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LECTURE ON INDIA'S COVID VACCINE SAGA

Staff and students of G.Pulla Reddy College of Pharmacy attended, “11th Dr. Manohar V. N. Shirodkar Memorial Lecture” at IICT, Hyderabad on 27th December 2023. The lecture was delivered on the topic “India’s Covid Vaccine Saga” by Dr. Balram Bhargav, Former Director General, ICMR, New Delhi. The lecture was organized by Telangana Academy of Sciences and sponsored by Smt. Rajkumari Indira Devi Dhanrajgir. Dr. Bhargav explained the struggles faced and efforts put in by the scientists of Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) & National Institute of Virology (NIV) & Bharath Biotech, in developing the indigenous covid vaccine COVAXIN during the threatened pandemic period of covid-19. He remarkably mentioned about women scientists involved in entire research work. He also mentioned key events and explained how he advised the central govt. officials to take necessary actions like announcement of lock down, procurement of PPE kits, air lifting of Indian workers from Iran, development of testing kits, transfer of technology to Bharath Biotech, distribution of vaccine, development of COWIN app etc. from time to time without any delay. Dr. Bhargav also shown few scenes from the movie “VACCINE WAR” made based on his book “GOING VIRAL”. Students were very much excited and got inspired a lot with this lecture. They clarified their doubts of this aspect. Dr. B. Madhava Reddy, Principal; Dr. P. Ravi Kumar, Associate Professor and Dr. V. Nagesh, Assistant Professor attended the lecture along with students.


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