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## **OPPI Annual Summit, Healthcare Accelerated on December 17, 18**

*Chemicals and Fertilisers Minister Shri Sadananda Gowda to launch the Summit*

**Mumbai, December 15th, 2020:** Organisation of Pharmaceutical Producers of India is set to host the 9th edition of its Annual Summit - Healthcare Accelerated on 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> of December through the virtual platform. The overarching theme of this year's summit is **India's Healthcare Transformational Journey**.

The summit will be graced by the presence of dignitaries such as **Shri D. V. Sadananda Gowda**, Hon'ble Minister for Chemicals and Fertilizers, Shri Mansukh Mandaviya, Hon'ble Minister of State for Shipping, Chemicals & Fertilizers and the Chief Economic advisor of India, **Dr. Krishnamurthy Subramanian**.

The summit will begin with an address by OPPI President Sharad Tyagi on '*Reimagining India's Healthcare in the next decade*,' followed by an address by OPPI Director General, KG Ananthkrishanan on '*Refreshing research*'.

The sessions will have key note speeches by or conversations with three most powerful women in the healthcare and pharmaceutical sectors in the country - Ms S Aparna, Secretary, Department of Pharmaceuticals; Ms Neerja Birla, Founder & Chairperson, Aditya Birla Education Trust; and Dr Shamika Ravi, Former Member of PM's Economic Advisory Council and Research Director of the Brookings Institution, US.

The summit will confer the Lifetime Recognition Award to Dr Y.K. Hamied, founder of Cipla Ltd and Special recognition award to Dr V G Somani, the Drugs Controller General of India. Besides, OPPI annual awards will be presented to Dr Debabrata Dash, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi as the OPPI Scientist of the Year; to Dr Rituparna Sinha Roy, Indian Institutes of Science Education and Research (IISER), Kolkata as the OPPI Woman Scientist of the Year; and to Dr Arun Kumar Shukla, Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur as the OPPI Young Scientist of the Year.

The summit will host five panel discussions on 'India's Healthcare Transformation journey' and the role of Finance, Technology, Trust and Quality in Healthcare and Pharmaceuticals sectors with Indian and global experts from government, regulators, industry, NGOs and the academia.

In a special session on COVID19 Vaccine Updates, Jaak Peeters, Johnson & Johnson Special Envoy for COVID-19 Vaccine and Narender Mantena, Head of Global Strategy & CEO, Specialty Generic Injectables & Synthetic Biology, Biological E Ltd will interact with Sarthak Ranade, Managing Director of Janssen India.

Commenting on the 2020 Annual Summit **Sharad Tyagi, President, OPPI said**, "*OPPI is glad to bring such high voltage discussions on India's Healthcare transformation*



*during these testing times. Healthcare and Pharmaceutical industry have worked hand in hand with the government and the regulators in the last 10 months to ensure that the COVID virus is controlled in our country with all our might. The summit will pave way to take these collaborations and partnerships to the next level.”*

**KG Ananthkrishnan, Director General, OPPI said,** *“The summit is taking place at a time when the whole world is undergoing a rapid change in healthcare forced by the COVID19 virus. Therefore, the two-day summit has been carefully crafted keeping in mind the advances in digital healthcare technologies, the interest of patients and the healthy citizens, and the need to evolve industry friendly policies to safeguard the patients and the industry.*

**Event dates:** 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020

**Time:** 17<sup>th</sup> December – 03:30 p.m. onwards till 07:30 p.m.

18<sup>th</sup> December – 03:00 p.m. onwards till 7: 30pm

To register for the event – [Healthcare Accelerated 2020](#)

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### **About OPPI**

The Organisation of Pharmaceutical Producers of India (OPPI) established in 1965, represents the research-based pharmaceutical companies in India. OPPI remains committed to supporting the nation’s healthcare objectives and collaborating with all stakeholders to find sustainable solutions. OPPI believes the need for innovation must be balanced with the necessity for more accessible medicines, within a robust IP environment. For more information, please visit <https://www.indiaoppi.com/>

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