

**Press Note**  
**Foundation Day Celebrated at NIPER, SAS Nagar**

The National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research (NIPER) is an 'Institute of National Importance' enacted by the act of Parliament (NIPER Act 1998) under the aegis of Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers, Department of Pharmaceuticals, and Government of India.

The Institute celebrated its Foundation Day today on 15th February, 2020 (Saturday) at NIPER Convention Centre. The programme started in a traditional way with Saraswati Vandana.

Professor (Dr) Ranbir Chander Sobti, Education Consultant Government of Bihar, Senior Scientist (Indian National Science Academy), Former Vice Chancellor, Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar University, Lucknow (UP) and Panjab University, Chandigarh was the chief guest. Prof Abbas Ali Mahdi, Professor & Head, Department of Biochemistry, King George's Medical University, Lucknow, Ex-Vice Chancellor, Era University, Lucknow was the guest of honor.

Prof. SJS Flora, the Director (Additional Charge) presented Annual Report of the Institute highlighting various achievements in the area of education, research, placement, patents, technology transfer and awards. He said that the students are backbone of an Institute's achievements. He further expressed that an expert and experienced faculty in cooperation with the students can bring NIPER S A S Nagar in limelight not only on a National but also on International levels. He motivated the audience to adopt Discipline, devotion and dedication to make NIPER S A S Nagar the Institute of everyone's dreams.

Guest of Honor, Prof Abbas Ali Mahdi in his address to the audience talked about the the pace with which science has developed. He mentioned about artificial intelligence (AI) and its possible utilization in pharmaceutical field which can open many avenues. He encouraged students to utilize the facilities in the institutes like NIPER SAS Nagar to innovate and progress.

Chief Guest Prof R C Sobti delivered his Foundation Day Lecture on "*Tumor microenvironment as a potential predictive biomarker and pharmacogenomics of lung cancer*". His lecture gave an overview on cancer, its microenvironment, susceptibility of different populations in the world. He also mentioned that response of patients to the anti cancer drugs varies according to their genotypes and if we are able to dissect the genomes of different populations, we will definitely be able to develop personalized drugs against many diseases.

At the end, NIPER staff and students were awarded for their achievements. Dr Pooja Arora, Scientist, received the award for Best Employee Award for Scientific support while Mr Sanajy K Samal, Junior Technical Assistant received Best Employee Award for Technical Support received