

## **World Pharmacists Day (WPD-2023)**

**Date: 25 September, 2023**

**The World Pharmacists Day 2023** was celebrated in the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Dibrugarh University on **25 September, 2023** in association with the Indian Pharmaceutical Association (IPA), Assam State Branch, with a theme “**Pharmacy strengthening the health systems**”. The celebration began with Flag hoisting ceremony at 10:00 am, hoisted by **Prof. Jiten Hazarika, Honb’le Vice-Chancellor, Dibrugarh University** in presence of the Faculty members, Research scholars, Students & Invited guests. A street play was organized by the D. Pharm students from the Institute of Pharmacy, Assam Medical College (AMC) Dibrugarh immediately after the flag hoisting program, followed by an Open Session in the Seminar Hall of the department. The meeting was chaired by Honorable VC; Prof. M. K. Das, HoD, Dept. of Pharm. Sciences; Prof. D. Chetia, Dean, R&D, D.U. and Mr. H.N. Mahanta, Ex. Controller of Drugs, Govt. of Assam. The Open Session began with DU Anthem, lightening of Lamp and followed by felicitation of Dignitaries. Dr. Md. K. Zaman, Hon. Secretary, IPA (Assam State Branch) initiated the program with his opening remark on the significance of World Pharmacists Day celebration. A beautiful Bor Geet was presented by Mr. Jeetranjan Goswami, B.Pharm 5<sup>th</sup> Semester Student. Prof. M. K. Das, HoD, Pharm Sciences delivered the welcome speech. Three distinguished pharmacists were honored with an award comprising a memento & a citation for their valuable services to the profession of pharmacy:

- The first Distinguished Pharmacist Award-2023 (Hospital Pharmacy) given to **Md. Saad Bin Hussain** (Retired Pharmacist, AMC, Dibrugarh).

- The second Distinguished Pharmacist Award-2023 (Community Pharmacy) was given to **Shri Biswa Kumar Borah** (Retired Pharmacist & Owner of Borah Medical, Borbaruah).
- The 3<sup>rd</sup> award was Lifetime Achievement Award-2023 and was awarded to **Shri Hridayananda Mahanta**, Controller of Drugs (Retired), Govt of Assam.

After the award ceremony, a Satriya dance was performed by Miss. Jagriti Saikia, a student of B. Pharm 1<sup>st</sup> Semester. At the end, Vote of thanks was delivered by Prof. B. B. Kakoti.



WPD-2023 Flag hoisting by Prof. Jiten Hazarika, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, D.U.



Shri H.N. Mahanta receiving **Lifetime Achievement Award 2023** from Honorable Vice-Chancellor, D.U.



D. Pharm students performing Street Play

