

OPPI Collaborates with NIPER Rae Bareli to Advance Research Excellence

- ~ Investing in emerging scientific talent to strengthen India's position as a global pharmaceutical innovation hub
- ~ Strengthening Industry-Academia Collaboration to drive translational research and innovation

April 9, 2026: The Organisation of Pharmaceutical Producers of India (OPPI) has announced a strategic collaboration with the National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research, Raebareli (NIPER-R), to support and promote outcome-oriented pharmaceutical research in India.

As part of this initiative, OPPI will award **gold and silver scholarships** to two meritorious research scholars currently in their third or fourth year at NIPER-R. These scholarships will be extended as research grants to support ongoing projects that demonstrate strong potential to address real-world healthcare challenges.

The selection of scholars will be undertaken by an expert panel, which will evaluate applications based on the quality, relevance, and translational impact of the research work. The collaboration aims to incentivize scientific excellence while encouraging research that can meaningfully contribute to advancing patient care and healthcare innovation in India.

This partnership underscores the growing importance of **industry-academia collaboration** in building a robust and future-ready pharmaceutical ecosystem. As part of this engagement, OPPI will actively support the development of a '**Professor of Practice**' framework, enabling experienced industry professionals from its member companies to engage directly with students and researchers at NIPER-R.

Through this initiative, subject-matter experts from OPPI member companies will deliver curated knowledge sessions, workshops, and mentorship engagements for students. These interactions will provide valuable real-world insights, bridge the gap between academic research and industry expectations, and equip students with the practical understanding needed to translate scientific discoveries into impactful healthcare solutions.

Anil Matai, Director General, OPPI, said, "India stands at a pivotal moment in its journey to become a global hub for pharmaceutical innovation. To realize this ambition, we must invest not just in infrastructure, but in ideas—and the young minds that power them. Our collaboration with NIPER Rae Bareli is rooted in the belief that research must go beyond academic pursuit to deliver tangible health outcomes. Through these scholarships, we aim to empower promising researchers to push the boundaries of science, accelerate innovation, and develop solutions that can transform patient lives not just in India but globally. This initiative is also aligned with the Government's continued focus on strengthening pharmaceutical education and research, including the recent push to establish three new NIPERs and upgrade seven existing institutions, as highlighted by the Department of Pharmaceuticals. This collaboration further builds on OPPI's longstanding commitment to advancing research and development in India, with several member companies already partnering with NIPER institutions across the country to foster innovation and talent development.

Shubhini Saraf, Director NIPER-R, said, “At NIPER Raebareli, we are committed to nurturing scientific talent that can drive meaningful innovation in healthcare. This collaboration with OPPI marks an important step in strengthening the bridge between academia and industry. By supporting meritorious scholars and enabling direct engagement with industry experts, this initiative will enhance the quality, relevance, and impact of research undertaken at our institute. We believe such partnerships are critical to preparing the next generation of researchers to address evolving healthcare challenges in India and beyond.”

About OPPI

The Organisation of Pharmaceutical Producers of India (OPPI) established in 1965, represents the research-based global pharmaceutical companies in India and proudly marks 60 years of its contribution to the country's healthcare ecosystem. OPPI has been an integral part of the healthcare journey of the country. We remain committed to supporting the nation's healthcare objectives, putting patients at the core of all decision making and collaborating with all stakeholders to find sustainable solutions to realize the collective vision of Health for All.

*Our member companies have been serving the country's healthcare ecosystem since pre-independence and continue to remain committed to patient safety and providing quality care in the future as well. As an association, our advocacy decisions, patient commitment and work are always keeping the country first and we embody the spirit of working for '**Bharat Ke Liye**'; driven with innovation to find solutions for unmet medical needs, collaboration with Government stakeholders, and co-creation with partners coming together to address the nation's healthcare challenges. We are committed to the Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi-ji's clarion call of 'Jai Vigyan and Jai Anusandhan*

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