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GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATION OF PHARMACY COUNCIL OF INDIA, KARNATAKA (19-20 AUGUST, 2000)

The Golden Jubilee Celebrations of Pharmacy Council of India, Karnataka was celebrated at Bangalore on 19th and 20th August, 2000.

The welcome address by D.A. Gundu Rao, President, Karnataka State Pharmacy Council stressed mainly upon Pharmacy Council of India being made the sole Regulatory Body for Pharmacy professionals. The present dual control of All India Council for Technical Education and Pharmacy Council of India causes more confusion than solution to the problems faced by the Pharmacists in various spheres. D.A. Gundu Rao proudly declared many points to the credit of KSPG, namely : To appoint honoary inspectors to enforce sec. 42 of Pharmacy Act, 1948; To establish a Drug Information Centre (DIC); To introduce Social Security Scheme for pharmacists; To bring out comprehensive book and guidelines for pharmacists; To conduct continuing education programme for in-service pharmacists.

The welcome address followed the official ceremonious lighting of the lamp by Mrs. V.S. Rama Devi, Hon'ble, Governor of Karnataka, Mr. Ananth Kumar, Hon'ble Minister for Tourism & Culture, the Chief Guest of the function released the book titled "Role of Pharmacist for Quality Health Care."

During the celebrations, various Pharmacists of Karnataka were felicitated for their contributions to the profession of pharmacy. Mr. K. Premananda Shetty, Ex-Drug Controller of Karnataka for decentralising of licensing System, Mr. S. Anandrajshekar, Present Drugs Controller of Karnataka for successfully setting up a Drug testing laboratory at Mauritius and Dr. P.P. Thampi, Ex-Principal of Govt. College of Pharmacy responsible for shaping the careers of many pharmacists.

Dr. C.K. Kokate, President Pharmacy Council of India congratulated the KSPC for excellent administration and for successfully organizing number of refresher programmes for the benefit of in-service pharmacists. Karnataka's Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr. A.B. Maalakaraddy praised the contribution of the Pharmacy Council of India and their activities in uplifting the standard of education in pharmacy. The Karnataka Governor Mrs. V.S. Rama Devi in her inaugural address urged the pharmacy industry to manufacture drugs devoid of side effects. She also felt that the concerned authorities should check the menace of spurious drugs being sold at the counters.

Number of important topics were discussed during the two day celebrations. On the first day, there was a group discussion on "Bridging the Gap between the Pharmacist and the Common Man". Dr. K.N. Subbaswami, President, Karnataka Drugs and Cosmetics Manufacturers Association participated as the Moderator. The key note address was given by Dr. B.M. Hegde, Hon. Vice-Chancellor, Manipal Academy of Higher Education, Manipal on "Creative Contributions by Teachers in Making Institutions Par Excellence chaired by Dr. V.I. Hukkeri, Principal, KLES's College of Pharmacy, Hubli.

As part of the Golden Jubilee Celebrations of Pharmacy Council of India, Karnataka many colleges had conducted various social welfare and health programmes at their colleges. The prizes for state level debate competition which was organised and conducted by M.S. Ramaiah College of Pharmacy, Bangalore were given away by Dr. B.M. Hegde, Hon. Vice-Chancellor, Manipal Academy of Higher Education, Manipal.

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