

UPES School of Health Sciences & Technology celebrates World Pharmacists' Day

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DEHRADUN, 25 Sep: UPES School of Health Sciences and Technology celebrated World Pharmacists' Day, here, today. The theme of the event was: 'Pharmacists Strengthening the Health System - Angdaan Mahadaan'. It brought together students and faculty to highlight the critical role of pharmacists in society.

In order to commemorate the day, a range of activities were organised at the campus which not only showcased the students' talent but also delved into crucial topics within the pharmaceutical field. The students actively participated in the quiz and enlightened the audience about the significance of organ, tissue, blood, and stem cell donation.

This was followed by a debate cum panel discussion on the topic, Next-Generation Healthcare System in India, which shed light on the critical aspects of evolving healthcare in the country through students' dynamic performances and articulate arguments.



Further, with the help of creative storytelling and compelling performances, students effectively conveyed the importance of organ donation in saving lives and fostering a culture of giving, through a thought-provoking skit. Additionally, the students also participated in a food and stall event with the theme, "Cooking without Fire", to promote sustainable and eco-friendly cooking methods.

Guest of Honour Dr S Farooq, President of Himalaya

Wellness Company, Dehradun, said, "India holds a prominent position in the pharmaceutical industry, ranking third globally in terms of volume. However, when it comes to the value aspect, we currently stand at the 14th position. To ascend to the pinnacle, our focus must be on fostering innovation. It is through innovation that we can elevate India among top-tier pharmaceuticals."

Highlighting the importance of pharmacists in the community, Dr Padmavathy

Venkatasubramanian, Dean, UPES School of Health Sciences and Technology, added, "We deeply value pharmacists' pivotal role during COVID and beyond, especially in rural India where they function as primary healthcare providers akin to doctors. Their extensive knowledge of rural diseases and medications is vital. As you embark on your studies, remember that what you learn today will have a lasting impact in the future. I wish you the best of luck in your endeavours."

To raise awareness and distribute organ or stem cell donation forms to the students, faculty and staff booths were set up by OZONE- a student society of UPES, and Dhatri, an NGO working around stem cell donation.

The event concluded with the felicitation of first-prize winners and runners-up, who received trophies and certificates in recognition of their outstanding performances in the activities held throughout the day.