

World Pharmacist Day observed

The Department of Pharmacy Services observed Pharmacist Day, which falls on the 25th of September, with a programme themed 'From research to healthcare: your pharmacist is at your service'.

The inauguration started with the customary opening prayer, delivered by Chaplain Rev. Paul Ravikumar followed by the Bible reading by Mr. Ashok Karunakaran. The gathering was then welcomed by Dr. Ronald Carey, Associate Head, Pharmacy Services.

Dr. S. Annadurai, Professor, Pharmacy Services and In-charge, Manufacturing Section, delivered a talk touching upon the history and significance of Pharmacist Day.



Speaking on the theme, he summarised the role of hospital pharmacists - a multifaceted role extending from manufacturing quality medicines to delivery of pharmaceutical care to patients. Pharmacists deal with drug storage and delivery, dispensing, incompatibilities, drug combinations, reporting of Adverse Drug Reactions (ADRs), patient counselling, preparing extemporaneous formulations, and facilitating clinical research projects. Dr. Annadurai urged the pharmacists to work towards achieving the goal of zero error while dispensing medicines to patients.

Dr. J. V. Peter released the badge, posters and greeting cards for distribution to the pharmacists and appreciated their quality work even with the ever-increasing numbers of patients.

Dr. Ebor Jacob, Deputy Medical Superintendent distributed prizes to the winners of the quiz contest held on the 22nd of September. The pharmacists representing S Pharmacy, Main Pharmacy and the Mental Health Centre (MHC), won the first, second and third positions respectively.



More than 75 pharmacists attended the programme. The programme ended with prayer and the vote of thanks by Mr. Raja Ganapathy, Deputy Secretary.