

Report on 3rd National Pharmacovigilance Week Organized by Adverse Drug Reaction Monitoring Centre, Faculty of Pharmacy and IIMSR

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A report on 3rd National Pharmacovigilance Week (#NPW2023)

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Integral University, Lucknow, U.P.

Under the aegis of Pharmacovigilance Programme of India (PvPi), Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India.

National Pharmacovigilance Week is an annual event aimed at promoting awareness about the importance of monitoring and reporting adverse drug reactions. The 3rd National Pharmacovigilance Week was celebrated from September 17–23, 2023 by the ADR Monitoring Centre (AMC), Faculty of Pharmacy in collaboration with IIMSR, Integral University. The theme of the Pharmacovigilance Week was 'Boosting Public Confidence in Pharmacovigilance.' To celebrate the week, various events were organised, such as a walkathon and poster presentation, quiz, and sensitising sessions for health professionals, students, patients, and school children. On September 18, 2023, a group of motivated students participated in a walkathon to commence the *Pharmacovigilance Week*. Using banners, placards, and posters, they interacted with patients, faculty members, staff, and members of the public. The walk was planned between the university's Gate 2 and the Integral Institute of Medical Science and Research (IIMSR). Several students of M. Pharm, Pharm D. and MBBS with their teachers participated. The awareness walk was coordinated by Dr. Mohd. Aftab Siddiqui, Dr. Md.





An awareness session was organized on September 18 for health care professionals through a lecture delivered by **Prof. Abha Chandra, Dean, Faculty of Health & Medical Sciences, Integral University**. The topic of her address was "Adverse Drug Reactions & need of Pharmacovigilance". She gave a deep insight of the topic through several examples highlighting the topic. She emphasized on the significance of ADRs reporting.



The guest lecture was delivered by **Dr Mohd Tariq Salman**, **Professor**, **Department of Pharmacology**, **Hind Institute of Medical Sciences**, **Barabanki** on September 19, on the topic "Pharmacovigilance: Why and How

to report ADRs". He deliberated the topic in a very interesting way & covered all aspects of ADRs and gave emphasis on their reporting.





Moving further in the week, a lecture was delivered for Health Care Professionals on "Pharmacovigilance & its future challenges". by **Dr. Kauser Sayeeda, Professor, Pharmacology, IIMSR, Integral University**. on September 20.



Two more lectures were delivered to define, explain and apprise the patients about adverse drug reactions and to instill a sense of importance among school children about how the seemingly innocuous pint size pills can be effective for the treatment of diseases/disorders while they can also cause undesired effects from headache to toxicity to organs. The awareness sessions were delivered by **Dr. Javed Akhtar Ansari, Professor, Pharmacy Practice, Faculty of Pharmacy** for school children at Integral International School, Sansarpur, Kursi Road, Lucknow was organized on 21 September, while **Dr. Badruddeen, Professor, Pharmacology, Faculty of Pharmacy, Integral University** delivered his talk to patients at Skylin Hospital, Aliganj/Jankipuram, on 22 September, 2023. Both the speakers spoke on the importance of monitoring, reporting adverse drug reactions and ADRs reporting procedures. The awareness talk was coordinated by Dr. Javed Akhtar Ansari, Dr. Syed Gulfishan and Mr. Mohd. Ajmal.



A poster competition was organized on 20 September, 2023. 62 students pursuing Undergraduate and postgraduate programs participated for the poster competition. The competition was held in accordance with transparent evaluation criteria, aimed to identify the most creative and theme-aligned submissions. The participants presented their posters in front of the judging panel. There were 4 judges (Dr. Mohammad Irfan Khan, Prof. Tarique Mahmood Ansari, Prof. Poonam Kushwaha and Prof. Shazia Usmani). The judges assessed each presentation based on creativity, theme relevance, artistic technique and presentation skills. This event was a resounding success, because of exceptional guidance and support of Dr. Reshu Tiwari, Md Sohel Akhter, Dr. Javvad Hasan and Ms. Aditya Singh.





An online quiz was organized on 22 September, 2023. 136 students participated from various programs of study including B. Pharm, Pharm. D, M. Pharm, MBBS and MBBS/Pharm. D interns. The quiz competition consisted of multiple-choice questions related to Pharmacovigilance. The quiz competition was coordinated by Prof (Dr.) Mohammad Khushtar, Dr. Mohammad Ahmad and Ms. Rufaida Wasim. The Winners were awarded with medals and certificates.

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