

**PHARMACY PERIODICALS IN INDIA – A REVIEW BY RESEARCH*****Prof. Anant Hardas**

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SYNOPSIS (ABSTRACT)

The first issue of Pharmacy Journal in India – The Indian Journal of Pharmacy was published in Dec 1894, however it was defunct after 3 years. The Modern Pharmaceutical Journalism in India was Pioneered by Mr. Premnath Bazaz, who started the Eastern Pharmacist in 1958 and equal contribution was by Dr. A.K. Patni, who edited Indian Drug since its inception published by IDMA. Today there are nearly 175 Pharmacy Journal published in mostly English (and also in Marathi, Hindi & Bengali) by 5 different categories of publishers in India. The PCI has set out official Journals – seven - for D.Pharm Course and No.

20 for B.Pharm Degree Course, and minimum 2 international Journals for each discipline of specialization at M.Pharm, Ph.D and Pharm.D Courses structure in India this article brings out short History and progress of Indian Pharmacy Periodical as on today.

KEYWORDS: First Issue, IJP, ID, 175 Journals – 75 Publishers – 5 Categories – PCI directories.

In India the modern pharmacy education is taught at 5 different levels after 12 std. pass, as follows

- a) 2 year's Diploma in Pharmacy
- b) 4 years Degree – B.Pharm
- c) 6 years Post Graduate – M.Pharm Course (With Various Specialisations)
- d) 6 years Pharm.D Course
- e) Further 2 -3 years research study for PhD Degree with submission of thesis, University wise

There are three Govt. agencies which control and approves pharmacy educational activity in India – PCI (Pharmacy Council of India – for D.Pharm B.Pharm and Pharm.D), then AICTE

(All India Council of Technical Education for D.Pharm and B.Pharm), and respective State Universities to control M.Pharm and PhD Studies.

The PCI has recommended various Indian Journals for the Course wise studies in India. Table 1,2,3 indicates the Journals prescribed for various courses, as per SIF for Diploma and Degree Studies courses. However there is no mention of any Journal for the subjects like- Anatomy and Physiology, Biochemistry and Clinical Pathology, Drug Store and Business Management, Pharma Chemistry 1 and 2, Pharmacognocoy and Pharma. Jurisprudence (Forensic Pharmacy), all for D.Pharm Course Subjects.

PCI has recommended a total of 20 Journals for Conduct of D.Pharm & B.Pharm Course singly or combined (Letter ref. No. 14-143/2009-pci/70723-7392 Dt. 15 Mar 2017 – Table 2).

For M.Pharm Courses - at least two International Journals for each specialisation (Table-3).

For Pharm.D Course – PCI Directs – two International Journals in Pharmacy Practice, Containing Data Drug Information. (Table – 3).

The various publishers at National level, nearly 70 have come out, now with newer Journals and they can be contacted by emails for their Journal Subscription – Table -4 Gives their names – Emails – and Journal Names with frequency and subscription Rates.

History - The 1st Pharmacy periodical named as “Indian Journal of Pharmacy” (Monthly) was published by Bristowe and Bennett Company, Volume 1 No. 1, on 8th Jan 1894, from Calcutta and it contend monthly record of the chemical, drug and allied News from India Burma, China and Japan. It was edited by Mr. Roger S. Cheu, M.D. MSC. See (appendix –A) The 2nd Periodical – “Drug News” was published from Bombay in 1936 under the editorship of J.T. Martin. This monthly Journal dealt with retail business, manufacturing techniques and standard marketed products. The other Journal letter on the “Pharmaceutics Journal” was started by Dr. E. Leiser from Calcutta in 1938 however all the above Journals are now defunct. Under the leadership of Prof. M.L. Schroff and under the banner of UP state Pharmacy Association, “The Indian Pharmacist” monthly was started from 1936 however this journal is also defunct.

