

PHARMACY COUNCIL OF INDIA

*(Annual Report on the Activities of the Council during 2020-2021)
(1st April, 2020 to 31st March, 2021)*

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 2020-2021

1. Inspections arranged

The Council arranged 55 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:-

- 8th & 9th April, 2020 (1st Online)
- 11th December, 2020(2nd Online)

B) Executive Committee Meetings held on:-

- 2nd April, 2020 (28th Online)
- 4th April, 2020 (29th Online)
- 6th April, 2020 (30th Online)
- 27th April, 2020 (31st Online)
- 30th April, 2020 (32nd Online)
- 4th & 5th June, 2020 (33rd Online)
- 22nd June, 2020 (34th Online)
- 6th July, 2020 (35th Online)
- 4th August, 2020 (36th Online)
- 2nd September, 2020 (37th Online)
- 10th September, 2020 (38th Online)
- 6th October, 2020 (39th Online)
- 22nd October, 2020 (40th Online)
- 12th November, 2020 (41st Online)
- 3rd December, 2020 (42nd Online)
- 29th December, 2020 (43rd Online)
- 18th January, 2021 (44th Online)
- 8th February, 2021 (45th Online)
- 15th February, 2021 (46th Online)
- 4th March, 2021 (47th Online)
- 15th March, 2021 (48th Online)
- 24th March, 2021 (49th Online)
- 30th March, 2021 (50th Online)

Outcome of the Meetings:-

- Approval of 1637 Diploma and Degree institutions was extended u/s 12 of the Pharmacy Act, 1948.
- 449 new Diploma and Degree institutions were granted approval u/s 12 of the Pharmacy Act, 1948.
- 08 new Pharm.D institutions were granted approval for the conduct of course.
- 04 New Pharm.D (Post Baccalaureate) institutions were granted approval/ extended approval u/s 12 of the Pharmacy Act, 1948.

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

Courses	Approved institutions	Admission capacity
Diploma in Pharmacy	3150	1,90,000
Degree in Pharmacy	2243	1,66,841

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 has implementing 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 2020-2021 is Rs. 7024.93 lakhs.

7. Pharmacists Day celebration

- The poster for Pharmacists Day (25th September, 2020) was launched. Further the said poster was published in Newspaper.

8. PCI Website

- PCI website is updated on daily basis.

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

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

10. 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.

11. 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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