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### 1. Editorial: Empowerment and Flexibility are the keys for national and global competition in the 21st century: Is PCI ready to encash?

Pharmacy Council of India (PCI) needs to introspect and review curriculum exercise being undertaken these days in a holistic manner with clear nationalistic approach and international acceptability. We can't afford to put the profession of pharmacy education into a confused state when the country is progressing in leaps and bounds in many fronts. Time is ripe to leap into the future by empowering the universities to design their own curricula based on the Program Learning Outcomes (PLOs), standards and competencies recommended by PCI, which is going to be National Pharmacy Commission (NPC) as per NEP 2020, sooner or later. Designing PLOs and competencies for D Pharm, B Pharm, M Pharm and Pharm D by the PCI will go a long way in standardizing pharmacy education in India and can provide the most needed competitive base and ladder effect from lower to the higher degrees.

Emphasizing on Skills development including communication and attitudinal, not just knowledge, is the need of the hour. Making graduates employable shall be the goal and we must learn lessons from Pharm D program confusion and chaos created in the country. PCI should give clarity and meaningful directions in the regulations, curricula and institutional development and

listen to the nation's voice, vibrations and shall not put the pharmacy education into doldrums for the next decade or two.

PCI's plan, as announced in the public domain, of having 3 branches at UG level – general, industrial and clinical needs serious and wider discussions beyond PCI bodies, involving all stake holders. There are no mentions of regulatory changes, especially faculty needs, classrooms, labs etc when the specialties are offered at UG level. Are they 3 branches with 3 different admissions and enormous increase of students strengths? There are no models in health sciences education – medical, dental and other programs. There is a dearth of good faculties as of now and this kind of expansionism without debates can harm than help the profession and stake holders

There is no point in talking about flexibility when PCI rolls out rigid curricula valid for decades, on thousands of institutions without listening to the hundreds of PhD faculties with decades of experiences working in the universities. That is betrayal to say the least. We hope the wisdom and foresight prevails over short-sighted, authoritarian, colonial and hegemonistic approach of PCI on the profession, institutions, students and people at large.

Jai Hind and Jai Pharma  
**Dr BG Nagavi, Dr P Jayashankar, Dr SB Bhise and  
 Dr RN Saha, HESDARC Mysuru**

### 2. 1st Leadership Conclave in Association with IPGA Palwal Local Chapter held on 11th April 2025 (Friday).



MVN University Palwal, Delhi - Agra Highway (NCR) Hariyana,

MVN University organized 1st Leadership Conclave in Association with IPGA Palwal Local Chapter on 11th April 2025 (Friday). It was attended by around 35 participants which includes Deans of various domains and Senior Professors, Associate Professors from various universities. The focus was on building \*Leadership for Higher Education Management in India\*. It also offered valuable insights into the future of leadership in the academic sector.

The keynote speakers were Dr. B.G. Nagavi, Dr. N. P. Singh, Prof. Nakul Gupta and Prof. Manas Ranjan Rout. Invited dignitaries Prof. Jeyabalan Govindasamy, Dean, Rajasthan University of Health Sciences, Jaipur and Dr. Prasannaraj, Former Addl. Secretary, Medical Council of India (MCI) were also present to grace the occasion.

The inaugural lecture was by Prof. N. P. Singh, Pro



**MVN University Palwal**



VC, MVN University. He has discussed the qualities of good leaders and emphasized that the growth of institution is dependent on the thought process and decisions taken by the leaders. The key qualities of a coach include integrity, vision, communication, adaptability, empathy, and resilience. Effective leadership qualities play a pivotal role in the growth and success of any institute.

Prof. B. G. Nagavi, CEO, Higher Education, Mysore, delivered an insightful discussion on the significance of UGC credit points under the framework of the New Education Policy (NEP) 2020. He emphasized how this credit-based system is designed to enhance academic flexibility, promote interdisciplinary learning, and enable students to accumulate and transfer credits across institutions, aligning with global education standards.

