



PHARMACY COUNCIL OF INDIA

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CELEBRATING WORLD PHARMACIST DAY 25TH SEPTEMBER | 2020

THIS **WORLD** PHARMACIST DAY LET US **PLEDGE** TO
TRANSFORM **GLOBAL** HEALTH

Pharmacy Council of India Celebrates World Pharmacist Day 2020!

World Pharmacist Day honours the contribution of pharmacists to the field of medicine and patient care, especially during the present coronavirus pandemic with the theme Transforming Global Health **highlighting the role of pharmacists and illuminate the important part they play in improving the health of patients.**

Bridging the Gap Between Patients and Doctors

There are over one million registered pharmacists in India who work around the clock in hospitals, outpatient clinics and other healthcare settings, acting as a bridge between patients and doctors. Aside from the more recognised responsibility of filling out prescriptions, pharmacists also address patient concerns, explain interactions between drugs and food, and share valuable tips on minimising side effects.

In a country like India with a population of over a billion, pharmacists are the most accessible healthcare providers that work closely with patients on general health, performing consultations and prescribing OTC medications for minor ailments, and counselling patients. Since most pharmacists work behind the scenes, they often do not get the recognition and gratitude they deserve for their contributions to the fields of medicine and patient care.

On this day, we honour the contributions of all pharmacists supporting the healthcare system.

- To realise the vision of 'Access to Medicines for All', the Pharmacy Council of India supports the Government of India's '**Jan Aushadi**' scheme.
- The Pharmacists of India are proud to collaborate with the Government in its initiatives for developing a **Atmanirbhar Bharat**.

TOWARDS A "ATMANIRBHAR BHARAT"

Key areas pharmacists are involved in:

- Manufacture of safe and effective medicines
- Enforcement of law and regulations
- Research and innovation
- Patient education and support
- Distribution and dispensation of medicines

Pharmacists and COVID-19

Pharmacies were the only establishments that remained open even during the strictest of lockdowns in the initial days of the pandemic. Since then, pharmacists have played a crucial role by performing frontline duties for communities, even though some countries have failed to include pharmacists on the lists of frontline workers.

Pharmacists continue to provide vital support in COVID-19 by delivering medications to patients, educating patients on how to manage a positive diagnosis, and clarifying misconceptions about COVID-19 treatment.

Together with doctors, nurses, physicians and ICU staff at government and private hospitals, pharmacists have been managing drug shortages, participating in the development of protocols for treatment, exploring new drugs to treat COVID-19 and offering advice on medication management.



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