

REPORT ON NATIONAL PHARMACY WEEK-2023

62nd National Pharmacy Week-2023 was organized by Dadhichi College of Pharmacy, Vidya-Vihar, Sundargram, Cuttack, from 19th to 25th November 2023 in the institute premises. The objective of celebrating this week was to acknowledge all pharmacists for their valuable contributions and to make our healthcare system more robust and holistic with the active engagement of future pharmacists. This year's NPW theme was **“Join pharmacists to ensure patient safety”**.



Several events were scheduled to spread information, such as society outreach and awareness regarding pharmacy as a profession, including a quiz and debate competition among students and a well-organized workshop for the students of the peripheral colleges. Enormous students have joined, gained knowledge regarding pharmacy, and shown interest in choosing pharmacy as a noble profession. Furthermore, a free health check-up camp was put in place for the individuals of the locality, and more than 250 people benefitted from this societal outreach activity. Some of the teaching and non-teaching staff, including students, have offered their service to mankind to showcase their profession.



With the changing landscape and domain of the healthcare sector, it is evident that the role of the pharmacist has become very crucial. Pharmacists not only act as a connecting link between physician and patient, but as individuals, they also play a significant role in the betterment of the healthcare system as a whole. It performs some of the most important duties, such as making people aware of various diseases, the menace of drug abuse, drug dispensing, proper patient counselling, spreading awareness about drug resistance, and catering to the needs of society in emergencies.

The chief guest, Prof. (Dr.) R.S. Thakur, former secretary of PCI, New Delhi, inaugurated NPW-2023 accompanied by the principal of Dadhichi College of Pharmacy, Dr. Rajat Kumar Kar, and vice principal, Prof. Sobhabikash Swain. He enlightened the gathering regarding the incomparable role of pharmacists in challenging situations and that there is immense potential in the pharma sector to excel in the future. He elaborated on the ancient Ayurveda and present allopathic medication system and declared that all should be dependent on a pharmacist to get rid of the adverse effects of medicines. Principal DCP delivered that the NPW is organized to spread information about the role and responsibility of pharmacists towards society. He highlighted the history of the pharmacy profession and the development of pharmacy education in the country. Untiringly, unitedly, with the intent to serve society, all pharmacists should step forward to create a healthier world. Chairman DGI Dr. Manoj Kumar Dash, being the guest of honour, congratulated everyone on the occasion of the 62nd NPW 2023 and encouraged everyone to do outreach activities so that the importance of pharmacists in the field of healthcare can be presented to society.





Mr. Ashok Kumar Patra, the Drug Controller of Odisha, inaugurated the workshop on the sixth day of NPW. He visited all the 2D and 3D projects made by D. Pharm, B. Pharm and M. Pharm students, which were guided by the departmental heads and other staff members, and admired them a lot for their untiring efforts to showcase the pharmacy profession.

Chairman DGI and managing trustee Mrs. Babita Dash accompanied the chief guest, Prof. P.R. Vavia, Director ICT, Indian Oil Odisha Campus, Bhubaneswar, for unveiling the statue of Father of Pharmacy Prof. Mahadev Lal Schroff on the closing ceremony of NPW in the institute campus. The chief guest delivered a wonderful talk and made the students aware of their role, responsibility, and contribution towards the well-being of society. Under the able guidance of Prof. Sobhabikash Swain, the departmental heads such as Mr. Pravat Ranjan Guru (HOD, Pharmaceutics), Dr. Satyabrata Sahu (HOD, Chemistry), Dr. Durga Charan Sahoo (HOD, Pharmacognosy), Dr. Santosh Kumar Panda (HOD, Pharmacology), Mr. Satya Ranjan Dalai (Machine Room), Ms. Ankita Anjali Sethi (Hospital Pharmacy), and other senior faculty members such as Mr. Debananda Champatisingh, Mrs. Anita Sahoo, and Mr. Chandrakanta Das contributed a lot to celebrate the event profoundly. With the active support of all directors of DGI, Mr. Basudev Biswal (Director of Finance), Mr. Pravat Kumar Padhi (Director of Project), Mr. Simanchal Panda (Director of Administration), and other teaching and non-teaching staff members and students of the institute, NPW has been celebrated with great enthusiasm.

