

PES's Rajaram and Tarabai Bandekar College of Pharmacy Collaborates with WRC-ACPI for organizing webinar Series on “Caring Pharmacists”

PES's Rajaram and Tarabai Bandekar College of Pharmacy has collaborated with Western Regional Centre of Association of Community Pharmacists of India (WRC-ACPI) in organizing a webinar series entitled “Caring Pharmacist” to discuss the important issues related to Community Pharmacy Profession with various experts from June 2021 to August 2021, with two webinars in each month.

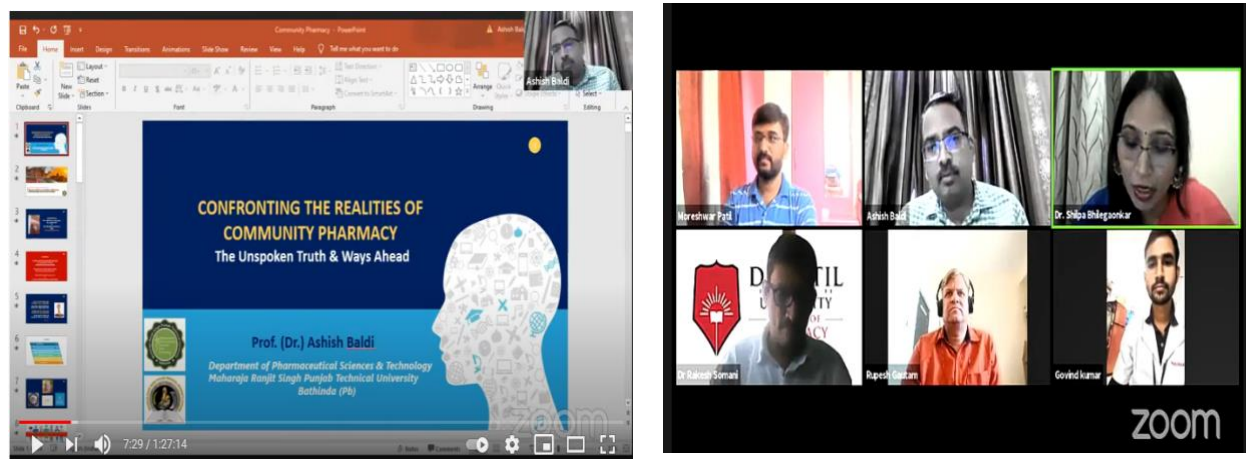
The webinar series was inaugurated by Mr. Mahesh Zagade, Former Commissioner, FDA, Maharashtra State on 13th June 2021 followed by his talk on **“Community Pharmacists: The Backbone of Patient-Care System”** as the first webinar in this series.



Dr. Anantha Naik Nagappa, President-ACPI National was present for inaugural session and wished success to WRC-ACPI for the initiative undertaken.

Mahesh Zagade sir mentioned in his talk that he has always worked with the objective of patient care and community pharmacists is the guardian of patients. In the capacity of FDA commissioner he implemented the provisions of the D&C Act which have enhanced status of community pharmacy profession. During his talk and also during interaction with audience he emphasized on need of selling of pharmaceutical products by registered pharmacists, role of pharmacists in counseling of patient, drawbacks of online pharmacy and significance of prescription analysis. More than 600 participants attended this inaugural session.

Second webinar in this series was on the topic **“Confronting the Realities of Community Pharmacy: The Unspoken Truths & Ways Ahead”** by Prof. (Dr.) Ashish Baldi, MRSPT University, Bhatinda, Punjab on 26/06/2021



Prof. Baldi had thoroughly explained the real picture of pharmacy profession including the faulty policies governing the profession, shortage of physician/doctors in the rural India, unethical behavior by some of the pharmacy professionals as well as the encroachment of online pharmacy. In order to tackle the alarming situations Prof. Baldi has suggested the solutions like updating of knowledge by pharmacists for patient counseling and prescription analysis; digitization of pharmacy shops; starting of local digital pharmacy; amendment in the policies and issue of licenses to retail pharmacy shops based on population of any locality. He interacted with the fellow pharmacist, faculty members during his talk.

Prof. Ashish Baldi appreciated the work and initiatives taken by the association.

Third webinar in this series entitled **“Legal Implications for Community Pharmacy Practice in India”** was on 10th July 2021, by Mr. Girish Kulkarni, Associate Vice-President (Sales and Marketing), Intas Pharmaceuticals Ltd., Ahmedabad and a medicolegal expert.



Mr. Girish Kulkarni covered important laws governing profession of community pharmacy and mentioned about duties, manner of recommended behavior and services provided by community pharmacists. Further he discussed about telemedicine's and essentials of e-prescription dispensing.

Mr. Girish Kulkarni interacted with audience and clarified various queries asked by participants. He wished success to WRC-ACPI in all endeavors.

WRC – ACPI President and Principal of D.Y.Patil School of Pharmacy, Navi Mumbai, Dr. Rakesh Somani, along with Core committee members , Dr. Shilpa Bhilegaonkar, faculty of PES's Rajaram and Tarabai Bandekar College of Pharmacy , Goa, Dr. Rahul Garg, Principal, Venkateshwar Institute of Pharmacy, Udaipur, Dr. Rupesh Gautam, MM School of Pharmacy,Ambala, Mr. Sagar Kulkarni, Community Pharmacist, Mumbai , Dr. Moreshwar Patil , faculty of MET's Institute of Pharmacy, Nashik and Dr. Aditya Ghuge , faculty of D.Y.Patil School of Pharmacy, Navi Mumbai organized and coordinating this webinar series. Organizing Committee is happy about great response received for this webinar series up till now and expecting the same for remaining three webinars in this series.