



A REPORT ON

# **WORLD PHARMACISTS DAY 2019**



**Pratiksha Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences**

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This is an account on  
the **World Pharmacists  
Day** program conducted  
at the Pratiksha Institute  
of Pharmaceutical  
Sciences dated  
**25<sup>th</sup> September 2019**

## **BACKGROUND**

The World Pharmacists Day is being organized every year around a theme, which encourages the pharmacists to promote and advocate the role of the pharmacist in improving healthcare across the globe. The theme for 2019, “*Safe and effective medicines for all*” promote pharmacists’ crucial role in safeguarding patient safety through improving medicines use and reducing medication errors. This theme highlights that pharmacists are crucial for the safe and effective use of medicines. Pharmacists also help people to improve their health and prevent illness by using their knowledge and learning. They provide the required medical assistance to the patient by giving the right medicines along with information about dosage.

## **ABOUT THE CELEBRATION**

On world pharmacist day there are multiple activities organised across the globe to mark the importance of a pharmacist for every individual. All the faculty members and students of Pratiksha Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences also took initiative in order to celebrate the day in the Institute premises, and various committees were formed with voluntary participation. Mrs. Sukirti Das (*HOD, Institute of Pharmacy, Guwahati Medical College and Hospital, Guwahati*) was invited as the Chief Guest of the program and the Guest of Honour was Dr. Indranil Chanda (*Deputy Controller of Examinations, Assam Science and Technology University, Guwahati*).

The Chief Guest and the Guest of Honour was escorted to the dais by the students. A welcome address was delivered by Ms. Pooja Das and Mr. Saurav Mazumdar describing the theme of this year to the audience. The invited dignitaries were felicitated with *Phulam Gamusa* and a flower bouquet and was followed by the lamp lighting ceremony by the dignitaries and Principal of the Institute, accompanied by the *Saraswati Bandana* performed by students.

## **EVENTS**

### **Awareness Rally:**

Rally is the way of transferring informations to the common people in a creative way. As a medicine expert, Pharmacist have the responsibility to educate or aware people regarding rational and safe use of medicine. So on this World Pharmacists Day 2019 PIPS had organised an awarness rally on the theme “Safe and effective medicines for all” with many banners and placards mentioning important information for common people.

**Street Play:**

In third world country like India, awareness about health of common people is very poor due to high rate of illiteracy. So being a pharmacy professional it's our responsibility to educate and aware common people about health, various healthcare facilities and various government policies. Further the concept of Pharmacist and pharmacy shop in our country is not clear. There are many numbers of Pharmacy in India are running without licence and pharmacist. So to aware people about pharmacist and their role in the society we palied a streat drama entitled "JAGARAN" at Forest Gate, near Narengi area of Guwahati, as a part of World Pharmacist Day 2019. The people gathered in numbers to watch the play.

**Plantation Drive:**

With the time the greenery of our surrounding is venishing gradually due to various reasons. If there is no tree, there is no life. Therefore, to maintain the life in this world there must be sufficient trees arround us. So on the eve of World Pharmacists Day 2019 we planted some medicinal as well as trees of economic importance within the institute campus to make the environment healthy.

**Formal Meeting:**

A formal meeting was held on the theme "Safe and Effective Medicines for All". All the distinguished Guests and the Principal delivered speech on this theme highlighting various challenges faced by Pharmacist and their contribution towards the betterment of society. The Principal, PIPS then introduced the deligates to the audience and placed his view on rational use of medicines, its importance together with pharmacist's role in nation building. He also mentioned his future plans.

***Speech by Dignitaries***

The Chief Guest, Mrs. Sukirti Das addressed the audience and share her thoughts regarding pharmacy profession and delivered a motivational speech for the budding pharmacist towards this noble profession by citing many inspiring examples. She also told about the ethics of this profession and not to vanquish in any circumstances.

The Guest of Honour, Dr. Indranil Chanda enlightned the audience by sharing his practical experience about effective use of medicine. He mentioned about the hazard of self-medication



and its impact on other prescription drugs. He put forward his view to take responsibility by pharmacist for betterness of healthcare system.

### **Inauguration of online Newsletter:**

Newsletter is the source of concise information for a specific group of people. With an aim to connect the pharma professionals, PIPS had initiated an online newsletter viz “**PHARMA HERALD**”. The first edition was inaugurated on this World Pharmacist day 2019 by the Guest of Honour, Dr. Indranil Chanda. The newsletter contains current news of pharma sector along with some informations for students in the student corner section.