IPA’s Contribution – In the modern period, the first scientific Pharmacy Journal – the Indian Journal of Pharmacy, was published in 1939 by Indian Pharmaceutical association and

is still continuing on regular basis. In Hindi the 'Bheshaaj Patrika' was started by Prof. GP Srivastava which later on became – 'Beshajam', but it became soon defunct because of limited patronage.

Associations Journals- Today almost every national Pharmacy Association has started bringing out both scientific and Journal Periodicals such as news bulletin or newsletters, however the credit goes to IPA who started IJPS as scientific Journal since 1936.

Pharmaceutical Journalism - Modern Developments – After the independence establishment of Pharmacy Council of India in 1948, under Pharmacy Act 1948 real modern pharmacy education started in India. And therefore the publications of Pharmacy periodicals took momentum. As on today there are 5types of publishers, publishing over 170 periodicals per year –

1. Various Pharmacy Associations' publications such as IPA, APPI, APTI, IPGA, IPS, IHPA, AICDO and others.
2. Govt. Publications from NISCAIR, CIMAP.
3. Pvt. Publications such as AKINIK, BAZAZ, KONGPOSH, INVENTY, PHARMA INTELLIGENCE ETC.
4. Govt. Research organizations such as Halffkine Institute, CDRI, NIPER.
5. Institutions publications – Conducting B.Pharm, M.Pharm and PhD courses (also from students contribution).

“The credit of starting the modern Pharmaceutical Journalism in India goes to Mr. Prem Nath Bazaz, who started the Eastern Pharmacist in 1958 and later joined by his sons which was closed down in the year 2001.

Equal contribution was by Dr. A.K. Patni Who edited Indian Drug on regular Monthly basis – from Jan 1960 onwards, and which is the official publication of India's oldest and largest association named – Indian Drugs Manufacturers' Associations, Head Quarter – Mumbai.”

Directories & Bibliographies – Apart from regular monthly Journals the first annual directory 'Trade Directory – All India Chemist and Druggist and stores trade directory' was published in 1933 by Dr. Reshmia and company, Bombay. Another directory mentioning the products of all manufacturing concerns – price list of all pharma concern's, was released in

1945 by Kimber and company. Both the directories enjoyed good Patronage and seeing this success, after Independence, different directories were published.

New Mysore medical and pharmaceutical directory was published in 1958 similarly the Pharmaceutical directory on India, which dealt with all aspects of professional activities in India, was published. The IPA's well documented – All India Pharmaceutical Guide in 1962 was published. M/s. Kongposh Publications, New Delhi is regularly publishing annually, the Indian Pharma Reference Guide which is commonly known as the Bible of Indian Pharmacy Profession and is accepted by all the branches of Pharmacy Profession.

Education Field – The APTI (Association of Pharmacy Teacher of India), established and started by Prof. M.L. Schroff, and has started publishing quality Pharmacy Books specially written by noted Pharmaceutical Historian, Prof. Harkishan Singh, and who received Padmashree Award in 2016 by Govt. in India.

Similarly the author has compiled on behalf of APTI – ‘Directory of Pharmacy Teachers of India’, in 1980 and which is under revision now. The author has also compiled and published in 1981 – The Bibliography of Doctoral Theses in Pharmaceutical Sciences – Indian Universities – 1951 – 1979’. Now there is a regular column – PhDs awarded by most of the Pharmacy periodicals and it is a regular feature of the weekly – University News, which publishes the Ph.D awarded under different categories under University wise.

Multilingual Journals - While all the Journals in pharmacy are in English, some Journals were published and still going on in Hindi and Marathi languages in combination with English. for example Garg Publications – Pharma News, Pharma Darpan, Medical Darpan Health Today, Medicare News (In English and Hindi), and in Marathi plus English – Drug Information Bulletin, a quarterly published by Maharashtra State Pharmacy Council, Mumbai. The earlier “Bheshaj Patrika, in Bengali and Hindi was published from Calcutta but it soon became defunct.

