

Report of Celebration of National Pharmacy Week – 2011 at Rajkot

Indian Pharmaceutical Association, Rajkot Branch celebrated Golden Jubilee of National Pharmacy Week 2011 on the theme of “Pharmacist and Pharmacy Profession” during 20th November to 27th November 2011.

Day-1: 20th November 2011(Sunday) “Awareness Rally”

Dr. Navin R Sheth, President of IPA Rajkot Branch, Dr. Manish A Rachchh, Secretary of IPA Rajkot Branch, Dr. K.R. Vadaliya, Principal, Shri H. N. Shukla Pharmacy College, Rajkot, Prof. M. T. Rupreliya, Principal, K. N. Vekariya Pharmacy College, Rajkot have inaugurated the celebration of NPW 2011 by giving flag off to “The Awareness Rally” at Racecourse Ground.

In this “Awareness Rally” Principals, Teaching Faculties and nearly 150 M. Pharm students of more than 6 different pharmacy colleges of Rajkot were participated and show case posters and distributed pamphlets regarding preventive measures for communicable disease.

Day-2: 22nd November 2011 (Tuesday) “Preliminary Round of NEC-2011”

Preliminary round for National Elocution Competition-2011 on the topic of “*Pharma Education and Practice – Challenges to meet future professional needs*” was organized during 12:00 to 3:00 p.m. on 22nd November 2011, Tuesday at Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Saurashtra University, Rajkot.

GTU INNOVATION COUNCIL

In this competition 23 M. Pharm students were participated among different pharmacy colleges of Saurashtra region. Following were the Winners of aforesaid competition institute wise who are going for next State Level round for National Elocution Competition – 2011.

Sr. No	Name of Student	Class	College
1.	Ms. Karishma Gandhi	M. Pharm (Sem-I)	Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Rajkot
2.	Ms. Kalyani Vyas	M. Pharm (Sem-I)	Atmiya Institute of Pharmacy College, Rajkot
3.	Mr. Ronak Gokani	M. Pharm (Sem-I)	S. J. Thakkar Pharmacy College, Rajkot
4.	Mr. Manish Panjwani	M. Pharm (Sem- I)	B. K. Mody Government Pharmacy College, Rajkot
5.	Mr. Sarthak Dave	M. Pharm (Sem- I)	H. N. Shukla Pharmacy College, Rajkot
6.	Kothari Chirag	M. Pharm (Sem- I)	R. D. Gardi Pharmacy College, Rajkot

Following were the panel of Judges of aforesaid competition:

Sr. No	Name of Judge	Name of College
1.	Dr. Purohit	Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Rajkot
2.	Dr. Mayur Patel	Atmiya Institute of Pharmacy College, Rajkot
3.	Mr. Malay Rathod	B. K. Mody Government Pharmacy College, Rajkot
4.	Mrs. Dharmistha Movalia	S. J. Thakkar Pharmacy College, Rajkot

GTU INNOVATION COUNCIL

5.	Mr. Yogesh Ushir	H. N. Shukla Pharmacy College, Rajkot
6.	Mr. Darshan Madiya	R. D. Gardi Pharmacy College, Rajkot

Entire Competition was co-ordinated by Mr. Mehul Rana, Mr. Amish Dangi & Mrs. Rupal Rathod.

Day-3 & 4: 23rd & 24th November 2011 (Wednesday & Thursday)

“Awareness Program at School Level”

On 23rd & 24th November 2011 “Awareness Program at School Level” for 11th & 12th Standard students at different schools of Rajkot Region was organized. In this program student of S. J. Thakkar Pharmacy College, Atmiya Institute of Pharmacy, R. D. Gardi Pharmacy College and R. K. Institute of Pharmacy were participated.

They spread the message regarding “Awareness of Health & Hygiene”, “Proper use of Medication” and “Prevention is Better Than Cure” in more than 25 schools by delivering lecture and distributed more than 2000 pamphlets. Simultaneously they have also distributed 2000 pamphlets on “Make Pharmacy Your Career” to school students.

