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Opening thoughts

If knowledge is wealth, ask yourself 'How wealthy I am'?

Foreword

Dear Concerned Friends,

The first issue of the newsletter was highly appreciated by many of the distinguished Academicians and Experts associated with this noble mission. We thank you beholden, for adding strength to our efforts. We have organised various interactive sessions with Research Scholars and young teachers and meetings with Expert Academicians identified in different areas related to the subject of pharmacy. So far, the areas like 'Scientific Writing', 'Patents and Statutory obligations', 'Teachers Training', hands on courses on Instrumentation etc., have been suggested for consideration to be offered as short term courses ranging from three months and longer. We look forward to organising similar sessions in various other disciplines in the near future.

It is our endeavour to bring together different interactive groups, panels and web communities to regularly interact with like minded people and shape these dreams into action. The details on these initiatives are provided on the website of Sai RAM Trust. We made a few additions and modifications in the Visual tour of our website too. Kindly visit our website at www.sairamtrust.in and forward us your comments and suggestions. We are also adding special presentations on socially relevant issues.

We are planning to commence a few short term courses in the area of pharmacy and research methodology. We seek the support and active involvement of our esteemed patrons in shaping these courses in the best manner. A location is being sought to commence our Institution, in Ahmedabad where a selected few courses can be offered. An ideal building would comprise of facilities with four or five classrooms, two office rooms with a good ambience and clean neighborhood. If you are aware of such facilities that meet our criteria kindly inform us of availability so that we can move forward commencing the Institution.

Ms. Purvi Mehta Bhatt of Science Ashram, Baroda has been appointed as Advisor for 'Serve All Help All'- the U.S. non Profit, working for furthering the objectives of Sai RAM Trust. She will formally take the responsibilities shortly and will assist Sai RAM Trust in shaping the Institution.

This Newsletter covers the initiatives for the months of March and April 08. We have included three new topics in this letter 1. Pictorial presentations on socially relevant issues. 2. Guest columns (to provide adequate space for expression of views and contributions of our readers, patrons and members associated with Sai RAM Trust, 3. An Interesting story on Self Appraisals, and 4. A column on humour Just for Laughs. We look forward to hear from you in making the newsletter more interesting and useful.

Your support, involvement and continued encouragement have been a great source of energy for the team of Sai RAM Trust. We express our hearty acknowledgements for your kind support.

With many thanks and kind regards,

Yours Sincerely,
Sai RAM Family.

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Interactive sessions for research scholars and young teachers.

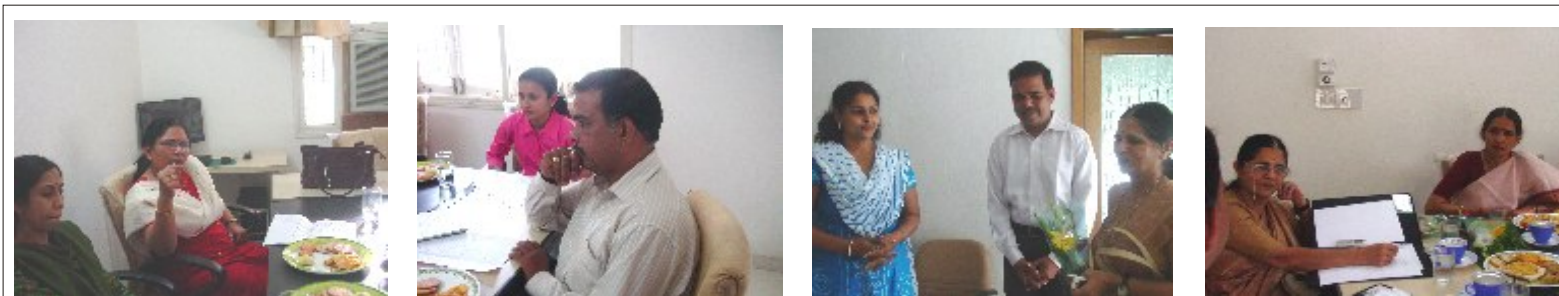
Multiple interactive sessions were organised to discuss the academic needs and expectations of the research scholars and the industry during the last week February, 2008. Scholars from M Phil and Ph.D. programs and young teachers were invited from various Institutions and Universities based in Ahmedabad and Gandhinagar. Amongst the invitees, Dr. Pragna Shelat and Dr. Maitreyi N Zaveri (Faculty from KB Institute of Pharma Education and Research, Gandhinagar) and Dr. Vrajesh Parikh of Chemistry department actively participated in the discussions and extended their voluntary support.

