## **Third APTI Gujarat State Annual Convention**

(September 20, 2009; Sunday)

Third State level annual convention of APTI Gujarat branch was organized on September 20, 2009 Sunday at Shri B. M. shah College of Pharmaceutical Education and Research, Modasa. Totally 119 delegates from 21 colleges of Gujarat state had participated in seminar. Dr. N. M. Patel, organizer and principal of the institute had welcomed and introduced the guests. Dr. Arun shah, the president of the M. L. Gandhi Higher Education Society, was presided over the function. Chief Guest of the function was Dr. M. C. Gohel, Principal of L. M. College of Pharmacy, Ahmedabad. Mr. Nanjibhai Vekariya, the president and Mr. G. K. Ruwala the secretary, Self finance Pharmacy College Management Association of Gujarat State were the guest of honour. Dr. C. N. Patel, President, APTI Gujarat state branch, had briefed the delegates with the activities and role of APTI and insisted for membership. He passes on good wishes for organizing successive 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> state level annual convention of APTI. Dr. P. M. Patel had concluded the inaugural function by vote of thanks.

The theme of the symposium was "Teaching Methodology in Pharmacy Education". It was divided in three topics, teaching methods in pharmacy, paper setting and evaluation of students in theory and practical and principles of teaching.

Dr. M. C. Gohel had explained various aspects of teaching methodology with suitable examples. Dr. M. L. Joshi, ex. Professor, Dept. of Education, Gujarat University, had narrated the points to be taken into consideration while evaluation of students in practical and theory. In post lunch session, Dr. M. M. Patel, principal, Kalol Institute of Pharmacy, had explained subject wise evaluation of student in theory and practical described suitable instances. Dr. L. N. Patel and Dr. Girish Raval of B. D. Shah Education college, Modasa had illustrated the principles of education.

This was followed by panel discussion on "Strip rise in Pharmacy Institute vs. Quality of Education". Dr. C. N. Patel had chaired the panel debate. Dr. N. M. Patel had given the brief review of present scenario about increasing number of pharmacy colleges in Gujarat state, quality of teaching and how to sustain with. Dr. U. M. Upadhyay, Principal, Sigma Institute of Pharmacy, Baroda, had given history of pharmacy institutes and role played by Gujarat government. The seminar was concluded after high tea. Feed back from delegates were collected and certificates were issued.

This seminar was sponsored by Self finance Pharmacy College Management Association of Gujarat State.