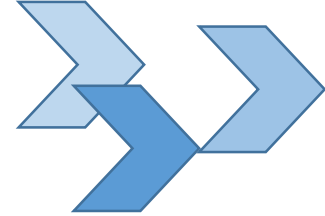
### **Inauguration of Wall Magazine**

Wall magazine is the showcase of the inner talents of students in every institute. It has a very special place among the student. So, Pratiksha Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences has inaugurated the institute wall magazine viz “**PHARMA BLOSSOM**” on the auspicious occasion of World Pharmacists Day 2019. The wall magazine was inaugurated by the Chief Guest, Mrs. Sukirti Das. Students of PIPS put their creativity on the wall magazine which made it too impressive.

### **Scientific skill blooming (Poster Presentation Competition)**

Poster is the simplest way of scientific presentation for beginners like students. It is the platform for students to present their review and findings in front of the audience. They can improve their communication or presentation skill by taking part in such poster presentations. So on the occasion of World Pharmacist Day 2019 PIPS had organised a poster presentation competition among the students on the theme “Safe and Effective Medicines for All”. Twelve groups had participated in the competition. The winners of the competition are listed below-

1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	PP-12	<b>ANTIMICROBIAL RESISTANCE: THE SAFETY PROSPECTS</b> <i>Shikhar Jyoti Bora, Ramiz Akhtar, Dhruva Jyoti Deka, Mintu Roy, Pobitra Borah</i>
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	PP-08	<b>ROLE OF PHARMACIST FOR BETTERMENT OF THE SOCIETY</b> <i>Baharul Basit, Mahibul Islam, Makibul Ahmed, Singthuiliu</i>
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	PP-02	<b>SAFE AND EFFECTIVE MEDICINES FOR ALL</b> <i>Sneha Paul, Dubari Deka, Pooja Das, Chinmoy Malakar</i>



### **Logical fight (Pharma Debate Competition)**

The aim of the competition was to hone public speaking skills of the students and convey the message to the audience about the use of generic medicine. The speakers spoke eloquently on the topic- '*Generic drugs are good for us*'. The participants speaking for both 'for' and 'against' the motion debated enthusiastically. The highlight of the event was the question answer round, as a volley of questions were answered confidently by both the sides, inviting counter questions which were aptly answered by witty and vivacious speakers. The session was a kaleidoscope of opinions, thoughts, ideas and perspectives that definitely enhanced the knowledge and understanding of the topic among students. Mahibul Islam of D. Pharm Part-II and Sneha Paul of B. Pharm, third semester were adjudged as the best speaker and second best speaker, respectively.

### **Battle of the brains (Quiz competition)**

A brain (hippocampus) expands and shrinks depending on the utility of the brain or the activities it performs. The quiz master, Dr. Chandrajit Dohutia (Assistant Professor, PIPS) tested the intellectual capabilities of the students by providing a challenging set of questions which included written as well as audio/video rounds.

1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	<i>Shikhar Jyoti Bora, Pooja Das of Bachelor in Pharmacy</i>
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	<i>Saurav Mazumdar, Jisudas Paul of Diploma in Pharmacy</i>

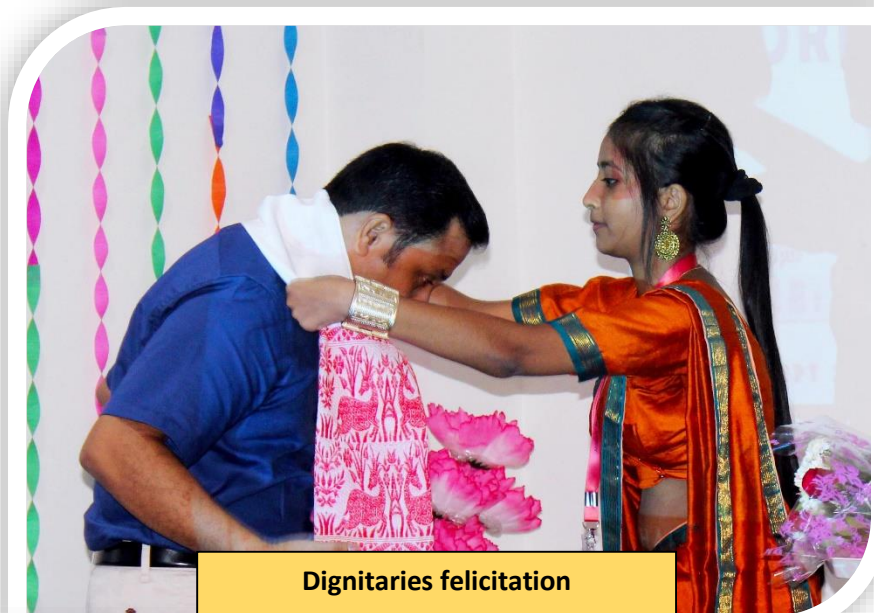
### **Prize Distribution Ceremony:**

Appreciation or recognising boost the mental strength which increase the possitivity in individuals. So to encourage the students the winners of all the competitions were awarded with certificates and medals by the Principal and the faculty members of the Institute.