We express our gratitude to all the participants in the sessions. Special thanks to Prof. Dr. Shobhana K Menon, Prof. Dr. S R Dave and Prof. Dr. Gaurang Shah for extending their kind support in organising these discussions. The summary of the discussion in the meeting along with the suggestions given by the participants are as follows:

1. Conversion Course for Biotechnologists/Pharmacists on Pharmaceutical Biotechnology. This could be aimed at providing the required bridge between the disciplines.
2. Instrumental Analysis (on availability of required instruments like VV/HPLC/HPTLC)
3. Regulatory Concepts, Quality Assurance
4. Product Management Industrial Pharmacy (Human Resource of Industry)
5. Intellectual Property Rights, Patenting, TRIPS etc.,
6. Scientific Writing
7. Materials Management, Quality Assurance, Production Planning and Safety etc., could be conducted for the Employees and Executives from the Industry.
8. Suppliers of laboratory Instruments could be contacted for Instrumental Analysis training sessions etc, (Ref. GITAR, ULTRA Labs).
9. Collaborations can be worked out on the model of Zydus-AMA joint initiatives for ensuring that the certificates issued would be acceptable to the Industry.
10. Pune University conducts a course named as MBA in Biotechnology. The inputs of this course can also be considered for designing courses that have management inputs.

Meeting of Advisory Panel on short term courses in Pharmacy

A meeting of senior Academicians and Experts in Pharmacy, was convened on Thursday, 6th March 2008 at Sai RAM Trust office. Prof. Dr. C.J. Shishoo (PERD), Prof. Dr. Harish Padh (PERD), Prof. Dr. R.K. Goyal, (LM College of Pharmacy, Ahmedabad) Prof. Dr. Gaurang Shah (Principal, KB Institute of Pharma Education and Research, Gandhinagar and Mr. DNS Siva Kumar, Director Sai RAM Trust participated in the meeting.



The summary of the discussion in the meeting along with the suggestions given by the participants are as follows:

1. A Masters Course M Sc in Drugs for the B Pharmacy students could be considered to be offered in the Research Institution. We can offer the relevant specialisations for research and teaching depending on the senior Professors who join these departments.

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2.The short term courses to be offered to B Pharm students for a period ranging from 3 months to one year recommended by the participants were:- Clinical research courses for B Pharm students, in active association with reputed hospitals to impart practical training, Patenting and regulatory concepts, Instrumentation, Biotechnology and Laboratory techniques related courses for technicians, Scientific writing, Biostatistics. The management related courses like product management, packaging, marketing pharmacy could be considered for a short duration of 6 months. The courses being designed should include quality control of Pharma and Bio Pharma products.

3.The case studies approach was suggested as an essential of the courses as a confidence building exercise.

4.We should not rely upon the industry for sponsorships or support, as they were always shying away in extending good support. Instead, we must produce the best quality that makes the industry to come to us. The model of Zyclus AMA would be a good option if the industry supports our initiatives.

5.A conversion course for Biotechnology Pharmacy was felt to be appropriate for students at master's level. This could be offered as a post graduate diploma for duration of a year. However, it was observed that the contents of many courses on Biotechnology were mostly centered on Microbiology.

6.The need for training the teachers was emphasized, more particularly the teachers for Pharmacy institutes. A course for teachers on handling instruments, communicating skills and English were essentials for any institution. The institutions would willingly come forward to upgrade their faculty. Prof. Dr. R.K. Goyal has agreed to coordinate and extend his support in shaping such courses.

Meeting of the resource persons in Pharmacy

A meeting of resource persons for identification and discussions on short term courses in Pharmacy and allied areas held on Friday 14th March, 2008 at Sai RAM Trust. Attendees were: Dr. Shubha Desai Professor, LM College of Medicine, Ahmedabad, Dr. N Lalitha Associate Professor, Gujarat Institute of Developmental Research, Ahmedabad, Dr. Rajeev Acharya Managing Director, RR Acharya & Co, Patent Consultants and Mr. DNS Siva Kumar Director Administration, Sai RAM Trust, Ahmedabad.

The summary of the discussion in the meeting along with the suggestions given by the participants are as follows:

1.A Masters Course M Sc in Drugs for the B Pharmacy students could be considered to be offered in the Research Institution. We can offer the relevant specialisations for research and teaching depending on the senior Professors who join these departments.

2.The Short term course on Scientific Writing should include topics on Literature Search. Accreditation of the Certificates being awarded is essential component of any short term course. Good faculty and representatives from the Patent consultants could be chosen and provide the students with Computers and Patent Software like STL, Access to scientific journals, E libraries etc.

3.We can provide consultancy services to the Industry by providing the Small Scale Industries with the Knowledge on what has expired on provide them the Research Incubators on Methods helpful to them in identification of the patents for various chemical molecules, Product research, drug delivery system etc.,

4.The Industry requires the skills of Product research, drug delivery system and these can be considered for the short term courses.

5.Stem Cell Research is very prominently carried out in California. They are very strong and supportive for Research Initiatives in stem cells and Nanotechnology. We may consider exploring the areas as we have contacts abroad through Shri Purandar Amin.