In addition to the UGC credit framework, Prof. Nagavi

also highlighted the importance of Bloom's Taxonomy as a modern and structured approach to teaching methodology. He explained how this model helps educators design learning outcomes that focus not just on knowledge retention but also on critical thinking, problem-solving, and creativity. By applying Bloom's Taxonomy in lesson planning and assessment, teachers can guide students through progressively higher levels of understanding, which complements NEP's goal of nurturing independent, innovative, and future-ready learners.

Furthermore, Prof. Nagavi addressed the role of the Pharmacy Council of India (PCI) syllabus in the context of NEP's credit-based system. He discussed the possibility of restructuring the existing B.Pharm curriculum, which currently requires 221 credit points, to align it more closely with NEP's recommended framework of approximately 160 credits for undergraduate programs. He suggested that this reduction can be achieved through curriculum optimization — by streamlining overlapping content, integrating skill-based and project-based learning, and encouraging credit transfer from co-curricular and elective courses. Such adjustments will not only modernize the B. Pharm syllabus but also make it more student-centric, skill-oriented, and globally competitive.

Mr. Nakul Gupta, an esteemed Associate Professor at MDI, Gurgaon, seamlessly blends academic rigor with practical industry knowledge to shape future business leaders. In his presentation, he delivered an insightful talk built around the powerful message, "Let's start from the start." He articulated the fascinating journey of silicon, "from sand to satellite," highlighting AI's growing influence across upstream and downstream operations.

Dr. Manas Ranjan Rout, Director at OPGC, delivered a thought-provoking presentation at the conclave, focusing on the growing influence of Artificial Intelligence in the pharmaceutical sector. He emphasized how AI, including advanced tools like ChatGPT, is streamlining processes such as disease diagnosis, drug discovery, and treatment planning—ultimately reducing the workload of healthcare professionals while enhancing precision and speed.

Lastly the concluding remarks was delivered by Prof. Dr. Arun Garg, Vice Chancellor, MVN University. We are delighted to have hosted the first Leadership Conclave-2025 and to have had the opportunity to interact with esteemed leaders in the field of education. Platforms like these serve as stepping stones for growing and progressive universities, fostering collaboration, innovation, and shared vision. Together, we aim to build a brighter, more dynamic future for education.

### **3. JSS ATE, NOIDA, 12 April 2025 - Enhancing Learning Experiences for students in the classroom and outside**

About 60 faculties from pharmacy and engineering programs attended the presentation of about an hour. The presentation was followed by Q and A session.

Dr Nagavi Explained about simple techniques to be used in the classroom to engage the students better. He Described few digital tools and techniques that can be used in the classroom. Dr Nagavi discussed about many more digital tools and techniques for learners benefit and explained the difference between Pedagogy, Andragogy and Heutagogy Student's better engagement: activities are the key. Dr Nagavi listed few activities in the classroom such as One minute talk by student/s, Q and A session. Motivate students to ask questions; Unannounced quiz; Podium Presentation; Google search 2 minutes & present; Role play / Mono acting; Post it; Entry note – what to learn; Exit Note – what you learnt; flash card; Short Group discussion; Kahoot; Blog – online diary and Google classroom discussions. Dr Nagavi explained all of the above with example and many can be easily implemented in the classroom for the benefit of students.



**JSSATE Noida, New Delhi, 12th April 2025**

IT in classroom to improve student engagement: Dr Nagavi described the use of the following tools such as PPT & Video; Scratch cards; Flash cards / Response Cards; Clickers; Smart phone, iPad, laptop; Faculty administered Facebook page, WhatsApp groups; Post relevant video/s in advance in Google classroom; and Post PPTs pdf version in advance in Google classroom for students to read & come to class well prepared.

Creating Magic in Your Classroom: A handful of this, a sprinkle of that Dr Nagavi advised faculties to be Be friendly / approachable; Learn students' names; Be accessible/connected; Build community of learners; Be passionate; Keep it fresh-Reflect and revise, revise, revise



What institutes and faculties need to do?

