G. Pulla Reddy College of Pharmacy, Mehdipatnam, Hyderabad

The students of G. Pulla Reddy College of Pharmacy, Mehdipatnam, Hyderabad celebrated the Teacher’s day and Traditional day on 5th September, 2015 in the college premises in a distinctive way. The programme was inaugurated by the Chief guest Dr. P. Shashi kala, Professor of Chemical Engineering, Chairman, BOS in Pharmacy, OUCT, Osmania university and Guest of honor Mr. Prabhat Roy kumar, Asia pacific regional manager, Parexel Informatics Ltd., Hyderabad. Prof. B. Madhava Reddy, Principal in his welcome address stressed the importance of teachers in the society. Guest of Honor Mr. Prabhat Roy kumar delivered a seminar on “Clinical Trials process and Indian context”. He briefed out the drug development stages, clinical trial phases, advantages of regulatory framework in India and importance of pharmacovigilance.

H K College of Pharmacy, Jogeshwari

To bridge the gap between career and education, an entirely novel initiative of “Involve to evolve” originated at HKCP campus & was launched on occasion of teacher’s day. The concept is to provide continuous practical guidance to students, by experienced alumni from various pharma sectors who would act as mentors. The program offered an opportunity to the students to talk and visit with professionals who were once their peers. The mentors (alumni) promised to provide career guidance, encouragement during the academic program and advice on important course as well as field work to their juniors. Mr. Vikas Morya (an entrepreneur) informed students about prerequisites for opening a medical store and its procedure. Mr. Anyn Soparivala (Health and Safety Manager, Mumbai International Airport) enlightened students about the wide scope for pharma graduates in various fields like Disaster Management, Water Management and Public safety which has become more stringent in all sectors like airports, thereby creating more career opportunities. Various queries by students regarding MBA were resolved by Mr. Arpit Surana. Rakesh Upadhyay, (Product Manager in Ipca Laboratories) explained that there is a dimensional difference between sales and marketing in response to a query from the audience. Ms. Shilpa Pokharkar, (Drug Safety and Pharmacovigilance department at Novartis India Ltd.), informed students that the field is well structured in foreign countries which ensures smooth working. Mr. Krunal Povar, (MS in Drug Safety and Pharmacovigilance in Germany) working as an Epidemiology officer for a German client, stressed on the importance of practical issues like language barrier while pursuing a career in a foreign country. Mr. Ajay Shetty, MBA, (Risk Analyst at Marsh India Insurance Company, consulting for various companies like Pfizer, Merck and Mankind) enlightened the audience about various diverse options available to pharmacy students after graduation. Principal, Dr. Anubha Khale expressed an immense sense of achievement in having many active alumni grown smartly in different career fields, together under the same roof. Faculty member Ms. Ojaswi informed alumni and students about the alumni blog on HKCP website created for connecting with each other at any time.

Indira College of Pharmacy, Pune

Indira College of Pharmacy, Pune organized an Induction function for 1st year B. Pharm. students on 28th August, 2015. IPA President, Dr. Rao Vadlamudi graced the occasion as a chief guest. Dr. Anagha Joshi, Principal welcomed the chief guest and the first year students. She gave an update of the current scenario of Indian pharmaceutical industry and stressed upon the importance of the pharmacist in holistic patient care. Dr. Tarita Shankar in her address signified the role and importance of pharmacists in community healthcare and overall well-being of the society. Prof. Chetan Wakalkar, Group Director, Indira Group of Institutes stressed on the immense role that the internet especially a lockers and elucidated the concept of tele-pharmacy and digital health recording to the students. Dr. Rao Vadlamudi in his address elaborated the importance of quality health care in global perspective. He urged students to pursue the subject or field of their interest with zeal and sincere efforts to be distinguished in terms of skill sets and knowledge so as to have a successful and rewarding career. The function ended with the recital of Pharmacist’s Oath by all the attendees.

KVS Siddhartha College of Pharmacy

Workshop on Recent Trends in Experimental Pharmacology

KVS Siddhartha College of Pharmaceutical Sciences (KVSSCOPS), Vijayawada conducted a “Two Day Workshop on Recent Trends in Experimental Pharmacology” during 11th and 12th September, 2015. It was inaugurated on 11th September, 2015 by Dr. Ch.V. Rao, Principal, Scientist, National Botanical Research Institute (NBRI-CSIR), Lucknow and was presided by Dr. Chalalavada Nageswara Rao, VICE-President, Siddhartha Academy of General & Technical Education (SAGTE) and Convener of the Pharmacy College. In this, two-day programme Guest Lectures, demonstration of latest Experimental Skills and Poster Presentations were organized.

The following guest lectures were arranged:
1. “Pharmacological Screening of Drugs on Hypertension and IPR” - Dr. Ch.V. Rao, Principal Scientist, NBRI-CSIR, Lucknow.
3. “Alternative Models to the Animal Experimentation in Pharmacology”.