

PHARMACY COUNCIL OF INDIA

*(Annual Report on the Activities of the Council during 2019-2020)
(1st April, 2019 to 31st March, 2020)*

The Pharmacy Council of India (PCI) is a body constituted under Section 3 of the Pharmacy Act, 1948 to regulate the profession and practice of Pharmacy. The Central Council consists of the following members, namely:-

- a) six members, among whom there shall be at least one teacher of each of the subjects, pharmaceutical chemistry, pharmacy, pharmacology and pharmacognosy elected by the University Grants Commission from among persons on the teaching staff of an Indian University or a college affiliated thereto which grants a degree or diploma in pharmacy;
- b) six members, of whom at least four shall be persons possessing a degree or diploma in, and practising pharmacy or pharmaceutical chemistry, nominated by the Central Government;
- c) one member elected from amongst themselves by the members of the Medical Council of India;
- d) the Director General, Health Services, ex officio or if he is unable to attend any meeting, a person authorized by him in writing to do so;
- dd) the Drugs Controller, India, ex officio or if he is unable to attend any meeting, a person authorised by him in writing to do so;
- e) the Director of the Central Drugs Laboratory, ex officio;
- f) a representative of the University Grants Commission and a representative of the All India Council for Technical Education;
- g) one member to represent each State elected from amongst themselves by the members of each State Council, who shall be a registered pharmacist;
- h) one member to represent each State nominated by the State Government, who shall be a registered pharmacist:

OBJECTIVES OF THE COUNCIL

The Council is responsible for -

- ◆ Prescribing minimum standards of education required for qualification as a pharmacist;
- ◆ Uniform implementation of educational standards;
- ◆ Approval of course of study and examination for pharmacists;
- ◆ Withdrawal of approval;
- ◆ Approval of qualifications granted outside India; and
- ◆ Maintenance of Central Register of pharmacists.

The Central Council constitutes an Executive Committee consisting of the President, the Vice President and five other members elected from amongst its members. In addition, the following other committees are also functioning in the Council:-

- a) The Education Regulations Committee
- b) The Professional Pharmacy and Public Relations Committee
- c) The Law Committee
- d) The Finance Committee

The following are the office bearers and the officers of the Council during the year under report:-

1. Prof. B. Suresh- President
2. Dr. ShailendraSaraf- Vice- President
3. Smt. ArchnaMudgal- Registrar-cum-Secretary
4. Shri Anil Mittal- Deputy Secretary

ACTIVITIES OF THE COUNCIL DURING 2018-2019

1. Inspections arranged

The Council arranged 1974 inspections of diploma, degree, Pharm.D., M.Pharm and B.Pharm (Practice) institutions during the period under report.

2. Meetings of the Council:-

A) Central Council Meeting held on:-

- 9th & 10th April, 2019
- 5th and 6th August 2019
- 27th and 28th January, 2020

B) Executive Committee Meetings held on:-

- 8th April, 2019
- 18th April, 2019 (16th Online)
- 26th April, 2019 (17th Online)
- 14th May, 2019 (18th Online)
- 20th May, 2019 (19th Online)
- 7th June, 2019 (20th Online)
- 20th June, 2019 (21st Online)
- 31st July, 2019
- 28th & 29th Sept., 2019
- 19th Oct., 2019
- 25th Jan., 2020
- 3rd March, 2020 (22nd Online)
- 11th March, 2020 (23rd Online)
- 17th March, 2020 (24th Online)
- 23rd March, 2020 (25th Online)
- 27th March, 2020 (26th Online)
- 31st March, 2020 (27th Online)

Outcome of the Meetings:-

- Approval u/s 12 of the Pharmacy Act, 1948 of 10 Diploma and Degree institutions was extended.
- 30 new Diploma and Degree institutions were granted approval u/s 12 of the Pharmacy Act, 1948.
- 3 new Pharm.D institutions were granted approval for the conduct of course.
- 3 New Pharm.D (Post Baccalaureate) institutions were granted approval/ extension of approval.

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3. Present status of Approved Pharmacy Institutions upto 31.3.2020in the country:-

Courses	Approved institutions	Admission capacity
Diploma in Pharmacy	3022	180770
Degree in Pharmacy	1961	125524

4. Continuing Education Programmes

- Continuing Education Programmes (CEPs) play an important role in the growth of the knowledge bank of the pharmacists. The PCI from its own resources is giving financial assistance of Rs.25, 000/- per course subject to ceiling of 12 course per annum to the State Pharmacy Councils for the conduct of CEPs for pharmacists from December, 2014. The PCI also gives grants to the pharmacy institutions for conducting CEPs for pharmacy teachers upto Rs.3.00 lakhs per programme.

5. Implementation of Right to Information Act, 2005

- The Council is implementing the provisions of the above Act in letter and spirit. The information sought is promptly given within the stipulated time.

6. Revised Budget Estimates

- The Revised Budget Estimate of the Council for the year 2018-2019 is Rs.7,908.87lakhs.

7. PCI Website

- PCI website is updated on daily basis.

8. PCI's Executive committee and Central Council meetings.

- Various meetings of the PCI Executive Committee and Central Council has been conducted online..

9. Automation of PCI.

- The PCI has taken the following initiatives -
 1. Online submission of application by pharmacy institutions to PCI for consideration of approval u/s 12 of the Pharmacy Act for the purpose of registration as pharmacist.
 2. Online submission of affiliation fee and inspection fee.
 3. Inspections are arranged through software.
 4. Agenda for meetings is digitalized.
 5. The decisions to institutions are also conveyed online.
 6. Pharmacy faculty working in various pharmacy institutions is now registered on the PCI portal.
 7. PCI inspectors are required to register on PCI portal.
 8. The EC/CC meetings are now conducted online.
 9. Digitalization of old record is under process.

10. Approval Process

- Approval process under the Pharmacy Act is streamlined and transparent.
- Availability of faculty data with their qualification, experience, place of working etc. so as to restructure the Council's policy as per the need of the profession.

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Registrar-cum-Secretary