He suggested that institutes to improve digital facilities like internet, computers, soft-wares; Strengthen website and communication through the www; Create Google class rooms for each program and adopt Learning and Institute Management systems (LMS)

He advised faculties to adopt smart phone, social media based T and L; Use WhatsApp group for not just communication, but also for learning; Use free software's like Kahoot and Blogs on Google classrooms if you can???

#### **4. Sultan Ul Uloom College of Pharmacy Hyderabad 5 June 2025**

##### **REPORT**

A seminar on “Transforming Institutions Beyond Rankings & Accreditations” was hosted at Sultan-ul-Uloom College of Pharmacy, in collaboration with Indian Pharmaceutical Association-Telangana Branch (IPA-TS) & Association of Pharmaceutical Teachers of India - Telangana Branch (APTI-TS) on 5th June 2025.



Chief Guest for the Seminar was Dr. B. G. Nagavi, Former Dean — Pharmacy College Ras Al Khaimah Medical and Health Sciences University, UAE and Senior Consultant, Higher Education Skill Development and Research Center, Mysuru, and

Guest of Honor was Mr. Mohd Riazuddin, Former Director — Finance and Administration Ras Al Khaimah Medical and Health Sciences University, UAE.

Dr. B.G. Nagavi in his address offered global perspectives on academic excellence. He highlighted the problems associated with Accreditation and Ranking in India such as too many rankings viz: NAAC, NIRF, Private and International rankings and to add to this QCI by PCI. He mentioned that in this scenario data integrity becomes bigger issue.

Way forward, he suggested innovation in assessments, strong feedback system and mandatory FDPs. He

reiterated that the change has to be individual and institution driven.

The event was attended by the Principal and HODs of Sultan-ul-Uloom College of Pharmacy and Principals of other Pharmacy Colleges, Engineering, Law, Management and Education Colleges.

**Post-event, Dr. B.G. Nagavi, Mr. Mohd Riazuddin and Dr. Anupama Koneru addressed the media, sharing key outcomes and future goals**



**Sultan-UI-Uloom College of Pharmacy Hyderabad - 5 June 2025**

### 5. Vishnu Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research, Narsapur, Medak. 6 June 2025

Vishnu Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research, Narsapur has organized guest talk by Dr. B.G. Nagavi, Former Dean of Pharmacy College, Ras Al Khaimah Medical and Health Sciences University, UAE. The seminar was exciting and instructive for the pharmacy students, as Dr. Nagavi recounted his personal journey, professional milestones, and essential career advice for the current generation of aspiring pharmacists. The visit commenced with Dr. Nagavi's arrival at the

Vishnu Educational Development and Innovation Centre (VEDIC), Hyderabad, on 6 June 2025, where he was warmly received had an interaction with the Deans and Directors of VEDIC, exchanging ideas on innovation in pharmaceutical education and the evolving role of pharmacy in healthcare. Dr. Nagavi appreciated the vision and infrastructure at VEDIC and expressed his admiration for the institution's commitment to academic excellence and student-centric learning.

Dr. Nagavi proceeded to VIPER opened with a cordial greeting and felicitation from Dr.A.Ramesh, Principal and Faculty of VIPER. The talk started with interacting Q&A session, in which students actively asked, questions about higher education, research opportunities, evidence-based practices and skill development initiatives. He answered each question; leaving the audience feeling inspired and intellectually enlightened.

Dr. Nagavi reflected on his own experiences in the area of pharmacy, from his humble academic origins in India to his prestigious position as Dean of an international institution. He described how effort, focus, and continual learning helped him overcome obstacles and build a rewarding profession. His recollections from academic life in the past acted as a powerful motivator for students to appreciate the advancement of the pharmacy profession.

The program concluded with a vote of thanks by the Dr.A.Ramesh, principal. A token of appreciation and memento was presented to Dr. Nagavi as a gesture of gratitude for his visit and valuable insights.



**VEDIC, Hyderabad - 6 June 2025**



**VIPER, Narsapur, Hyderabad - 6 June 2025**



**With Prof. Ramesh A & Family, Hyderabad. 7 June 2025**

### Quote of the Quarter

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