

## **CONVOCATION CEREMONY AND ALUMNI MEET: A REPORT**

Oriental Education Society's, Oriental College of Pharmacy & Oriental Pharma Alumni Association (OPAA) celebrated convocation ceremony and alumni meet on Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2016. The event was organized under the guidance of **Dr. (Mrs) Sudha Rathod**, with the co-ordination and co-operation of Mr. Imtiyaz Ansari (Alumni Incharge), Members of OPAA, Mr. S. K. Kar, Mr. Amjad Ali (Secretary, OPPA), Dr. Vandana Jain and other teaching and non-teaching staff together with Student's Council from 02.00 P.M. to 05:00 PM at OCP auditorium, Sanpada, Navi Mumbai.

The event was graced by Chief Guest **Dr. K.G. Dawani**, Professor and Dean Academics, Oriental Institute of Management and Guest of honour **Dr. F.A. Shaikh**, Principal Oriental college of commerce **Dr. (Mrs) Sudha Rathod**, Principal Oriental College of Pharmacy who presided over the convocation ceremony and alumni meet. Other guests on the dais were **Dr. Mohib Khan**, Professor OCP and **Mr.S.K. Kar**, Associate Professor, OCP.

Program started with welcome speech by Mr. Imtiyaz Ansari, followed by felicitation of chief guest, guest of honour, Principal and other guests. Dr. (Mrs) Sudha Rathod addressed the alumni, mentioned the academic developments of the college and requested the alumni to contribute time, money, resources for the college.

Mr. Imtiyaz Ansari in his speech mentioned aims and objectives, reports and future plans of OPAA and thanked all alumni and students for spending time and gracing the event with their presence. He also requested all alumni to give their continuous contribution in the development of college and also in publication of alumni news bulletin. He also updated regarding alumni speak, distinguished alumni columns on OCP college website and asked the Alumni to submit write up for the same.

The chief guest Dr. K.G Dawani, enlightened alumni and students regarding challenges and responsibilities of pharmacy graduates in India. He also updated alumni regarding essential good qualities for development of community and pharma industries.

Ex-students shared their experiences and views about college which was valuable for the current batch students. Ms. Prabha Shanbag alumni of batch 2015 shared her views which were informative. Ms. Shoba Eshwaran, first topper of GPAT exam 2015 from OCP, appreciated teaching and non-teaching staffs for their kind guidance and support. Ex-students and toppers Ms. Jincy Valsan, Ms. Sayali Sarkar and Mr. Ameesh Shukla shared their views regarding selection of OCP as their first choice for Post graduate studies inspite of getting options of other government colleges and they are happy and contented with their decision.

All the students of previous B.Pharma and M. Pharm batches were conferred on with Pharmacy degrees (Convocation certificates) by hands of Chief Guest Dr. K.G Dawani, Guest of Honour Dr. F.A. Shaikh, Dr. (Mrs) Sudha Rathod, Prof. Mohib Khan and Mr. S.K Kar. The life membership certificates of OPAA were given to the registered alumni. The program was concluded with the vote of thanks by Dr. Mohib Khan. The program was hosted by Mr. Vedhang and Mrs. Padmaja, M.Pharm second year students of OCP.