**PUNJAB RAJ BHAWAN, CHANDIGARH**

***National Technology Day celebrated at NIPER***

        GOVERNOR WANTS NIPER TO TAKE LEAD IN MAKING INDIA NO 1 IN THE FIELD OF PHARMACEUTICALSCIENCES

        CALLS UPON YOUNG RESEARCHERS TO IDENTIFY THE PRESENCE OF FAKE MEDICINES IN THE MARKET

        AWARDS GIVEN TO FACULTY, STUDENTS AND YOUNG SCIENTISTS IN RECOGNITION TO THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS

SAS NAGAR MOHALI May 11: The Punjab Governor and Administrator UT Chandigarh, Mr. V.P. Singh Badnore today asked the faculty and young scientists of National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research, NIPER to keep the collective efforts to enhance the innovation and knowledge sharing in the field of Pharmaceutical Sciences and take the lead of making India achieve No.1 Position in the World.

       The National Technology Day is celebrated to commemorate the anniversary of Pokhran Nuclear Test “Shakti” held in May 11, 1998.

       The  Governor recalled how the former Prime Minister, Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee had given us the National Technology Day as on this day  in 1998,  when the country achieved a major technology break through  by successfully carrying out nuclear tests at Pokhranin Rajasthan.

       Addressing a massive gathering of the scientists, faculty and students on the occasion of the National Technology Day at the NIPER Campus, Mr. Badnore said that owing to the efforts of integrating Pharmaceutical technology (PT), Information technology (IT), Biotechnology (BT) and with Nano technology (NT), NIPER has  bagged 1st rank according to NIRF rankings.

       He recalled how application of technology was evident in the ancient times when Lord Rama built a Setu bridge across the sea and Hanuman ji brought sanjeevni booti for Lakshman and also many advanced weapons were used at that time.

       Expressing concern over the sale of spurious drugs and medicines in the market, the Governor said that this has got to be checked immediately by evolving some scientific methods. He called upon the scientists of the institute, who are extensively involved in the research work, to identify the presence of fake medicines in the market and find out the ways and means to check the same.

       Earlier, in his welcome address, Dr. Raghuram Rao Akkinepally, Director NIPER highlighted the technologies developed by CRIKC institutions. He also lauded the innovative research of IIT Ropar for inventing Bone measuring alignment device for knee surgery, walking aid for the age, aids for differently challenged people.

       Prof. K. S. Laddha, from the institute of Chemical Technology Mumbai delivered the Technology Day Lecture on ”Extraction and Isolation of Commercially important Phytocontituents-case studies”.

       Prof. A.K.Grover, Chairman CRIKC AND Vice Chancellor Panjab University Chandigarh also shared his views on the National Technology Day.

       Later, the Governor honoured the students, faculty and scientists in recognition to their achievements and bringing laurels to NIPER. Mr. Manjit Singh, Director, Terminal Ballistic Research Laboratory (TBRL), who was a part of the team of Pokhran Nuclear Tests in 1998, was also honoured. **EOM**