

Synergy-2018 **NIPER - Pharma Industry Meet** **Role of Academia in Strengthening of the Indian Pharma**

National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research (NIPER) Hyderabad has organized 'Synergy-2018', NIPER-Pharma Industry Meet with the theme: "Role of Academia in Strengthening of the Indian Pharma" scheduled on 23rd August 2018. The meet was inaugurated by Dr. Shashi Bala Singh, Director, NIPER Hyderabad, Chief-guest Dr G. N. Singh, Secretary cum Scientific Director, Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission, Dr. Ahmed Kamal, Pro Vice Chancellor, Jamia Hamdard, New Delhi, Dr Rakesh Mishra, Director, CCMB, Hyderabad, Dr Sudhir Nambiar, President, Hikal Ltd., Pune, Shri J. A. S. Giri, IPA and Dr.N. Srinivas Convener of the program.



Dr. Shashi Bala Singh, Director has given welcome address and said that NIPER is the place where basic research and translational research can take place which can be further synergized with industries for production and process development. The chief-guest, Dr G. N. Singh, expressed that big innovations come from simple ideas and it has nothing to do with just high infrastructural facilities. Dr Ahmed Kamal, highlighted that assistance from industry can enhance the drug discovery process and development. Dr Rakesh Mishra, Director, CCMB, Hyderabad mentioned that cell therapy and immunotherapy can replace existing small molecule therapy. Dr Sudhir Nambiar, elaborated on some of the barriers to university-industry collaboration. Shri J. A. S. Giri had assured to bring in at least 10 companies into NIPER Hyderabad for collaboration in the days to come. A talk by Dr Uday Saxena, Dr Reddy's Institute of Life Sciences highlighted that academia is the starting point of translational research.



The first Panel Discussion was on the theme: “Innovation & Entrepreneurship: Challenges and way forward”. The panel believed that multidisciplinary research and studies should be encouraged and stress was laid on maintaining the purity and health of experimental animals, quality training programmes, and good maintenance of labs and animal houses that can pave the way for good collaborations.



The post-lunch session initiated by talk by Dr. A. Wali, Managing Director, Foundation for Innovation and Technology Transfer where he emphasized that technology transfer methods are essential for incubation and minimizing early entrepreneurial risks.

The second Panel discussion on the theme: Growth of Pharmaceutical Industry: Indian & Global perspective was moderated by Dr. Girish kapur. The panel probed that industry could change tremendously in the next decade with a strong influence of regulatory aspect on its growth.



The last segment was an interactive session on the theme: Strengthening academia-industry collaboration moderated by Dr. Sridhar voleti. The panel agreed that investment oriented thinking of industries and the basic research oriented thinking of academics should resonate in the same frequency in order to bridge the gap and strengthen the collaborations thereby paving way for more innovative research.

It was concluded that synergistic collaboration must recognize the industry’s research motive and its requirements to carry-out a fulfilling research in the academia.



A workshop on the Current Trends in Intellectual Property Management is also planned on 24th August, 2018