

“Know Your Pharmacist – Pharmacist in Health Care 2005”

PDM college of Pharmacy along with IPGA inaugurated **44th National Pharmacy Week** by organizing a seminar on the theme **“Know Your Pharmacist – Pharmacist in Health Care”**. Speakers invited to mark the event were Prof. S. S. Aggrawal (Principal, DIPSAR), Prof. B. D. Miglani (Ex-Principal College of Pharmacy, New Delhi), Prof A. N. Kalia (HOD, Deptt. Of Pharmaceutical Sciences, MDU, Rohtak), Mr. P. K. Jaggi (Deputy Drug Contoller, Drug Control Department, Government of Delhi) and Mr. Atul Kumar Nasa (General Secretary, IPGA).



The seminar was presided over by Er. M.M. Sharma, Managing Director, Prabhu Dayal Memorial Religious & Educational Association (PDMREA). Prof. Arun Garg, Principal, PDM College of Pharmacy welcomed all the speakers and presented a brief report about activities of the pharmacy college. He also appraised the guests that the college will be undertaking patient counseling programme during the National Pharmacy Week by the students and staff of the college at the chemist shops of Bahadurgarh, Rohtak, Gurgaon and Delhi. The students have been trained for general patient counseling and in particular about Diabetes Management. He also announced that Mr. Dalbir Chawla, B. Pharm. student has secured IIIrd position in the merit in MD University examination and ensured that quality of education and results will be improved in years to come and PDM College of Pharmacy will be one of the best college in Haryana.



Prof. S.S Aggarwal



Prof. B.D. Miglani

The Chief Guest of the function Prof. S.S. Aggarwal, Principal, Delhi Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences and Research, Delhi University, enlightened the students with his talk on “***Drug Food Interaction***”. He presented the interactions between foods like cheese, grape juice, coffee, alcohol etc. with various drugs and explained that these interactions can be avoided by educating the patient by patient counseling. He emphasized that the image of the pharmacist can only be improved if he become an important link between physician and patient by undertaking patient counseling. He said that pharmacist should play an important role in National Health Policies, Like AIDS, Malaria, Polio, Bird Flue vaccination, Tobacco cessation programmes.

Prof. B.D. Miglani (Ex-Principal College of Pharmacy, Delhi) delivered the key note address and explained simple points which should be kept in mind while doing patient counseling. He stressed that pharmacist should have good communication skills, sound knowledge of drugs and a gentle professional outlook for effective patient counseling.

The Guest of Honour, Prof. A.N. Kalia, Head of Department, Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, M D University, Rohtak said that Pharmacist should feel proud to be an important part of the integrated environment health care system. Pharmacist should feel proud of its profession as he is not a simple dispenser but has to play several roles such as in Drug Research and Development, Clinical Research, Bulk and Drug Formulation Manufacturing, Quality Control and in Health Care Team. Pharmacist provides authentic drug information to patient and physician for quality and safe use of drugs avoiding medication error, adverse drug reaction and overdose. He also informed the audience that 60 drug manufacturing plants in India are USFDA approved and India is producing the top quality medicines which are exported all over the globe. Mr. P.K. Jaggi, Deputy Drug Controller, Drugs Controller Dept., Govt. of Delhi explained the importance of drug regulatory affairs and opportunities linked with it.

Mr. Atul Kumar Nasa, General Secretary, IPGA, elaborated the activities of IPGA all over the country. He called upon students from different colleges under MDU to join hands with IPGA by becoming its members. On this occasion the IPGA had honoured all the merit holder of M D University for B. Pharm Ist to IVth Year. Merit holder from various colleges received awards from Prof. S.S. Aggarwal, Prof. B.D. Miglani and Prof. A.N. Kalia. Finally Mr. Atul Kumar Nasa delivered the vote of thanks.