

## INDIAN PHARMACOPOEIA COMMISSION Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India

The Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission (IPC), Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India in collaboration with Uppsala Monitoring Centre (UMC), Sweden has organized 5<sup>th</sup> "Asia Pacific Pharmacovigilance Training Course" from 4<sup>th</sup> -15<sup>th</sup> March, 2019 at the hotel Fortune, Ghaziabad. The course is tailored to regional needs and addresses challenges unique to Pharmacovigilance. The purpose of the course is to further develop effective and sustainable Pharmacovigilance practices for member countries of the WHO Programme for International Drug Monitoring (WHO-PIDM) and individuals involved in the field by creating a unique opportunity for learning and collaboration.

The 30 participants, from 14 countries - Sweden, Zimbabwe, Malawi, Congo, Swaziland, Bangladesh, Vietnam, Maldives, Botswana, Oman, Philippines, Malaysia, Ethiopia, and India - are participating in the course. The inaugural event of this training was held on 04<sup>th</sup> March, 2019; Dr G.N Singh, Secretary-cum-Scientific Director, IPC, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India inaugurated the training event. He highlighted that IPC is committed to extend Pharmacovigilance Training & Technical Support to WHO member countries besides ensuring sustainable Pharmacovigilance development in India.

The international Pharmacovigilance experts from WHO, WHO Collaborating Centres, MHRA, UMC, Drug Regulatory Authorities, academic institutions, IPC and the pharmaceutical industries will lead the technical sessions.

The expected outcome of this ten days training programme is to build capacity in future generation to promote safe use of medicines. The participants will be acquainted on basic knowledge and understanding the concept of Pharmacovigilance. Overall this training programme will be useful in strengthening Pharmacovigilance activity at their respective organizations/countries in order to protect the safety and well being of the patients