The author (Director Indian Pharmacy Guidance Academy, 52, Madhav Nagar, Nagpur - 440010(MH)) will feel privileged to assist the various pharmacy institutions and manufacturing and research organisation in selection and subscription of these periodicals as per their requirements. (2)

Appendix A- Front Cover page of 1st issue of Indian Journal of Pharmacy, 1894
 (Courtesy- Prof. Harkishan singh – History of Pharmacy in India, Volume -1 (APTI
 Publication) (3)

**THE INDIAN
 JOURNAL OF PHARMACY**

A MONTHLY RECORD OF
 The Chemical, Drug and Allied Trades throughout
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 [Edited by Roger S. Choe, M.D., M.S.C.]

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Table 1: Periodicals for D.Pharmacy Course as per PCI – SIF.

No.	Journal /Frequency	Rate	Publisher
1	CIMS (Qtly.)	1400	UBM Medica India Ltd. , Mumbai
2	MIMS (M)	1400	MIMS India New Delhi
3	IJPER(Ind. J.Pharm.EDN. & Res. Qtly.)	4700	APTI , Banglore
4	IJPS (Ind Journal of Pharma Sciences (BM)	3500	IPA, Mumbai
5	IJEB (Ind. J. Exptl. Biology (M)	4600	NISCAIR , New Delhi
6	IJHP (Ind. J. Hospital Pharmacy) (BM)	1000	MCOPS, Manipal
7	IJP (IND. J. Pharmacology) (Qtly.)	5000	BJ Medical College, Ahamdabad

Table 2: Periodicals for B. Pharmacy Course as per PCI (Letter No. 14-143/2009-PCI/70773- 73292.

Dated 15-03-2017

No.	Publisher	Journal/Freq.	Rate
1	IPA, Mumbai	Ind.J. Pharma Science(BM)	3500
2	Do	Pharma times (M)	2750
3	IDMA, Mumbai	Indian Drugs (M)	4000
4	NISCAIR, New Delhi	Ind. J. Exptl. Biology (M)	4600
5	Do	Med & Aromatic Plant Abstract (BM)	3600
6	Do	Ind. J. Natural Product Resources (Qtly)	1200
7	Do	Ind. J. Traditional Knowledge (Qtly)	1200
8	Do	Ind.J. Chemistry – Section –A (Inorganic) (M)	4600
9	Do	Ind.J. Chemistry – Section – B (Organic) (M)	4600
10	IPS, Ahmadabad	Ind.J. of Pharmacology (Qtly)	5000
11	APTI, Banglore	Ind.J. Pharma. Edn. Research (Qtly)	4700
12	Do	Ind.J. of Pharmacy Practice (Qtly)	3200
12A	Do	APTI News Bulletine (BM)	1100
13	IHPA, New Delhi	Ind.J. Hospital Pharmacy (BM)	1000
14	HEB, Jaipur	J. Of Hospital Pharmacy (Qtly)	2400
15	Kongposh, New Delhi	Pharma Review (BM)	1250
16	Connect Journals, Ghaziabad	Ind.J. Heterocyclic Chemistry (Qtly)	3000
17	IASc, Banglore	Current Science (FN)	2500
18	Do	J. Of Bioscience (Qtly)	1000
19	Do	J. of Genetics (Qtly)	1000
20	ICMR, New Delhi	Ind. J. Medical Research (M)	4000

ABBREVIATIONS

W=weekly, FN= Fortnightly, M= Monthly, BM- Bimonthly, QTLY= Quarterly (4 issues per year, 3/year= 3 issues per year, SA-HY= Semi annual/half yearly=2issues per year, A=Annual

AICDO = All India Chemist & Druggist organisation

APTI = Association of Pharmacy Teachers of India

APPI = Association of Physiologists and Pharmacologists of India

IASc = Indian Academy of Science

ICMR = Indian Council of Medical Research (4)

