

## **RIPER – National Pharmacy week celebrations 2010**

IPA Theme: Safety first with medicines; Ask your Pharmacist

The pharmacy week was celebrated in style from November 27, 2010 to December 2, 2010 at Anantapur. Raghavendra Institute of Pharmaceutical Education & Research (RIPER) organized the function in association with ACPI (Association of Community Pharmacists of India, Manipal) – RIPER Branch. RDT Hospital, Bathalapalli, RDT Nursing School, Bathalapalli, IPA – Education Division and Waksman Selman Pharmaceuticals Pvt. Ltd., Anantapur.

There are more than 50 members of ACPI in RIPER, Anantapur Branch.

The first day was organized by Mr. Badri & Dr. Ravindra Reddy with Sports and Reach Out to intermediate schools to advocate the career opportunities in pharmacy.

The second day was organized by Mr. Narayana & Mr. Surya Prakash Reddy with free medical camp and Health Exhibition. More than 200 adult and 300 school children attended the programs at our institution. Dr. M.S. Kannan, Medical Director, RDT Hospital, Bathalapalli inaugurated the free medical camp. Waksman Selman Pharmaceuticals Pvt. Ltd., Anantapur supplied free medicines. Dr. M. Srinivasulu, Pediatrician from Govt. Hospital, Kurnool, Dr. S. Lakshminarayana, Physician from RDT Hospital, Bathalapalli, Dr. C. Rohil Kumar, Physician from RDT Hospital, Bathalapalli, Dr. Sajida Salam, Dentist from Anantapur, Nurses & Pharmacists from RDT Hospital etc had given their free consultation service to the public of Anantapur. Dr. H. Harish, Medical Superintendent, RDT Hospital, Bathalapalli, inaugurated the health exhibition. There were attractive models on drug development, nutrition, nursing, sanitization, hygiene, infection control, drug information, drug manufacturing, herbal medicines, stem cells, plastic free campus, and career development in pharmacy.

The third day was organized by Mr. Manikandan & Mrs. Geetha with Essay Writing (Theme, Role of community pharmacist in public health) won by K.R. Venketesh & Dhanalakshmi, PharmD Candidates. Poem Writing (Theme, Rain) won by Y. Yellamachandra, & Rajendra, B.Pharm Candidates.

The fourth day was organized by Mr. K. Balaji & Mrs. Jyothi with Cartoon Drawing (Theme, Community Pharmacists' vision 2010) won by Dhanalakshmi, PharmD Candidate & Saloni, M.Pharm Candidate. Slogan Making (Theme, Pharmacy popularization) won by Gangadhar, B.Pharm Candidate. The best slogan was: When the doctor lights a lamp, pharmacist protects it.

The fifth day was organized by Dr. Ramalingam & Mr. Vigneswaran with Quiz won by M.Pharm Pharmacology, B.Pharm Fourth Year. 'AIDS Day Awareness Rally' rolled in

Anantapur Town, starting from Saphthagiri Circle, passing through Clock Tower, Govt. College, Sreekandam Circle and ending at RTC Bus Stand. Andhra Pradesh State AIDS Control Society (APSACS) provided pamphlets and banners. Dr. Sowmya, Professor, RIPER, flagged off the rally.

The sixth day was organized by Mr. Jaffer with Debate (Theme, New molecules a gift or threat) won by PharmD Second Year (Sahithi & Vasanthi).

On December 2<sup>nd</sup>, there was a grant closing function of the 49<sup>th</sup> Pharmacy Week Celebrations -2010 organized by Convener Dr. Sowmya and Organizing Secretary Mr. Dixon Thomas of the celebrations. Dr. Y. Padmanabha Reddy, Principal & Dr. J. Ravindra Reddy, Correspondent, of RIPER presided over the function. Dr. B. Uma Maheswar Gowd, Rector, JNTU, Anantapur was the Chief Guest, Mr. Kailasm, Asst. Drug Controller, Anantapur had given the Key Note Address, and Dr. Katta Anand, Managing Director, Waksman Selman Pharmaceuticals Pvt. Ltd., Anantapur was the Guest of Honor. Mementos were awarded to Dr. M.S. Kannan, Medical Director RDT Hospital and to Sr. Thomas, Principal, RDT Nursing School, Bathalapalli.

Our principal, Dr. Y. Padmanabha Reddy, said it was a successful celebration of pharmacy including all branches; academic, pharmaceutical care, health education, manufacturing, analysis, pharmacology, pharmacognosy, regulatory affairs, dispensing, marketing. All D.Pharm, B.Pharm, M.Pharm & PharmD streams participated nicely. There was high level of physical and moral support from Medical & Nursing fraternity.



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