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Association of Pharmaceutical Teachers of India (APTI)

An Association founded by the pioneers of Pharmacy Education in India in 1966, has come a long way in creating better communication and promotion of excellence in pharmacy education, through its tailor-made mission and objectives. The Association has provided a single platform in bringing together teachers of Pharmacy Education from all over the country. This has helped in the achievement of excellent standards and to develop new technological methods in Pharmacy Education through the exchange of views among the teaching professionals. The emergent world today, with unbelievable sophistication under its belt, demands for technically sound and highly knowledgeable pharmacists. The contribution of a teacher is thereby quite demanding. A teacher apart from being an educator, also contributes to science as a researcher, helps in business development as a consultant to the Pharmaceutical Industry and also creates social awareness in the community.

APTI's commitment is to nurture the next generation of Pharmacists who demonstrate:

- Uncompromising focus on advancing patient care.
- Dedication to the industry /pharmacy where he or she works.
- Strongest commitment to advancing the pharmacy industry through innovation.

APTI's Mission:

- To strengthen and upgrade the pharmacy curriculum to produce a competent pharmacist workforce which is able to meet the growing demands of the industry and community.
- Revolutionize the pharmacy education system to meet the growing demand of professionals by ensuring competent workforce.
- Nurture clinically and technologically trained pharmacy professionals, who can face global challenges, as the next-generation pharmacist will no longer be a mere dispenser of drugs but needs to assume a more crucial role in medicine-management of patients and the community.
- Establish Centers of Excellence which will produce a high quality pharmacist workforce to suit the needs of the industry.

APTI regularly publishes two journals of great repute, the Indian Journal of Pharmaceutical Education and Research (IJPER) and Indian Journal of Pharmacy Practice (IJOPP). The APTI Bulletin gives the members a platform to highlight their achievements. APTI has a dynamic Continuing Education Cell which helps young teachers to become good educators in the future.

APTI today has more than 7500 life members, apart from a sizeable number of associate life members and student members, from all over the country. The Association with its activities is providing a robust platform for bouncing avant-grade ideas of the members in academic fields through newer teaching methodologies, fabrication of tools, computer aided drugs designs and other applications through interaction with industry, hospitals, regulatory bodies and community pharmacy.