

Amitabh Dube appointed OPPI President

- *Amitabh Dube is the Country President and Managing Director of Novartis India*
- *Bhushan Akshikar, Vice President & Managing Director, GSK Pharmaceuticals Ltd., completes his term as OPPI President and passes the baton to Amitabh Dube*

Mumbai, 10th September 2026: The Organisation of Pharmaceutical Producers of India (OPPI), which represents the global research-based pharmaceutical companies in India, has appointed Amitabh Dube as its President for a term of two years effective **10th September 2026**.

Amitabh Dube is the Country President and Managing Director of Novartis India. With nearly three decades of experience in the pharmaceutical industry, he has held leadership roles across India and international markets. Prior to his current position, Amitabh served as Country President of Novartis Vietnam, where he also chaired the country's leading pharmaceutical industry association, contributing to the advancement of the healthcare ecosystem in the country.

Speaking on his appointment, **Amitabh Dube, President OPPI**, said, *"It is a privilege to lead OPPI at a time when India's healthcare landscape is undergoing rapid transformation. The innovative pharmaceutical industry has an important role to play in improving patient outcomes, advancing scientific innovation and supporting India's emergence as a global life sciences powerhouse. By harnessing the collective expertise of our member companies and working collaboratively with stakeholders across the healthcare ecosystem, we can help shape an environment that promotes innovation, improves access and delivers lasting value for patients. I am excited about the opportunity to contribute to India's journey towards a Viksit Bharat."*

Welcoming Amitabh as the President, Bhushan Akshikar said, *"It has been a privilege to serve as the OPPI President and contribute to the organization's journey of advancing innovation, access and collaboration in healthcare. Over the past two years, OPPI has continued to strengthen its engagement with stakeholders and reinforce its commitment to the nation's healthcare priorities. I am delighted to pass the baton to Amitabh, whose deep industry experience, global perspective and strong understanding of India's healthcare landscape will be invaluable to OPPI. I am confident that under his leadership, OPPI will continue to build on its momentum and further strengthen the industry's contribution towards a healthier India."*

Anil Matai, Director General, OPPI, said, *"We are deeply grateful to Bhushan for the energy, clarity and commitment he brought to OPPI during his tenure. Under his stewardship, the organisation strengthened its engagement with stakeholders and kept innovation, access and patient needs firmly at the centre of its agenda. We are excited to welcome Amitabh as the President. His breadth of experience, global outlook and strong conviction in the power of partnerships will bring fresh momentum to OPPI's work. At a time when India is poised to play a larger role in shaping the future of healthcare, his leadership will help us sharpen our priorities, amplify our collective voice and translate dialogue into meaningful action for patients and the wider healthcare ecosystem."*



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

2025-26 marks a defining chapter for OPPI – our Diamond Jubilee. Since its inception in 1965, OPPI has been the voice of the research based global pharmaceutical companies in India, advocating policies that encourage scientific innovation while ensuring that the patients are always at the centre of all decisions. OPPI's journey has been defined not only by scientific and industrial progress but by the Power of Partnerships. The Diamond Jubilee offers an opportunity to honour our legacy, recognise our stakeholders, and work towards evolving into a global leader in healthcare. This landmark is a reaffirmation of our commitment to India's future in healthcare.

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