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## Report on World Pharmacists Day 2024: A Celebration of Pharmacists' Role in Global Health, Celebrated by Faculty of Pharmacy

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### Faculty of Pharmacy Celebrated World Pharmacists Day 2024: A Celebration of Pharmacists' Role in Global Health

Faculty of Pharmacy, Integral University celebrated **World Pharmacists Day 2024**. The event celebrated the invaluable contributions of pharmacists in meeting global health needs, aligning with this year's theme, "**Pharmacists: Meeting Global Health Needs.**" Held on Wednesday, September 25, at the Seminar Hall, the event brought together students, faculty members, healthcare professionals, and guest speakers to address critical topics in the field of pharmaceutical sciences.

The program commenced with floral welcome for esteemed guests and judges, who proceeded for **Slogan Writing Competition**, organized by the Social Responsibility Club and the Literary Society of the Integral Pharmaceutical Society. The event was coordinated diligently by faculty members Dr Ahsan Ahmad Khan, Dr Shom Prakash Kushwaha, Mr. Ranjan Kumar, Ms Shabana Khatoon, Dr Md Nematullah and Ms Rabia Aqeel. Student volunteers who wholeheartedly contributed include Mohd Abuzar, Mazharuddin, Shaista Naaz Salim Ansari (Department of Pharmacy), Afeefa Khan and Shahiba Bano (School of Pharmaceutical Sciences).



The participants then gathered at seminar hall for invited lectures by experts. The welcome address was delivered by the **Prof. (Dr.) Syed Misbahul Hasan**, Dean, Faculty of Pharmacy, Integral University who emphasized the vital role of pharmacists in healthcare systems worldwide and the increasing need for public awareness of their contributions.

Three guest lectures were delivered, each focusing on diverse yet significant themes in modern pharmacy. **Prof. Zeba Aqil**, Head of the Department of Humanities, Integral University, spoke on '**Drug Abuse and Addiction**', beginning with a thought-provoking couplet by Malikzada Manzoor Ahmad. She discussed the parallels between substance addiction and modern-day addictions, such as mobile phones and social media, and emphasized the four Cs of addiction: **Compulsion, Cravings, Consequences, and Control**, while highlighting prevention and treatment strategies.



**Mr. Awadhesh Kumar**, Therapy Business Manager at the Metabolics and Urology Division, Abott India Limited, spoke on **‘Patient Counselling Regarding Vaccination’**, underscoring the critical role of pharmacists in educating patients about vaccination. He emphasized the importance of building trust and increasing vaccine acceptance through effective counselling. His session concluded with an interactive Q&A, where students engaged in discussions about vaccine safety and the role of pharmacists in immunization.



**Dr. Uma Shanker**, Consultant Scientist at Biotech Park, Lucknow, delivered a lecture on **‘Generic Medicines and Public Awareness’**, highlighting the importance of promoting generic medicines as cost-effective alternatives to branded drugs. He discussed the role of pharmacists in increasing awareness of generics to help reduce healthcare costs while maintaining high standards of care.



Participants reaffirmed their dedication to the profession by taking the **Pharmacist Oath**, pledging to uphold ethical and professional standards in their service to society. The winners of the **Slogan Writing Competition** were also announced and the prizes were distributed by the esteemed guests, recognizing student's creativity and commitment to social responsibility. On the theme of 'Reduction of drug abuse', first Prize was won by Ayesha Sarwar (B.Pharm. 4<sup>th</sup> year) and second Prize was secured by Piyush Tripathi(PharmD, 6<sup>th</sup> Year). On the theme of 'Awareness on generic medicine', Amaan Ahmad from (D.Pharm., SPS) got first prize and the runner up was Shanza Hussain(D.Pharm., SPS).



The event concluded with a **Vote of Thanks** by **Prof. (Dr.) Juber Akhtar**, Head, Department of Pharmacy, followed by the recitation of **National Anthem** by all attendees.

Furthermore, participants engaged in a plantation drive at the university's herbal garden, organized by the Environmental Society and the Integral Pharmaceutical Society, emphasizing the connection between health, sustainability, and the environment. The drive was coordinated by Prof. (Dr) Mohd Khustar, Dr. Muhammad Arif, Ms Manvi, Ms Arzoo Khanam(Department of Pharmacy) and Ms Zeba Masoom(SPS).



A parallel health screening camp was also held from 9:00 AM onwards, offering attendees free health check-ups, which were availed by over 200 participants. Event was well coordinated by Dr Arun Kumar, Dr Mohd Javed Ansari, Dr Muhammad Arif, Dr Abdul Hafeez, Dr Mohammad Azizur Rahman Dr Usama Ahmad (Department of Pharmacy), Ms Ambreen Fatima and Mr Abdulrahman (SPS). Overall, event received an overwhelming response with around 400 students and all the faculty members attending the event with enthusiasm.



The core committee of the program comprising of Prof. (Dr.) Tariq Mahmood Ansari, Prof. (Dr.) Kuldeep Singh, Prof. (Dr.) Vaseem Ahmad Ansari, Prof. (Dr.) Badruddeen, Prof. (Dr.) Poonam Kushwaha, Prof. (Dr.) Shazia Usmani and Dr Irfan Aziz (Principal SPS) under the able leadership of conveners Prof. (Dr.) Syed Misbahul Hasan and Prof. (Dr.) Juber Akhtar, ensured that the program aligns with the theme and meets UN SDG goals framework in its contents. The event was a resounding success, providing an opportunity for students to engage with experts, deepen their understanding of critical community pharmacy topics, and reflect on the role of pharmacists in shaping global health outcomes.

The event received media coverage by regional media like Miracle times and Sigma news.

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