R College of Pharmacy, Bangalore

Pharmaceutical Scientific Society (PSS) of R R College of Pharmacy, Bangalore organized a Guest Lecture on Clinical

Research Trials - Challenges & Opportunity by Prof. Dr. Mahesh Burande, Bil Care Research Academy, Mumbai. Prof. Dr. Mahesh Burande focused on the opportunities for pharmacy graduate on various level of clinical research. He also gave an extensive talk on pharma sector services for budding pharmacist.

Shri Bhagwan College of Pharmacy Aurangabad, Maharashtra

Interactive seminars were conducted by third year B.Pharma students "Safe use of medicines". The seminars primarily focused on hazards of self medication, safe use of prescription medicines, drugdrug interaction, drug-food interactions, and the effect of alcoholism, cigarettes smoking on taken medicines. The seminar introduced the functions of pharmacist and pharmacy as well as general information on medicines including generic drugs, branded drugs as well as banned drugs.

Padmavati College of Pharmacy & Research Institute, Periyanahalli, T.N.

Mr. Kaushik Desai, Chief Executive Officer, Global Pharma Pvt. Ltd., Hosur graced the stage as the chief guest and delivered his invaluable speech regarding the scope and growth of the Pharma industry which was a great motivation for the students.

A rally was held between Government hospital and four roads of Dharmapuri. Other events like skit, drawing, rangoli, elocution, quiz were also conducted. A blood donation camp conducted by the college along with the cooperation of Krishnagiri Lion's Club. Nearly forty students donated blood.

Alwar Pharmacy College, Alwar, Rajasthan

Alwar Pharmacy College conducted week long activities. Both indoor and outdoor games were organized. Thirty five students participated in the voluntary blood donation camp organized in association with the Rajiv Gandhi Rajiya Chikitsalya. A silent "Pharma Rally" was also organized in which about 300 students and teachers took part. A rangoli competition was arranged and the week

long celebrations were concluded with the cultural night.

Vinayaka Mission's College of Pharmacy, Salem, TN

Chief guest Thiru G. Selvaraj, Asst. Director, Drugs Control Dept. delivered the keynote address on the theme "Ask your Pharmacist for the safe use of Prescription Medicines. An elocution competition was also conducted among the students.

Ram Gopal College of Pharmacy, Gurgaon, Haryana

Various events like oral paper presentations, pharma exhibition, pharma rangoli, pharma quiz and pharma debate were organized.

Emphasis was laid on the role of the pharmacist in maintaining health status of the community. The chief guest was Prof. S. L. Nasa, Registrar of Delhi Pharmacy Council and a great academician. He shared his knowledge among the students and told some of the newer achievements in the field of pharamacy and medicine.

J.K.K. Nataraja College of Pharmacy, Komarapalayam, T.N.

J.K.K. Nataraja College of Pharmacy and Research Institute in association with Indian Pharma-ceutical Association Bhavani-Komarapalayam local Branch conducted a public awareness rally. During the rally the students showed placards and banners about the role of pharmacist in health care awareness of prescription.

K.V.S.R. Siddhartha College of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Vijayawada, AP

A guest lecture was arranged for UG and PG students. All 67 students of III B.Pharm arranged Scientific Poster on latest trends in Pharmaceutical Sciences.

Smriti College of Pharjmaceutical Education, Indore

A speech competition was held. Heath

awareness programme was conducted in which students and faculty members of the institute went to Nipania village, Indore, to spread awareness about health and sanitation, proper drainage system, communicable diseases, cleanliness habits and the role of pharmacists in maintaining general health and hygiene. Blood donation camp was held in the institute premises where about fifty students donated blood.

Raghu College of Pharmacy, Dakamarri, Visakhapatnam

Raghu College of Pharmacy, Dakamarri, Visakhapatnam celebrated NPW by organizing various events like mini Health Camp, Medicinal Plantation and Rally to bring awareness in public about right use of medicines and role of pharmacists in health care. As a part of the celebrations, scientific poster session, essay writing and elocution competitions were conducted for students.