The program was concluded with the Vote of Thanks by Dr. Satyendra Deka. He congratulated all the members of organizing committee and all the students for their active participation in the various events.

After concluding the program in the Institute, all the students and faculty members participated in the World Pharmacists Day program organized by the All Assam Pharmacists Service Association (AAPSA) at PWD Training and Study Centre, Dispur, Guwahati. The students participated in the various cultural events along with other Institutes in the program.

## Coups d'oeil of World Pharmacists Day 2019 celebration:

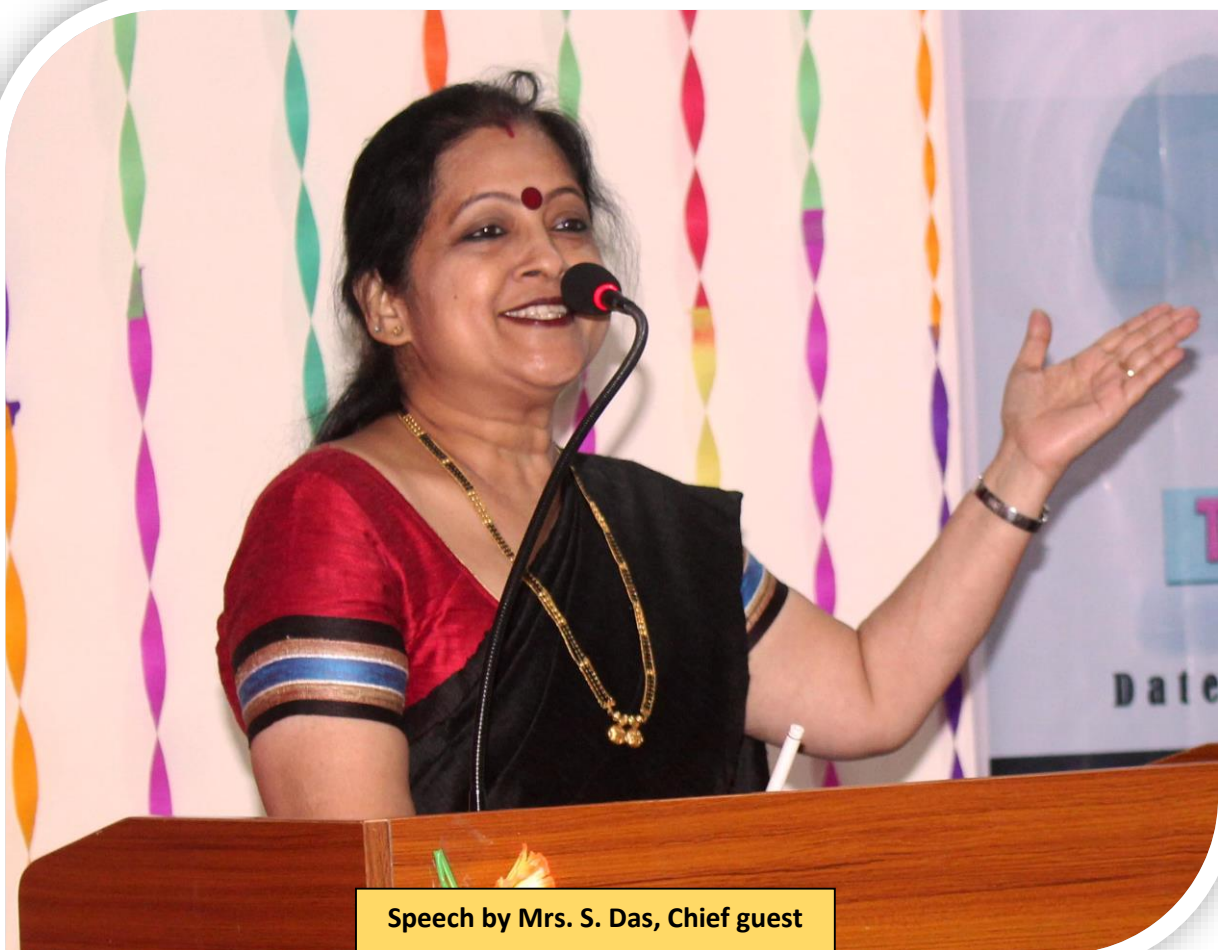




Felicitation of Principal, PIPS



Chorus by students



Speech by Mrs. S. Das, Chief guest



Speech by Dr. Indranil Chanda, Guest of Honour





Speech by Dr. S. Deka, Principal



Inauguration of Newsletter "Pharma Herald"



