

## Report of the 5<sup>th</sup> Indo Malaysian Conference on ‘Advances & Global Challenges in Pharmaceutical Research’

<u>Organizers</u>	: Babaria Institute of Pharmacy & Association of Pharmacy Professionals, Malaysian International Branch in collaboration with APP Gujarat State Branch and APP Drug Design MedChem Division
<u>Resource persons</u>	: Dr. S. Vetrivelan, Associate Prof MAHSA University, Malaysia and Dr. Alka Agarwal, Principal and Professor, U. S. Ostwal Institute of Pharmacy, Rajasthan
<u>Date &amp; Venue</u>	: 27 <sup>nd</sup> FEB, 2019; Auditorium 1, Pharmacy Building

### **Salient features of the Event**

The APP 5<sup>th</sup> Indo Malaysian conference was organized with great fanfare and in the presence of some of the biggest names in the academic pharmacy fraternity. Babaria Institute of Pharmacy BITS Edu Campus, Varnama, Vadodara and Association of Pharmacy professionals, Malaysian International Branch in collaboration with APP Gujarat state branch, APP MedChem Division organized the 5<sup>th</sup> Indo Malaysian Conference on 27<sup>th</sup> Feb, 2019 at BIP Auditorium.

The inaugural event was graced by the eminent personalities like- Dr. Navin Sheth (Vice Chancellor, Gujarat Technological University), Dr. B. G. Patel (Advisor and Ex-Provost, CHARUSAT University, Changa), Dr. B. N. Suhagia (Dean and Professor, DD University, Nadiad), Dr. S. Vetrivelan (Vice-President, APP Malaysian International Branch, Associate Professor, MAHSA University, Kuala Lumpur), Dr. Alka Agarwal (National Head, APP Drug Design MedChem Division, Principal and Professor, U S Ostwal Institute of Pharmacy, Rajasthan), Shree Jagdishbhai D. Patel (Founder President and Chairman, SKECT) and Dr. Vandana B. Patel (Professor and Principal, Babaria Institute of Pharmacy).

Association of Pharmacy Professionals felicitated Dr. Navin Sheth, Honourable Vice-chancellor, Gujarat Technological University, with an “*Outstanding Achievement Award*” and Dr. B. G. Patel, Advisor and Ex-Provost CHARUSAT University, with a “*Lifetime Achievement Award*” for their achievements and contribution towards

Pharmacy profession over the years. Dr. Vandana B. Patel and Shri Dhruv J. Patel were both presented with an “Appreciation award”.

The Chief Guest Dr. Navin Sheth in his acceptance speech talked mentioned about different areas of research and gave several examples of hot areas which are under active study. He talked about the significance of Artificial Intelligence in development of newer techniques. He emphasized on the facts which showed that how with a clear mandate and political will any developing country can be drastically transformed into one of the most developed nations in the world. He cited the case of China in this example. He was saddened by the dismal figures of the patent scenario of India. He concluded his speech by praising the staff and management of Babaria Institute of Pharmacy for managing this event with aplomb.

The Guest of Honour Dr. B. G. Patel alluded about development of a ‘scientific temper’, an intention which he felt was lacking in the Gujarati diaspora. He even went on to crack a joke on how ‘business minded’ Gujarati think. Gene editing and how it could be the way of the future was also one of the points in his address. He mentioned several newer drugs and about research of many other drugs.

The inaugural event also saw the felicitation of some faculties and students of the institute. The faculties were recognized for their work and students for their academic performance in the university examinations. The list of awardees is as follows-

- 1) Best Achiever Award - Dr. Naazneen I. Surti (Professor and Vice Principal)
- 2) Best Teacher Award - Dr. Falgun A. Mehta (Professor and Head)
- 3) Best Researcher Award - Dr. Dimalkumar A. Shah (Professor)
- 4) Best Performer Award - Dr. Ashok N. Mahajan (Professor)
- 5) Young Performer Award - Dr. Farhatjahan I. Shaikh (Associate Professor)
- 6) Young Pharmacist Award - Dr. Deepti K. Jani (Associate Professor)
- 7) Best B. Pharm Student - Deepika R. Patil
- 8) Best M. Pharm Student (Pharmaceutics) - Vrunda S. Patel
- 9) Best M. Pharm Student (PQA) - Payal M. Parmar
- 10) Best M. Pharm Student (Pharmacology) - Mrunali A. Nemade

Students of the campus from BITS institute of physiotherapy, Babaria Institute of Pharmacy and Babaria Institute of Technology were recognized for their academic

excellence in University Examination by awarding them cash prizes of varying amounts by the Management of BITS Edu Campus.