Geetanjali Institute of Pharmacy, Dabok, Udaipur, Rajasthan

The institute arranged Blood Donation Camp at its own medical college campus, where more then 30 students donated blood. Apart from these literary, sports and cultural events were also conducted and around 150 pharmacy students participated and 80 prize winners were encouraged.

Students and staff members took part in the Essay Competition, Rangoli Competition, Poster Presentation, Poster Making, Slogan Writing, Games, Debate, Extempore, Group Discussion, Pharma Quiz, Mehendi Competition, Scientific Exhibition, Blood Group & Blood Pressure detection camp, Scientific Seminar (Hazards of OTC medicines), Village health awareness tour was organized.

Annamacharya College of Pharmacy, Rajampet, A.P.

Guest lectures were given on topics like Patents, The Generic Drugs and Drug Design. Competitive programs like Elocution, Essay Writing, Green Pharma Exhibition and Poster Presentation were conducted.

Avanthi Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Visakhapatnam, A.P.

NPW celebrations were flagged off by the Philanthraphist, Chairman of Avanthi Group of Education Institutions, Shri M. Srinivasa Rao. Students have participated in Quiz programs, Elocution, Sports and Cultural programmes.

The students went to high schools and housing colonies of several villages in and around Visakhapatnam and conducted awareness programmes on National Health Schemes.

Jeypore College of Pharmacy, Jeypore, Orissa

The NPW celebrations were conducted by Jeypore College of Pharmacy, Jeypore, Orissa for 3 days. An educative and silent Pharma Rally, Health Camp to rurals were organized in Jeypore town. It was inaugurated by Mrs. Gita Nanda, Chairperson, Jeypore Municipality.

Rajiv Academy for Pharmacy, Mathura

The National Pharmacy week was celebrated at Rajiv Academy for Pharmacy, Mathura from 16th to 22nd November, 2008. As a part of celebrations various student activities including poster competition and essay writing were organized. A pharma rally on the theme "Know Your Pharmacist on the SAfe USE of Prescription Medicine" was conducted by the students. The celebrations concluded with a voluntary Blood Donation Camp.

Aditya Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences & Research, Surampalem, A.P.

The NPW celebrations were conducted in the Aditya Group of Pharmacy Institutions located at Surampalem, East Godavari District of Andhra Pradesh. The inaugural function was presided over by the Chairman of Aditya Group Shri N. Sesha Reddy, MLC, Govt. of AP. Scientific Lectures were organized in which the importance of the Pharmacist in delivering safe and effective prescription medicines was highlighted. A seminar on Method Development and Troubleshooting in HPLC was organized. The students of the Aditya Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences and Shri Sai Aditya Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences participated in the scientific poster presentations that were organized in the college during 20th to 22nd November 2008. The faulty, PG and UG Students and community pharmacists from nearly hospital enthusiastically participated in the pharmacy week activities.

College of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Govt. Medical College, Kottayam, Kerala

NPW was celebrated with a two day seminar at College of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Govt. Medical College, Kottayam. A guest lecture on "Opportunities in Clinical Research" by Mr. Ajay Jagan of Cliniminds India was conducted. On the second day, a talk on the theme "Ask your Pharmacist for the safe use of Prescription Drugs" by Mr. C. K. Mohandas, Drugs Inspector, Alappuzha was organized.

Indira Gandhi Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Bhubaneswar

NPW was celebrated at Indira Gandhi Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences, IRC Village, Nayapalli, Bhubaneswar. A free blood donation camp, free drug distribution camp, Inter college cricket match, Essay, Debate and Elocution was organized throughout the week.

Vignan Pharm-acy College, Vadlamudi, A.P.

Vignan Pharmacy College, Vadlamudi celebrated NPW on a grand scale. A seminar on the theme of the Pharmacy Week was conducted by Dr. V. Naga Lakshmi of IMIS Pharmaceuticals, Vijayawada.



