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MESSAGE ON PHARMACIST'S DAY, 2023

On the occasion of Pharmacist Day, Pharmacy Council of India wishing every Pharmacist for their contributions to the society.

This Pharmacist's Day, let's take an Oath to make the world better place to live by educating the society regarding importance of Organ donation and saving the lives. Also, increase the awareness amongst the community for rational use of Drugs and strengthen the health systems by doing patient Counselling across the country.

Wishing you Happy World Pharmacist Day.

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PHARMACY COUNCIL OF INDIA

INTRODUCTION

The statutory regulation of pharmacy institutions in the country was established with the enactment of the Pharmacy Act, 1948 on 4.3.1948.

The Pharmacy Council of India (PCI) is statutory body which is functioning under the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India and established under the Pharmacy Act on 9th March 1949.

PCI frames Education Regulations for the amelioration of Pharmacy education in India under the Pharmacy Act, 1948. Presently, Pharmacy Council of India has a total 10 Regulations which includes Education Regulations for various Pharmacy courses and Pharmacy Practice Regulations, 2015.

PCI is also involved in maintaining quality standards of Pharmacy Education by keeping an eye on all Pharmacy Institutions in India through Approval Process.

CURRENT FRAMEWORK

On 6th April, 2022, Dr. Montukumar M Patel elected as President, PCI. Since then, there has been immense growth in the standards of Pharmacy Council of India (PCI). The work done by PCI under the leadership of Dr. Montukumar Patel is as under –

1. Celebration of Pharma Anveshan 6th March, 2023 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi.
2. Signing up MOUs with various stakeholders as a skill development process for the training of Teachers and Students.
3. Framing of Diploma in Pharmacy Exit Examination Regulations, 2022 with the objective of judgement of skills of a registered Pharmacist to meet the expectations on a global scale.
4. Hiring of New staff to PCI office to extend the quality of work.
5. Introduction of Job Portal for Pharmacy Professionals.

PROJECTS UNDER PIPELINE

1. Process of Implementation of new subjects to the Pharmacy Course curriculum.
2. Conduct of Exit and GPAT Examination.
3. To open Centre of Excellence (COEs) across the Country for the skill development process of Pharmacists.
4. Convening of meeting with State Pharmacy Council's to resolve the issues regarding Registration of Pharmacists and for smoothening of Registration process.
5. Introduction of various other platforms to maintain the integrity of the profession such as –
 - Faculty Portal
 - Student portal
 - Pharmacist Registration and Tracking System (PRTS) for digitalization of Pharmacy Practice in India.

FUTURE PERSPECTIVES

1. Finalisation the draft for introducing the clinical Pharmacist in health care system for patients counselling and records the medical history of patients.
2. Draft of restricted prescription right to Match Indian pharmacy to globe. Working on Rational use of medicine and safe disposal of medicine guidelines.
3. Developing the virtual practical in laboratory system through use of AI.
4. Developing the training modules for patient counselling of National List of Essential Medicines (NLEM).
5. Guidelines for teacher promotion and salary issue pending since long time.
6. Draft rule for teacher promotion and pay-scale.
7. Development of Portal for virtual inspection to expedite the approval process.