IDMA = Indian Drugs Manufacturers Associations (5)

HEB = Health Education Bureau

IHPA = Indian Hospital Pharmacist Association

IPA = Indian Pharmaceutical association

IPS = Indian Pharmacology Society

MCOPS = Manipal College of Pharmaceutical Sciences

NISCAIR = National Institute of Scientific and Industrial Research

SUMMARY OF INDIAN PHARMACY PERIODICALS PUBLISHERS(TABLE NO-3)

No	Publishers name/Place	No of Jnls	Contact details
1	AE Morgan Publs, New Delhi	1(MIMS)	indianmims@yahoo.co.in (011-26433115)
2	Akinik Publs, New Delhi	10	akiniksubs@gmail.com, M-9911776370
3	A & V Publs, Raipur	12	avpublications@gmail.com (M-9406051618)
4	APTI-Bangalore	3	ijperenquiry@gmail.com,aptienquiry@gmail.com
5	APPI, New Delhi	1(IJPP)	Deptt of Physiology,AIIMS,Ansari Nagar,New Delhi-29
6	BDMA,Mumbai	1(GBD)	info@bdmai.org
7	BRNSS Publ.Hub, Mandsour	2(IJGP+AJ Pharm)	editor@asianpharmaceutics.info,(07422-255734)
8	BAZAZ Publs, New Delhi	2(IP+GUIDE)	info@indianpharmacist.com, (011-26443169)
9	CIMS Medica India Pvt Ltd	1(CIMS)	enquiry.in@cims.co.in (Bombay,Bangalore and ND)
10	CIMAP , Lukhnow	1(JMAPS)	director@cimap.res.in
11	Chemist Voice H.G. Town-RAJ	1(CV=E+H)	Mob -9351517898
12	Connect Journals-Gaziabad	1(IJHC)	contact@connectjournals.com(01204118298)
13	CDRI,Lukhnow	2	
14	GARG Publs, Buland Shahar	3(PN+PD+MD)	Medicakdarpan.ctp@gmail.com(09410434811)
15	Drug Today,New Delhi	2(DT+DTMT)	drugtoday2006@rediffmail.com(011-22753419)
16	Drug Update, New Delhi	2(DU+GUIDE)	No-379, Aggrasen Nagar, Shri ganga ngr-335001(RAJ)
17	Health Edn. Burau, Jaipur	2(JOHP+PEN)	serviceheb@gmail.com,(9636348191)
18	INVENTI JOURNALS	21	subscription@inventi.in,(09827099512)
19	Info Media 18 Mumbai	6	customercare@infomedia18.in(022-30034631)
20	Indian Ac. Of Sciences	3(CS+JB+ JG)	office@ias.ernet.in, orders@ias.ernet.in
21	IDMA, Mumbai	2(ID+IDMAB)	accounts@idmaindia.com (022-24944624/24974308)
22	Ind. Herbal Centre, New Delhi	1(PHYTOPHARM)	104-H,pocket-A/1Mayur Vihar Phase-3,New Delhi-110096
23	Indian Express, Mumbai	1=Express Pharma	epsales@expressindia.com
24	Ind. Pharma Assn, Mumbai	2(PT+IJPS)	Ijps2002@rediffmail.com, ipacentre@ipapharma.org
25	Ind. Pharmacology Soc.	1(IJP)	PGIMER,CHANDIGARH-12,
26	Jasubhai Media LTD., Mumbai	2-PBW+CPF	3 rd floor Taj Bldg,210 Dr.DN road,Fort,Mumbai-40001
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36	NIPER, Mohali	1(CRIPS)	sssharma@niper.ac.in
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40	Prachar Publs, Wadodara	1(PG)	pracharpharmaguide@gmail.com(09825511786)
41	Pharma Prammarsh, Rohtak	1(PP=E+H)	pharmaprammarsh@gmail.com (01262-269015)
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