### Report for

# Two Days Online Refresher Course for Registered Pharmacist

Organised by

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### **Summary:**

The Indukaka Ipcowala College of Pharmacy successfully conducted a two-day online refresher course for registered pharmacists on January 11-12, 2025. The program, sponsored by the Gujarat State Pharmacy Council, featured distinguished speakers addressing critical aspects of modern pharmacy practice. The course was directed by Dr. Harshaben V. Patel, coordinated by Mr. Krunal Solanki, and co-coordinated by Ms. Mitalben S. Parmar.

### **Overview:**

This comprehensive refresher course was designed to update practicing pharmacists on current developments in pharmaceutical care, therapeutic management, and professional responsibilities. The program covered essential topics ranging from medication safety to disease management, with emphasis on the evolving role of pharmacists in healthcare delivery.

## Day 1: January 11, 2025 (Saturday)

The inaugural function commenced at 9:30 AM with Mr. Goyani Bhikhabhai Balabhai, Vice President of Gujarat State Pharmacy Council, Ahmedabad, officially opening the course.

The first session by <u>Dr. Nikunjana Patel</u>, Associate Professor & Head, Department of Pharmacognosy at Institute of Pharmacy, Ganpat University, focused on "The Pharmacist Role in Bridging the Gap between Prescription and Self-Medication: Education and Awareness." This timely presentation addressed the critical role pharmacists play in guiding patients through appropriate medication use.

<u>Dr. Bhavna A. Patel</u>, Assistant Professor from the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences at Sardar Patel University, delivered a "Therapeutic Update on Selected Disorders-Diabetes," providing attendees with the latest approaches to diabetes management.

Following the lunch break, <u>Ms. Jinal N. Tandel</u>, *Assistant Professor from the Department of Pharmaceutical Chemistry and Analysis at Indukaka Ipcowala College of Pharmacy*, presented on the "Role of Pharmacist in Contagious Diseases Management," highlighting strategies for pharmacy professionals during infectious disease outbreaks.

The day concluded with Ms. Swati K. Kurtkoti, Assistant Professor from the Department of Pharmaceutics at Indukaka Ipcowala College of Pharmacy, who covered "Emergency Management of Poisoning," equipping pharmacists with critical knowledge for handling toxicological emergencies.

## Day 2: January 12, 2025 (Sunday)

Day two began with an essential presentation on "Medication Error" by Mr. Vishal Chudasama, Head of the Department of Pharmaceutical Chemistry at Shri M. N. College of Pharmacy, Khambhat. This session addressed prevention strategies and best practices to ensure patient safety.

<u>Dr. Mayank Bapna</u>, *Principal & Professor at Neotech Institute of Pharmacy, Virod, Vadodara*, then discussed "Drug-Herb Interaction," an increasingly important topic given the rising popularity of complementary medicines.

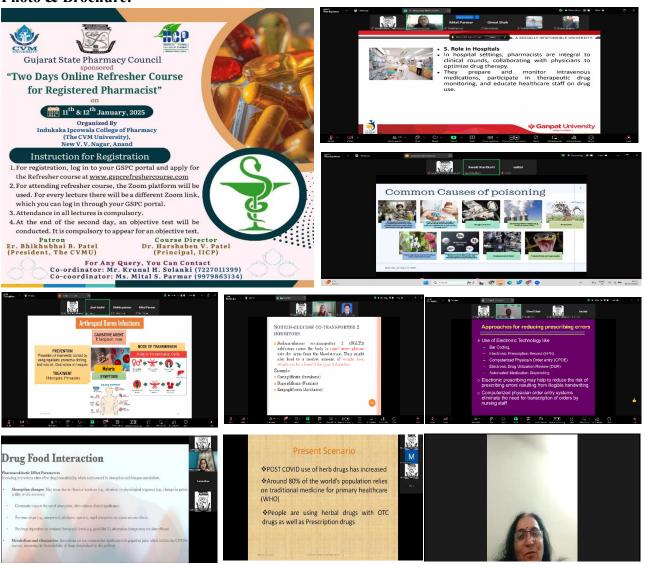
The final educational session, "Bites, Sips and Pills: Navigating the Science of Food-Drug Interaction," was presented by Ms. Jenee Christian, Assistant Professor from the Department of Pharmaceutical Chemistry, Faculty of Pharmacy, DDU, Nadiad. This engaging presentation covered how dietary factors influence medication efficacy.

The course concluded with a valedictory function at 12:30 PM, presided over by Mr. Gilbert C. Macwan, Additional Registrar of Gujarat State Pharmacy Council, Ahmedabad.

#### **Conclusion:**

This refresher course provided registered pharmacists with valuable updates on contemporary pharmaceutical practice and reinforced their role as essential healthcare providers. The diverse range of topics covered ensured that participants gained practical knowledge applicable to their daily practice. The collaborative efforts of the Indukaka Ipcowala College of Pharmacy and the Gujarat State Pharmacy Council demonstrated their commitment to continuing professional development in pharmacy education.

### **Photo & Brochure:**



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