Day-5: 25th November 2011 (Friday) “Industry Institute Interaction Meeting”

“Industry Institution Interaction” meeting involving Drug Inspectors, Industry Personals and Academicians of Rajkot was held on 25th November 2011, Friday during 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Saurashtra University, Rajkot. In this meeting, 17 personnel from Pharmaceutical Industry, 22 personnel from different Pharmacy Colleges and 2 Drug Inspectors of Rajkot District were present.

GTU INNOVATION COUNCIL

Dr. Navin R. Sheth, President of IPA Rajkot Branch has given welcome address to all the members. Dr. Manish A Rachchh, Secretary of IPA, Rajkot Branch has given outline of NPW-2011 and explain the agenda for the meeting. Following agenda were discussed.

1. Current Scenario of Pharmacy Education.
2. How to increase job opportunity of B. Pharm & M. Pharm Students?
3. Effective utilization of Academic Resources by SME of Saurashtra Region.
4. Mandatory Internship for B. Pharm students laid down by GTU and PCI.
5. Expectation of Pharma Industry from Academia.
6. Role of Drug Regulatory body to facilitate interaction between Industry and Academia.

Some key outcomes of the meeting are as per below:

- i) Industry persons welcome and appreciated the concept of “**Industry Defined Project**” and “**Shodh Yatra**” in Pharmacy curriculum and assure to provide all kind of support to academia for the same.
- ii) Industry persons gave suggestions about modification in syllabus of B. Pharm, which are as per the requirement of industry
 - Include subject of “*Pharmaceutical Marketing*”
 - Include “*Entrepreneurship Development Program*”
 - Include “*Skill Development cum Training Program*”
- iii) Industry ready to provide research projects to Academia having good infra-structural facility.

Day-6: 27th November 2011 (Sunday) “Career Development Program for M. Pharm Students”

“*Career Development Program for M. Pharm Students*” and “*Valedictory Function*” was organized on 27th November, 2011, Sunday at S. J. Thakkar Pharmacy College, Rajkot during 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. More than 150 M. Pharm Students from 6 different Pharmacy Colleges of Rajkot region were participated in this program.

The program was inaugurated by **Swami Sarvasthnananji Maharaj**, President, Ramakrishna Ashram, Rajkot. In this occasion **Mr. Hiranmay Mahanta**, Managing Director, Techpedia.in, **Dr. S. K. Goswami**, Clinical Research Expert and **Dr. Vikas Shirsath**, CEO, Oxygen Healthcare Ltd, Ahmedabad were remain present as resource persons.

Dr. Manish A Rachchh, Principal, S.J. Thakkar Pharmacy College, Rajkot and Secretary of IPA, Rajkot Branch has given welcome speech. Dr. Navin R. Sheth, Head of Department of pharmaceutical Sciences, Saurashtra University, Rajkot and President of IPA Rajkot Branch has given an introductory speech about IPA activity and also awarded the winners of National Elocution Competition 2011 by Prize Money and convey them best luck for State Round Competition.

Shri Jashubhai Thakkar, Chairman of Jashubhai Pari Charitable Trust, Shri Pankajbhai Thakkar, Shri Dineshbhai Thakkar, Secretary of Jashubhai Pari Charitable Trust and invited guest Shri Vejabhai Ravaliya were convey their best wishes to participating students.

GTU INNOVATION COUNCIL

Honb. Vice Chancellor of GTU, **Dr. Akshai Aggarwal**, had given his message on this occasion by telecon and explain the students about current Pharmaceutical system in India and “Where we are and where we should be?” He also motivated students to shape their pharmacy career in such a manner that it can be helpful to society at a large.

Swami Sarvasthnananji Maharaj, President, Ramakrishna Ashram, Rajkot has given a talk on “*Contributor personality Development : A Swami Vivekananda’s perspective*”.

