

## The 61<sup>st</sup> IPC 2009, Ahmedabad

11<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> December 2009

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### The Event:

The 61<sup>st</sup> Indian Pharmaceutical Congress 2009 (61<sup>st</sup> IPC 2009) scheduled during 11<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> December 2009 was completed successfully at Ahmedabad. More than 10,00 registered delegates had participated at such highly important annual gathering of the Indian pharmacy fraternity. The entire Congress was organized by the Indian Pharmaceutical Congress Association (IPC Association) and hosted by the All India Drug Control Officers' Association (AIDCOC) at Nirma University, Ahmedabad.

### Inauguration Program

The 3-day long 61<sup>st</sup> IPC 2009, Ahmedabad was inaugurated on 11<sup>th</sup> December 2009 by Shri Narendra Modi, Hon. Chief Minister, Gujarat State. Shri Jayanarayan Vyas, Hon. Minister - Health & Family Welfare and Shri Parbatbhai Patel, Hon. Minister of State - Health & Family Welfare both from Govt. of Gujarat were the Guest of Honour of the Inauguration Ceremony.

The function was presided over by Shri S. W. Deshpande - President IPC Association. The high profile dignitaries of the pharmacy and pharmaceutical industry were present at the inauguration. The inauguration program was attended by more than 7,000 delegates, students, guests, invitees and industrialists.

During the inauguration program, various personalities from different fields of the pharmacy were awarded towards their outstanding contribution to the pharmaceutical segment. Dr. A. Ramkiashan and Mr. M. Bhaskaran were awarded as the Best Drug Controller Officers and Mr. Suboth Proilkar was the Eminent Pharmacist Award for the year. Prof. M. L. Khurana Memorial Lecture Award was given to Dr. Rao VSV Vadlamudli, Prof. M. L. Khurana Memorial

Medal to Mrs. Anitha Jose and Mrs. Pankti Desai. Prof K. C. Cheterjee Memorial Award to Dr. H. L. Bhalla, Prof. G. P. Shrivastava Memorial Award to Prof. Tilka Raj Juneja, and Shroff Memorial National Award to Mr. Pankaj Patel (Zydus Cadila Healthcare Ltd.) during the inauguration function. Also, Mr. I. A. Modi (Cadila Pharmaceutical Ltd.), Dr. C. J. Shishoo, Mr. C. G. Bhavsar, Mr. M. R. Shah, Mr. Girish Bhagat, Dr. Subodh P. Adeshara, Mr. Hemant G. Koshia, and Mr. K. K. Goswami were felicitated at the program for their outstanding contribution and dedication to their services to the society.

Scientific Abstract and Souvenir of the 61<sup>st</sup> IPC2009 were unveiled at the ceremony.

In the inaugural speech, Shri Narendra Modi insisted to prioritize on the Research & Developments to make the medicines affordable for poor, instead of only commercial tie-ups between the pharma company and the medical practitioners.

The event comprising of exceedingly informative Scientific Sessions to equip the current pharmacy generation for future opportunities and technologies. Each presenter for the Scientific Sessions was selected very carefully to impart the focused information on the topics assigned individually.

The Scientific Sessions were Chaired, Co-Chaired and Presented by the eminent personalities of the pharmacy and pharmaceutical fields from India and worldwide.

With an aim to disseminate knowledge and facilitate exchange of new ideas among the members of pharmacy profession, the Scientific Services Committee had invited the pharmacy fraternity to submit significant findings of fields of pharmacy and allied branches.

For the first time in the history of the IPCs, the Scientific Services Committee had received more than 5,500 abstracts, out of which, more than 3,000 papers were selected and displayed at a specially designated area at the Venue during Congress.

### Valedictory Function

The Valedictory Function of the 61<sup>st</sup> IPC 2009 took place on 13<sup>th</sup> December 2009 at Nirma University. Shri Jayanarayan Vyas, Hon. Minister of Health & Family Welfare, Gujarat State was the Chief Guest of the function. He facilitated the Chair-Persons and the Co-Chair-Persons of all the Task Committee of the Local Organizing Committee. All young scientists who are toppers in the subject related to them were also facilitated by Hon'ble Health Minister.

The next 62<sup>nd</sup> IPC 2010 was announced to be held at Manipal University, Karnataka during December 2010.

### Entertainment Programs

The 61<sup>st</sup> IPC 2009 took place at Ahmedabad after 23 years. With impressive inauguration ceremony and highly informative Scientific Sessions for 3 days, the Local Organizing Committee (LOC) of the 61<sup>st</sup> IPC 2009 had made the best arrangements to make the memorable evenings of the delegates during their stay at Ahmedabad and had various intertainment programs to the delight of the delegates.

Alongside of the 61<sup>st</sup> IPC 2009, Ahmedabad; at exhibition of more than 282 pharma-allied manufacturers and suppliers displayed their products/services encompassing a wide range.

On the whole IPC 2009 was a success story in its own.

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