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Department of Pharmaceuticals

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**Subject: Swachhata Pakhwada from 1-15 September, 2020 in the Department of Pharmaceuticals.**

The undersigned is directed to refer to the subject mentioned above and to forward herewith a copy of the Report on Swachhata Pakhwada observed in the Department of Pharmaceuticals, Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers during 1-15 September, 2020.

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## **REPORT ON SWACHHATA PAKHWADA DURING 01-15 SEPTEMBER 2020**

Department of Pharmaceuticals under the Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers, Government of India observed Swachhata Pakhwada from 1-15 September, 2020.

2. Hon'ble Minister for Chemicals & Fertilizers (Shri D.V.Sadanand Gowda) and Hon'ble Minister of State for Chemicals & Fertilizers (Shri Mansukh L. Mandaviya) gave their inspiring messages on the occasion. A copy each of the messages is enclosed. The massive cleanliness drive began on 01.09.2020 with mass pledge administered by Secretary, Department of Pharmaceuticals. All the organizations as well as Public Sector Undertakings under the administrative control of the Department associated themselves in the programme.

3. Special cleanliness drive was conducted in various sections/offices of the Department. Various activities relating to Swachhata were also carried out like putting up awareness banners, cleaning of office premises, pest control in working areas, disposal of old/ obsolete items.

4. All the associations of Pharma Industries, Traders, Medical Devices and Chemists in the country were requested to associate themselves in the programme. Various Pharma Associations have given their inputs on the action taken by them during the Pakhwada, highlights of some of them are given below:-

i). NIPER Hyderabad committed itself for the goal of cleanliness and distributed pamphlets against spread of Covid-19. They sanitized their premises under this programme. Faculty, staff and students made a resolution of reducing the usage of plastic and paper. The hazardous materials such as solids and liquids were properly separated and stored, and then sent frequently to ETP (Effluent Treatment Plant) which is located (IDPL) in the same premises. They have ensured the removal of biomedical wastage from the animal house facility and related PC & RT labs frequently by the approved agency (GJ multi-clave) as per the guidelines of common biomedical waste treatment (CBMWT) by the help of TS-PCB.

ii). NIPER Raebareli- In line of the Government of India, NIPER-R focused on the theme "एक कदम स्वच्छता की ओर" and communicated the message of Swachhta to make a transformation in the society. Faculty, staff and students actively participated in Swachhta Pledge at NIPER-R Campus at Lucknow under the leadership of Dr. S.J.S. Flora maintaining social distancing and taking all other precautionary measures during this COVID-19 situation. The awareness campaign was conducted by the staff and faculty. As one of the Premier



Pharmacy institute in the state, we distributed pamphlets and masks to aware the public against the spread of COVID-19. The Director also emphasized the adoption of minimum/no use of single-use plastic policy by NIPER-Raebareli and inculcates these good practices not only in the institute but at home also. The faculty members, staff and students of NIPER distributed pamphlets regarding safe disposal of medicines and advantages of water harvesting. In this drive methods for the safe disposal of medicine and water harvesting were shared. Dr. Keerti Jain, Asst Professor, Department of Pharmaceuticals and Dr. Ujjawal Research Associate educated the population around the campus regarding the safe methods of disposing unused and expired medicines.

iii). NIPER SAS Nagar- NIPER employees pledged that they would dedicate at least 100 hours every year towards sanitation. The animal house facility at NIPER SAS Nagar generates waste which was earlier disposed of to factories outside NIPER where it is used as fuel for boilers. The waste got piled up due to lockdown. It was managed within the campus and will be processed as manure to be used on campus itself. Various sections take care that mosquitoes don't breed at any place on the campus. However, the NIPER SAS Nagar, being a green campus with more green cover than the surrounding areas, needs regular fogging operations to curb the mosquito menace.

iv). NIPER Ahmedabad- On the occasion, an awareness speech was delivered by Prof. Kiran Kalia, the Director, NIPER-A to sensitize on global pandemic issues. She further suggested remedies/precautions to incorporate as a habit in daily life such as Steam inhalation, Meditation & breathing exercises along with using Face Masks, Hand Hygiene and keeping social distance. The 'Covid Awareness Hoardings' were also displayed on display screens at reception.

v). Indian Drugs & Pharmaceuticals Limited (IDPL)- A massive cleanliness drive commenced on 04.09.2020 with mass pledge administered by Personnel Manager, IDPL. Special cleanliness drive was observed in various plants of IDPL (Rishikesh, Hyderabad and Gurgaon) including cleaning of office premises, sanitization of working and surface area, paint on tree/plants and awareness against spread of COVID-19.

vi). Industry Association (India Drug Manufacturers Association) – IDMA conducted webinar emphasizing hazards of medicine disposal and discussed the guidelines of WHO for disposal of medicine.

vii). Pfizer- Facility cleaning practices at the Goa plant were enhanced. Cleaning of manufacturing area/workstation and weekly sanitization of the entire facility was carried out. Regular cleaning and sanitization of frequently touched areas were carried out. Personal Protective Equipment was provided to all housekeeping and security professionals working in the plant. If any colleague was suspected of having contracted the virus while working on site, the entire area was sanitized immediately.

viii). KAPL committed itself for the goal of cleanliness and displaying the Banners was carried out and planting of sapling was done at Corporate Office.