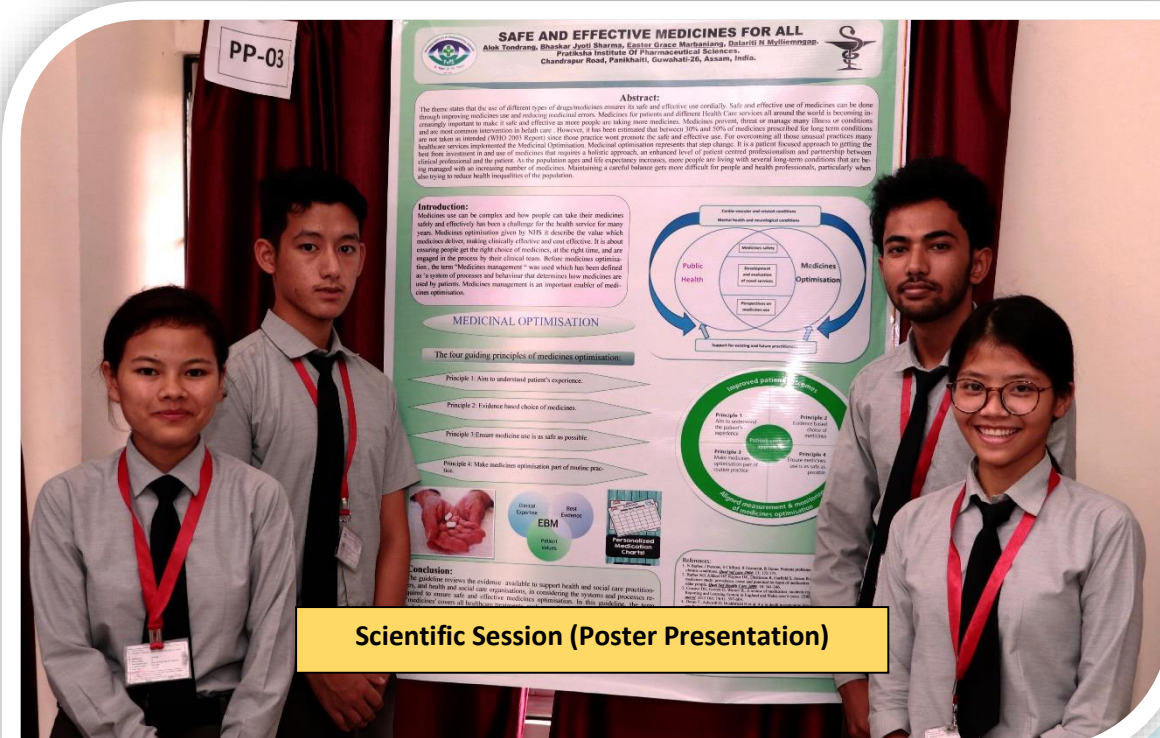
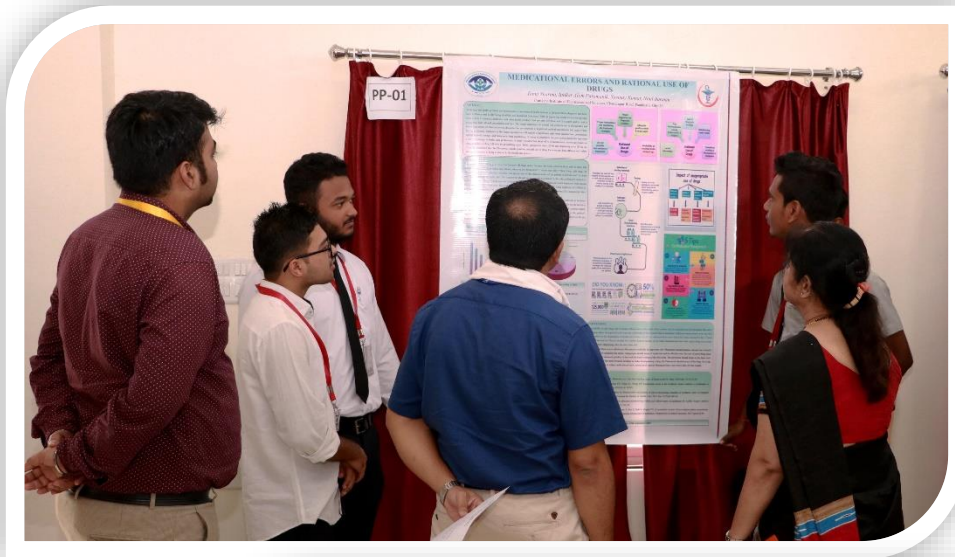
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Feedback by Dignitaries

