

Brief Report on NPPA Foundation Day Celebrations

National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority celebrated its Foundation Day on the theme 'Affordable Medicines for all' on 29th August 2016 at Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi. The celebrations were inaugurated by Hon. Minister for Chemicals and Fertilisers and Parliamentary Affairs Shri.H.N.Ananth Kumar. The Hon. Minister also launched NPPA's mobile app - 'Pharma Sahi Dham' on the occasion. The mobile app would empower the consumers and provide information at their fingertips on the MRP of any scheduled formulation, anywhere in the country. In a few weeks this facility will be available for all brands of scheduled formulations in the market. The Hon. Minister also unveiled NPPA's logo at the function. The Hon. Minister in his address reiterated the commitment of the government to the cause of affordable health-care and affordable medicines for all. The Hon. Minister promised to take necessary steps to see that August 29th is celebrated as 'National Jan Aushadhi Divas' in future. The Hon. Minister also promised that necessary enabling clause in the DPCO 2013 for price fixation of medicines where market data is not available will be approved by the Government in the next fifteen days.

The inaugural function and the National Seminar were attended by stalwarts from the pharmaceutical companies, representatives of pharmaceutical associations, representatives of chambers of commerce and industry, representatives from pharmacists' and chemists' associations, civil society activists, academia, research scholars and students from schools of medicine, pharmacy and law, NIPERs, State Drug Controllers, officers and staff from Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilisers, Department of Pharmaceuticals, Central Drugs Standards Control Organisation, state governments, and the NPPA.