

FIFTH STATE LEVEL CONFERENCE OF SOCIETY OF PHARMACOGNOSY

National Seminar on “Global Scenario of Herbal Drugs Today and Tomorrow”

SAL Institute of Pharmacy, Ahmedabad

(September 22, 2012; Saturday)

Report

National Seminar on “Global Scenario of Herbal Drugs Today and Tomorrow” on the occasion of 5th Conference of Society of Pharmacognosy Gujarat chapter in alliance of Gujarat State Pharmacy Teachers Association was organized at SAL Institute of Pharmacy, Ahmedabad on September 22, 2012; Saturday. More than 350 delegates, from different Pharmacy colleges of Gujarat and other state, Agriculture College, Ayurveda College, Ayurvedic and Herbal Industries had participated.

Immediately after registration and breakfast, speech competition on the theme of the seminar was arranged and 12 students from B. Pharm and M. Pharm of different colleges had participated. Dr. N. M. Patel (Modasa), Dr. Sangita Shukla (New Vidyanagar) and Dr. Raju Danger (Ahmedabad) had extended their services as judges.

Dr. K. N. Patel, convener of the program had welcomed the guests and delegates and highlighted the problems faced by herbal drugs manufacturers and Pharmacognosy teachers. He also explained the objectives for organizing the seminar. Shri Vitthaldas Ukani, Chairman of Vasu Research Center and Vasu Healthcare P Ltd, Vadodara, Shri Prabodhbhai Shah, Chairman of Virgo UAP Pharma (Unjha Ayurvedic Pharmacy), Dr. Subodh Adesara, Ex. Commissioner FDCA, Dr. N. M. Patel, Secretary, and Dr. K. N. Patel president society of Pharmacognosy Gujarat chapter principal accompanied for lighting the lamp to inaugurate the function.

Dr. S. P. Adesara had given informative talk on ‘Export of Indian Herbal and Ayurvedic Formulations’. Shri Vitthaldas Ukani had briefly explained how a diploma pharmacy holder like him, becomes a Chairman of Vasu Research Center and Vasu Healthcare P Ltd, Vadodara. He then handed over the mike to Dr. Prateek Patel to deliver enlightening lecture on ‘Global Scenario on lacunae in research of herbal drugs’. Mr. Vijay Patel, Product Development Officer, Virgo Unjha Ayurvedic Pharmacy had delivered his useful talk on ‘Global Scenario of herbal Drugs – Today and Tomorrow’. Last but very informative lecture in prelaunch session was delivered by respected Dr. Malti Chauhan on ‘Utilization of some reputed Indian Herbal Drugs in various formulations for marketing’.

In post lunch session Dr. N. M. Pated, Principal Pharmacy College, Modasa had delivered interesting lecture on ‘Export Opportunities for Indian Herbal Industry’. Dr. (Prof.) Vimalkumar, Nirma Institute of Pharmacy, Ahmedabad had delivered motivating lecture on ‘Need of National Policy for the Promotion of herbal and traditional Medicines’. Lastly on behalf of Mr. Shriram Gandhi, Managing Director of LVG Health Care Pvt. Ltd. a lecture was delivered on ‘Scenario of herbal Drugs in Local Market’. A representative of SAS epoch Research Institute India Pvt. Ltd. had given details about the working of software designed by their company to assimilate data for clinical study of the drugs.

Winners in the speech competition were awarded by trophy and certificates. Mr. Jignesh Patel, Asst. Professor, expressed vote of thanks for all who directly and indirectly supported to make this function success. Organizer's team really deserved heartiest congratulations for timely completion of all the schedule and conclusion of function in time.

Annual general Body meeting of Society of Pharmacognosy Gujarat chapter was organized at 4.00pm. Secretary of the society had briefly given the activities carried out by society during the year. Session was kept for open discussion. Following points were raised and were resolved unanimously as follows.

1. Syllabus reforming committee for B. Pharm course constituted by Gujarat Technological University excluded veteran subject experts of Pharmacognosy and neglected Pharmacognosy subject by eliminating from the syllabus of B. Pharm semester I & II. This was collectively and strongly condemned by all the members present in 5th annual general body meet of society of Pharmacognosy, Gujarat state chapter. Due weightage should be given to Pharmacognosy subjects by Syllabus reforming committee of Gujarat Technological University. This should be brought to the notice of the Vice Chancellor and Registrar of the University for Corrective Action.
2. It was observed that ongoing research work in herbal drugs is many a time repeated or overlapped instead of exhaustive work on the same plant or area. To reduce it topics selected for M. Pharm or Ph. D. students should be circulated before finalizing the titles.
3. We should take active participation in the National Conference as well as regional Conference of Society of Pharmacognosy & take part in General Body meeting to strengthen the subject.
4. Dr. M. M. Patel has informed that Agriculture science centers (*Krusha Vigyan Kendra*), located in each district, can be contacted to include farmers' awareness program for cultivation of herbal medicinal plants.
5. Forth field tour in forest will be arranged before Diwali Vacation. Detailed program will be made available soon; inform by the secretary of the society.

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