

**1. Important policy decisions taken and major achievements during the month:**

- i) **Scheme for Medical Devices Park:-** Department has formulated a Scheme for financing common Facility Centres in Medical Device Park with an outlay of Rs. 300 crores. Development of Common Facilitation Centre for Medical Devices (DCFC-MD) scheme proposes to give Rs. 25 crore or 70% of cost of 'equipment and machinery and fixed assets' as grant-in-aid for setting up of common facility centres like component testing centre, radiation testing centre, moduling centres, etc. The scheme also proposes to cater to all segments of medical device industry like electrical & electronic, biomaterial & implants etc. It is also proposed to target this scheme towards medical devices park proposed by various state Governments. The scheme has been appraised by Standing Finance Committee (SFC) on 26.7.2016 and is being put up for approval of the Hon'ble Minister (C&F). The scheme will be revised once approved by the Hon'ble Minister (C&F).
- ii) NPPA has fixed ceiling prices of 123 medicines during July, 2016 bringing the cumulative figure for 2016-17 to 316.
- iii) NPPA has fixed retail prices of 51 new medicines during July, 2016 bringing cumulative figure for 2016-17 to 90.
- iv) 118 cases of overcharging have been identified by NPPA.
- v) A meeting was taken by Secretary (Pharma) with NGOs and Supermarket Retailers chain on 28.7.2016 for opening of Jan Aushadhi Stores.
- vi) 7<sup>th</sup> meeting of EU-India Joint Working Group on Pharmaceuticals, Biotechnology and Medical Devices at Brussels was held on 5-6 July, 2016 at Brussels under the Co-chairmanship of Shri Sudhansh Pant, Joint Secretary, Department of Pharmaceuticals;
- vii) An inter-active meeting with Indian Pharmaceutical Industries under the Chairmanship of Shri Sudhansh Pant, Joint Secretary, Department of Pharmaceuticals was organized on 15<sup>th</sup> July, 2016 at Mumbai for their participation in India Pharma 2016 and India Medical Device 2016 – 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of international conference on pharmaceuticals and medical devices sector - scheduled to be held at Bengaluru from 9-11 February, 2017;
- viii) Conference on "APIs: Reducing Dependence on Imports" was organized on 28<sup>th</sup> July, 2016 at Baddi (HP) in association with ASSOCHM;
- ix) Seminar on "Meeting Quality & Achieving Global Compliance" was organized on 29<sup>th</sup> July 2016 at Bengaluru in association with Indian Drugs Manufacturers' Association(IDMA)
- x) Two days national Workshop on "Technology up-gradation and Pharmaceutical Promotion" on 29-30 July, 2016 at Kolkata in association with NIPER, Kolkata
- xi) Financial assistance of Rs.5 lakh under Pharmaceutical Promotion & Development Scheme (PPDS) was granted to NIPER, Ahmedabad for

organizing a National Symposium on “What do the fresher lacks for getting better jobs?” on 14-17 November 2016

- xii) Financial assistance of Rs.2 lakh under Pharmaceutical Promotion & Development Scheme (PPDS) was granted to Indian Drugs Manufacturers’ Association (IDMA) for organizing a Seminar on “Meeting Quality & Achieving Global Compliance” on 29<sup>th</sup> July 2016 at Bengaluru.
- xiii) Financial assistance of Rs.2 lakh under Pharmaceutical Promotion & Development Scheme (PPDS) was granted to Consumer Online Foundation for organizing a Workshop on ‘Building Consumer Awareness on Improving Accessibility to Medicines’ on 18-19 August, 2016
- xiv) 44 Jan Aushadhi Stores have been opened during July, 2016.

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