Mr. Hiranmay Mahanta, Managing Director, Techpedia.in, Ahmedabad talk on “*Innovation is a key for Successful Career Development*”.

Dr. S. K. Goswami, Managing Director, Synergicus Research Solution, Ahmedabad has given talk on “*Current Development in Pharmacological Research and Career Opportunities thereof*”.

Dr. Vikas Sharisath, CEO, Oxygen Healthcare Ltd., Ahmedabad gave talk on “*New Drug Discovery in India and Career Opportunities thereof*”.

The entire program was coordinated by Dr. Rina H. Gokani, Mr. Mehul G. Rana, Mr. Ramesh B. Parmar, Mr. Vipul V. Jambukiya, Mr. Pinakin D. Jadav, Miss. Urvisha V. Bangroliya and other teaching and non-teaching faculty of S. J. Thakkar Pharmacy College, Rajkot. Mrs. Parula B. Patel has given vote of thanks. The program was ended in pleasant mood with great appreciation from student side.

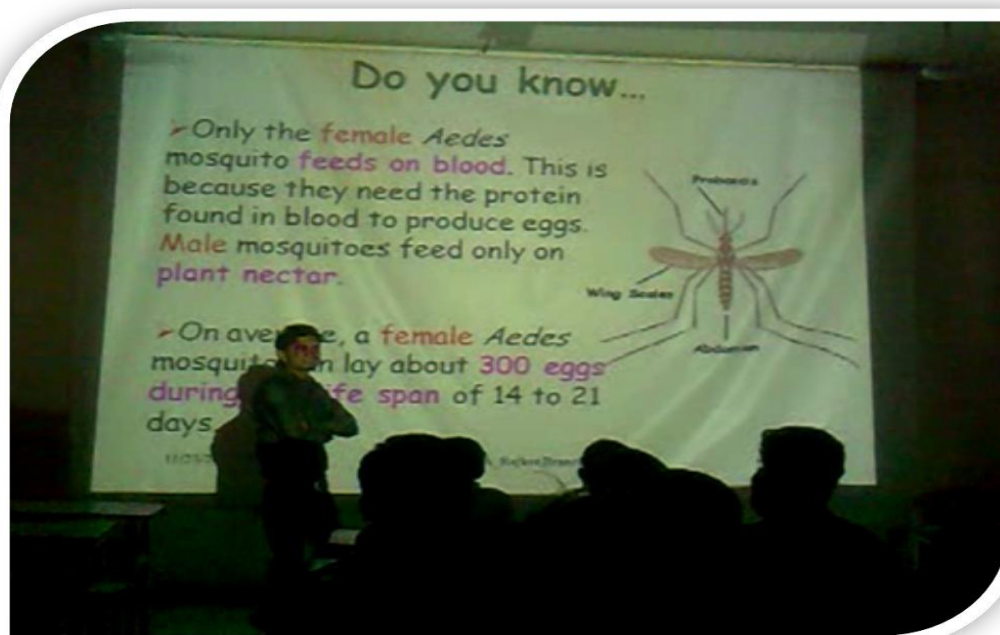
Day 1: Rally at Racecourse on the theme of “Pharmacist And Pharmacy Profession”, 20/11/2011



Day 2: National Elocution Competition for M. Pharm Students of Different Pharmacy Colleges on 22/11/2011



Day 3 &4 : Counseling Program for School Students, 23/11/2011 - 24/11/2011



GTU INNOVATION COUNCIL

Day 5: INDUSTRY-INSTITUTE INTERACTION, 25/11/2011



Day 6: “Career Development Programme For M.Pharm students” Held at S.J. Thakkar Pharmacy College, Rajkot, 27/11/2011



Lamp Lighting ceremony



Speech by Mr. Hiranmay Mahanta



Speech by Dr. Vikas Shirsath