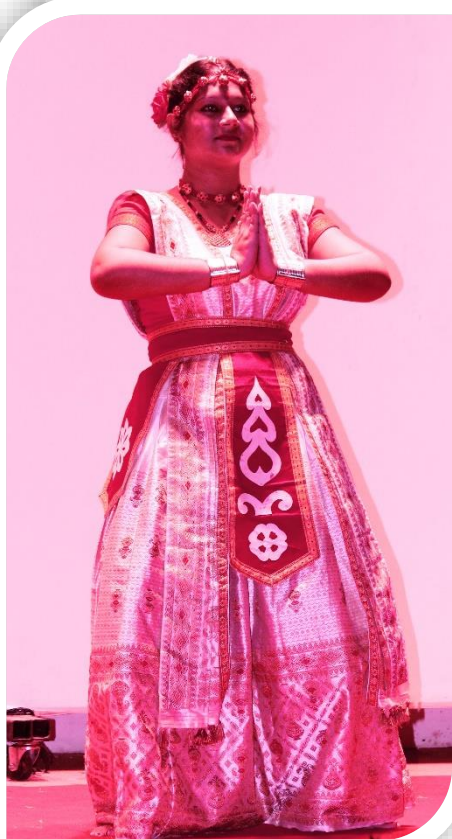


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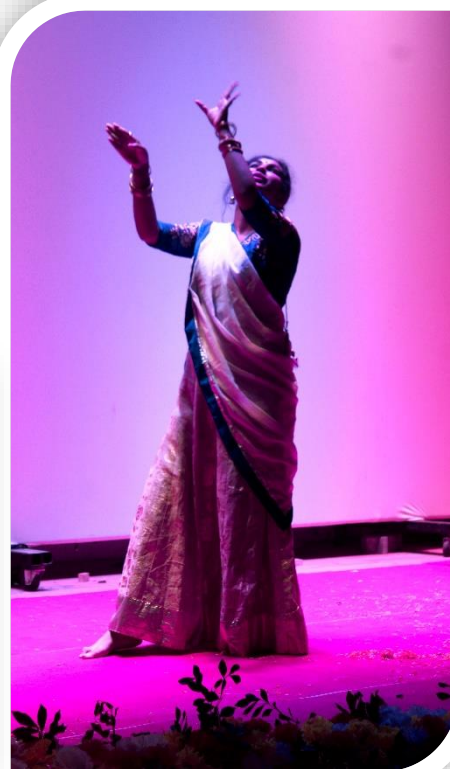
Prize Distribution Ceremony



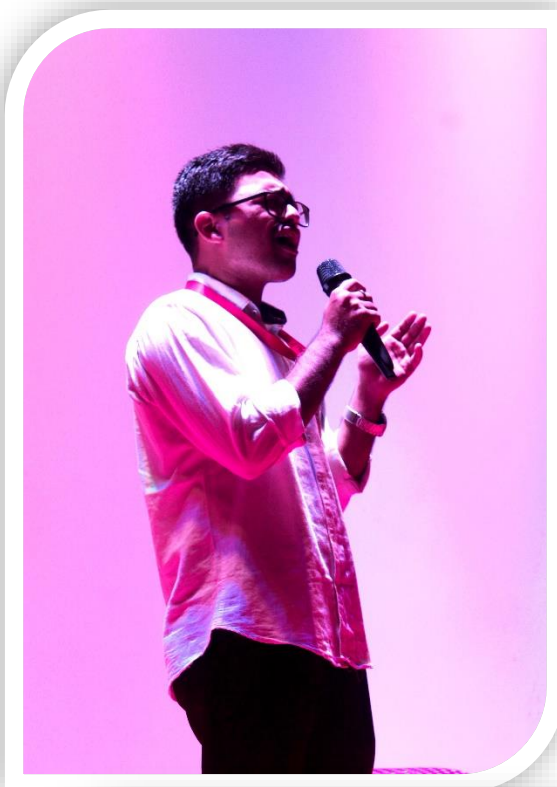
The street play "Jagaran"



Cultural performances by students



Plantation drive by students



Performances by students



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