The founder president and chairman of Shri Krishna Educational Charitable Trust handed over a cheque of Rupees 5 lac 11 thousand to Honorable Vice Chancellor of Gujarat Technological University for the family of martyrs of Pulwama attack. The amount contributed by the staff and students of Babaria Institute of Pharmacy and Babaria Institute of Technology.

The speakers Dr. Vetriselvan and Dr. Agarwal kept the audience engrossed with their technical knowledge. Dr. Vetriselvan talked about research in anti -Diabetics and Dr. Agarwal talked about research in Cancer therapy.

The Contributor Personality Development program for the staff of BITS Edu Campus was launched during the inaugural function by the distinguished guests. The CPD program will be effective from the new semester under the mentorship of Dr. Vandana B. Patel.

The eventful day ended with valedictory function which began with a bang by Ganesh Stuti along with Bharatnatyam. This musical program was followed by “Dakhlo”, a traditional Gujarat folk dance and ended with patriotic song by in-house band.

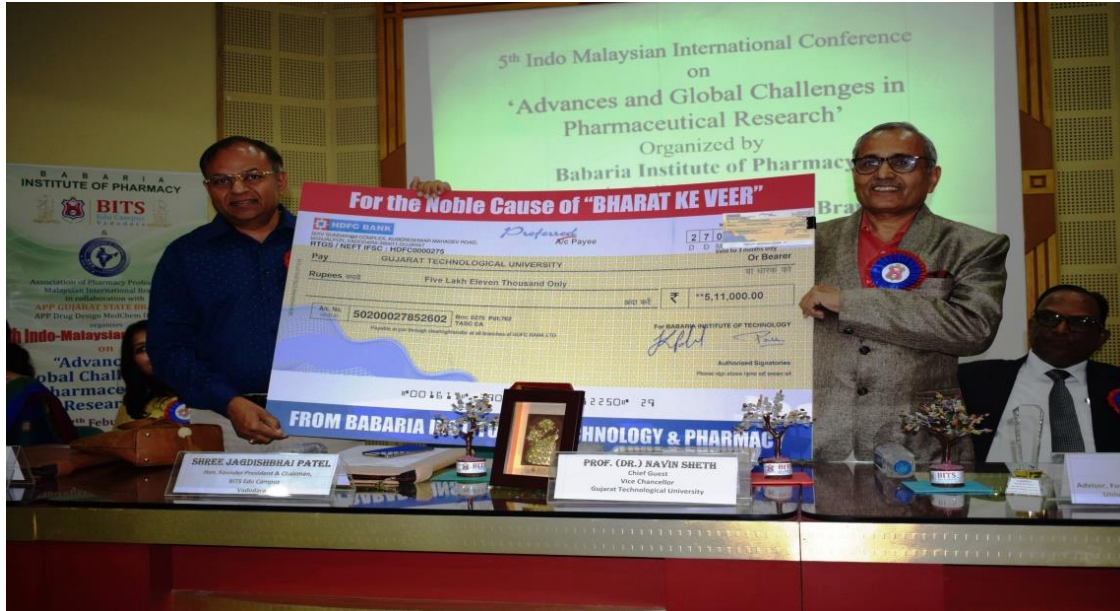
The event was attended by 190 registered delegates. There were more than 80 scientific posters for presentation from various colleges and universities. The judges had a difficult time evaluating and finalizing the winners from amongst the participants. A total of 8 different prizes were awarded to the poster presenters.

All the teaching and non-teaching staff of the college participated in the planning and overall execution of the event. The student volunteers were ever ready and kept up the enthusiasm for work.

Dr. Vandana B. Patel (Principal and Professor, Babaria Institute of Pharmacy) was the convener of the event. Dr. Falgun A. Mehta (Professor and Head, Department of Pharmaceutical Chemistry and QA, Babaria Institute of Pharmacy), Dr. Farhatjahan Shaikh (Associate Professor, Babaria Institute of Pharmacy) and Dr. Digvijay Rana (Associate Professor, Babaria Institute of Pharmacy) were the co-ordinators of the event.

Continuous upgradation of knowledge is the only way to stay up to date and these events serve the purpose well.

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