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**Press Release for National Unity Day Celebrations from 24<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2021**

**Ref.: Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav**

To commemorate the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel on 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2021 as National Unity Day (Rashtriya Ekta Diwas) in convergence with the activities of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research (NIPER), SAS Nagar organised various Events from 24<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2021.

There were two lectures delivered today on 31.10.2021. First entitled “Post-independence Developments in Indian Pharmaceutical Industry Some Toxic Dependence and What Country is Doing to Overcome It” By Prof. HPS Chawla, Ex-Dean, NIPER, SAS Nagar and second entitled “The Idea of Bharat: A Rashtra or Nation?” by Prof. Sudhir Kumar, Professor, Panjab University, Chandigarh. It was followed by Sitar Vadan by Pt. Shubhendra Rao. He was accompanied on Tabla by Sh. Zaheen Khan. Pt. Shubhendra Rao performance was through SPIC MACAY.

Finally, Prof. Dulal Panda the Director of the institute distributed the prizes to the winners of the Poster making and Essay Writing Competitions held on 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> October, 2021. Further, Prof. Panda felicitated Retd. Air Force Officer, Sqn. Ldr. Chandra Prakash ji for his remarkable contributions to the nation. He finally concluded the week long National Unity Day celebrations.