

## 56<sup>th</sup> National Pharmacy Week Celebrations at SBSPGI



School of Pharmaceutical Sciences of Sardar Bhagwan Singh Post-Graduate Institute of Bio-Medical Sciences (SBSPGI), Balawala celebrated 56<sup>th</sup> National Pharmacy Week (NPW) with grander on 25<sup>th</sup> November. All the students, faculty and staff of the department actively participated in the NPW celebrations.

The Indian Pharmaceutical Association has been celebrating the National Pharmacy Week every year during the third week of November. The major focus of NPW celebrations is to create awareness amongst the public, other healthcare providers and the authorities, about the NPW theme in specific and about the pharmacy profession and role of the pharmacist in general. The theme selected for this year was: "Know Your Medicines: Ask Your Pharmacist". Several events were organized by the department on the theme which included procession by students, poster competition, street play and pharmacy quiz.

The celebrations started with the procession being flagged off by Director of the Institute Prof. F.C. Garg and Principal of School of Pharmaceutical Sciences Prof. Veerma Ram. The procession was led by the faculty members of Pharmacy department in which the students actively participated. During the procession students were holding placards and posters regarding the importance of pharmacist in daily life. They also distributed pamphlets to the people around balawala region and encouraged them to ask pharmacist about the pros and cons of prescribed medicines.

Later the poster competition started with lamp lighting and ribbon cutting ceremony by Director Prof. F.C. Garg. The under-graduate and post-graduate students of Institute participated in the competition in which they depicted the side effects, adverse effects of medicines, importance of time management to intake medicine. The event was judged by Mr. B.S. Matura (Deputy

Director Pharmacy, Uttarakhand), Ms Urmi Chaurasia and Dr. R. Raghuveer. In PG poster competition, first prize was bagged by Pooja Upadhyaya (M. Pharm III<sup>rd</sup> Sem) and second prize was bagged by Kiran Chamoli (M. Pharm 1<sup>st</sup> Sem). In UG poster competition, first prize was bagged by Archana and Anju (B. Pharm III<sup>rd</sup> Sem), second prize was bagged by Ratnapriya and Prerna Rawat (B. Pharm III<sup>rd</sup> Sem) and third prize was bagged by Piyush Verma (B. Pharm V<sup>th</sup> Sem). The students performed a street play at Balawala Inter College and later at the Institute premises and educated the audience regarding role of pharmacist to maintain a healthy life.

A pharmacy quiz was also organized by the department in which five teams are participated. The teams comprised of four under-graduate students and one post-graduate student in each team. First prize in quiz was bagged by Team E which comprised of Mahak Arora (M.Pharm 2<sup>nd</sup> yr), Archana Negi (B.Pharm 4<sup>th</sup> Yr), Narendra Purohit (B.Pharm 3<sup>rd</sup> Yr), Anju (B.Pharm 2<sup>nd</sup> Yr) & Utkarsh Gusain (B.Pharm 1<sup>st</sup> Yr).

The prize and certificates were distributed to the winners by Prof. Veerma Ram and Prof and Prof A.K. Sharma.