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PCI Organises World Pharmacists Day and National Pharmacy Week Celebrations in Tamil Nadu; 1,413 Participants Take Part The Pharmacy Council of India (PCI), New Delhi, successfully

CHENNAI – 25 Nov, 2026 the state level celebrations of World Pharmacists Day and National Pharmacy Week 2026 at Sri Ramachandra Institute of Higher Education and Research (SRIHER), Chennai, with around 1,413 participants from 120 pharmacy institutions across Tamil Nadu. The event was held under the theme Swasth Bharat: Combating Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR), focusing on the responsible use of antibiotics and the importance of preventing antimicrobial resistance. An awareness rally was organised from the main gate of Sri Ramachandra Institute to Thelliyagaram and back, with participation from Sri Ramachandra Faculty of Pharmacy, ACS College of Pharmacy, K.K. College of Pharmacy, Meenakshi College of Pharmacy, Mohamed Sathak A.J. College of Pharmacy and GRD College of Pharmacy. The inaugural session was attended by Jashubhai H. Chaudhari, Honorary Vice-President, Pharmacy Council of India; S. V. Veeramani, Founder and Chairman, Fourrts India Laboratories Pvt. Ltd.; Prof. Dr. B. Jaykar, State Convenor and Executive Committee Member, PCI; Dr. P. Sathiamurthi, South Zone Coordinator and CC Member, PCI; K.Rajaram Pandiyan, CC Member, PCI; Dr. H. Lalhlenmawia, Executive Council Member, PCI; Dr. M. Niranjan Babu, CC Member, PCI; Dr.S. Kavimani, CC Member, PCI; Dr. J.Jayaseelan, President, Tamil Nadu State Pharmacy Council; and Dr.S.Senthil Kumar, Registrar, SRIHER (DU). The session featured a welcome address by Dr.K.Sujatha, Principal, Sri Ramachandra Faculty of Pharmacy, the presidential address by Jashubhai H. Chaudhari, inaugural address by S.V. Veeramani and keynote



address by Prof. Dr.B.Jaykar. The PCI newsletter was also released during the programme. The celebrations included a panel discussion, Pharma Quiz, Scitoons, poster presentations and street plays (Nukkad Natak), encouraging pharmacy students to spread awareness about antimicrobial resistance and responsible antibiotic use. The dignitaries emphasised the important role of pharmacists in patient counselling, rational medicine use and community awareness, while encouraging students to take part in the 'One Pharmacy Student Ten Families' initiative to extend AMR awareness to households. The programme reinforced PCI's commitment to promoting antimicrobial stewardship and building a healthier India through the Swasth Bharat initiative.