6.We may ask the students to submit a Project/Paper on completion of the short term course. This could be worked out in association with reputed Institutions or the Industry.

7.Research students must be encouraged having their own patents, like in the developed countries. Each researcher should have a patent of what he researchers upon.

Feedback on release issue of Newsletter - February 2008

We have received many e-mails and telephone calls appreciating the first issue of the Newsletter of Sai RAM Trust. We thank all of you for your support. Please keep encouraging us by your suggestions, support and guidance. Unfortunately we are not able to reproduce all the mails we received but would certainly take note of their valuable inputs.

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Guest Book of Sai RAM Trust

- ☆ *It was a pleasure visiting Sai RAM Trust. They have some great ideas to serve society. I wish them all the best. They need help from all well meaning people. Prof. Dr. CJ Shishoo, BV Patel Pharmaceutical Education & Research Development Centre (PERD), Ahmedabad.*
- ☆ *Best Wishes for Projects with noble causes. Prof. Dr. Harish Padh, Director PERD centre, Ahmedabad*
- ☆ *May your dream of service to Education/Academic come true. Prof. DR. R K Goyal, Principal LM College of Pharmacy, Ahmedabad.*
- ☆ *Your service oriented thought which you seriously want to put in action is really a marvelous thing and I am sure you all will succeed in this great endeavour. Prof. Dr. Gaurang Shah, Principal, BM College of Pharmacy, Gandhinagar.*

Guest Columns

We earnestly request our readers to share their views and expertise on specialised areas of readers' interest. Kindly forward us your writeups, contributions and messages etc., by email to mail@sairamtrust.in

Just for Laughs

Santa and Banta went to a Jungle for hunting. They saw a Tiger in front of them. Banta quickly took some mud and thrown it into the eyes of the tiger and started running.

Santa was standing there. Banta asked Santa why he was not running.

Santa said Mitti to tune dali. Mai kyon Bhagoo?

Santa bought a new mobile.
He called everyone from his Phone Book & said "My Mobile No. has changed.
Earlier it was Nokia 3310 now it is 6610."

Santa: I am a Proud Santa, My son is in Medical College.

Banta: Really, what is he studying?

Santa: No he is not studying, they are Studying him.

Frog: Tumhare paas dimaag nahin hai.

Santa: Hai.

Frog: Nahin hai.

Santa: Hai.

Frog: Nahin hai & jumps into the well.

Santa: Isme suicide karne waali kya baat thi?

Banta was caught for speeding and went before the judge.

The judge: What will you take 30 days or Rs.3000?

Banta: I think I'll take the money.

Santa complained to Police: Sir all items are missing, except the TV in my house.

Police : Why did the thief not take the TV?

Santa : I was watching the TV.

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Self-Appraisal (A Nice story)

A little boy went into a drug store, reached for a soda carton and pulled it over to the telephone. He climbed onto the carton so that he could reach the buttons on the phone and proceeded to punch in ten-digits (phone numbers).

The store-owner observed and listened to the conversation:

Boy: 'Lady, Can you give me the job of cutting your lawn?'

Woman: (at the other end of the phone line): 'I already have someone to cut my lawn.'

Boy: 'Lady, I will cut your lawn for half the price of the person who cuts your lawn now.'

Woman: 'I'm very satisfied with the person who is presently cutting my lawn.'

Boy: (with more perseverance): 'I'll even sweep your curb and your sidewalk, so on Sunday you will have the prettiest lawn in all of Palm beach, Florida.'

Woman: No, thank you.

With a smile on his face, the little boy replaced the receiver.

The store-owner, who was listening to all this, walked over to the boy.

Store Owner: 'Son... I like your attitude; I like that positive spirit and would like to offer you a job.'

Boy: 'No thanks'.

Store Owner: But you were really pleading for one.

Boy: No Sir, I was just checking my performance at the job I already have. I am the one who is working for that lady, I was talking to!'

This is what we call 'Self Appraisal'...

(Thanks to Razzak Osman who posted the above on the Internet)

Think for a cause

Not liking the food you have daily???
How about some pizza?



No??? ***Ok..... Pasta?***
No?? .. How about Taco?



No Again?? No Probs... We have more choice...
Hmmmm.....Chinese????? ☺



You can have any of these & many more to Choose, Taste & Waste many times.....

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But...

**Many have no Choice...
Think of them next time you say...
Roti is too hard to eat and waste the food
because you don't like or can't take...**



**They need some food to survive
Wasting food is a crime against them**



**Think of them....
Please do not waste food**



Closing Thoughts

*When you smile, not only do you feel
happy but you bring a ray of light into
the lives of others.*

If you have a function/party at your home in India and food gets wasted, don't hesitate to call 1098 (only in India) - child helpline. They will come and collect the food. Please circulate this message which can help feed many children.

"Helping Hands are better than Praying Lips"