

A Gujarat State Pharmacy Council (GSPC) sponsored two days Refresher Course for Registered Pharmacists was organized by Maliba Pharmacy College (MPC) on Feb 3-4, 2018

Pharmacists play an important role in community health care providing information on medications to patients. In order to help pharmacist to acquire knowledge of new and banned drugs, drug interactions and side effects, GSPC has started Refresher Courses which is mandatory for all registered pharmacists to renew their existing registration.

Considering the above perspectives, Dr. Sanjay Tiwari and Dr. Furqan A Maulvi had organised the Refresher course after seeking approval from GSPC and have received a grant of rupees twenty five thousand to conduct the course.

Day 1 of the event began with the UTU anthem, which was followed by key note address from Dr. Shailesh A. Shah, Principal, Maliba Pharmacy College and Course Director of the said event. Dr. Ashish Mishra, Dean, Maliba Pharmacy College gave a brief introduction of two days event to the participants. Dr. Shrikant Joshi, Associate Professor, Maliba Pharmacy College and GSPC member, briefed the audience regarding the activities of GSPC. Dr. Sanjay Tiwari delivered a vote of thanks for the event.

A series of lectures began with the lecture of Dr. Furqan Maulvi (Assistant Professor, MPC) who delivered a talk on 'Advances in drug delivery system' which was followed by a session on 'Role of pharmacist in the healthcare program' by Mr. Vilas Surana (Assistant Professor, MPC). Various aspects of 'Prescription handling' were highlighted by Mr. Pratik Tailor (Assistant Professor, MPC), Dr. Gajanan Kalayankar talked on 'Rational use of medicines' and lastly Ms. Rutvi Vaidya (Assistant Professor, MPC) delivered her lecture on 'Role of Pharmacist in the Management of Transmissible Diseases'.

Day 2 of the event began with UTU anthem, which was followed by an expert session on Patient counseling and education' by Dr. Ketan Ranch (Associate Professor, MPC). Mr. Bhavik Satani focused on 'Are herbs effective?'. The lectures were followed by a written exam. After lunch feedback forms were collected and certificates were distributed, followed by renewal process for pharmacist.

The event had 201 participants and was held at Shrimad Hall of the university. The event was supported by the faculty member, students and non-teaching staff of Maliba Pharmacy College.



Inaugural ceremony of the refresher course



Participants



Lecture of Dr. Furqan Maulvi on Advances in drug delivery system



Lecture of Mr. Vilas Surana on Role of pharmacist in the healthcare program



Lecture of Mr. Pratik Tailor on Prescription handling



Lecture of **Dr. Gajanan Kalayankar** on Rational use of medicines



Lecture of **Dr. Ketan Ranch** on Patient counseling and education



Lecture of Mr. Bhavik Satani on Are herbs effective?

