



NIPER Mohali signs grant agreement with Novartis Healthcare Private Limited (NHPL) to Support Faculty Research Through Development Pioneer Grant

**Industry-Academia Synergy Strengthened as Novartis Backs
NIPER Research Initiative**

**New Grant Collaboration Boosts Innovation and R&D
Capabilities at NIPER Mohali**

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In a significant step towards fostering **academia-industry** collaboration and strengthening research and innovation in the pharmaceutical sector, the **National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research (NIPER), Mohali** signed an agreement with **Novartis Healthcare Private Limited (NHPL)**. The agreement was signed in the presence of Shri Manoj Joshi, Secretary, Department of Pharmaceuticals, Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers in New Delhi today.

As part of this collaboration, a faculty member from **NIPER Mohali** has been selected as the recipient of the **Development Pioneer Grant for NIPERs**, a prestigious initiative supported by NHPL. The grant aims to promote cutting-edge research and encourage innovation-driven partnerships between academia and industry.

Shri Manoj Joshi stated that this is a good initiative and that expanding such efforts will significantly enhance the usefulness and impact of a researcher's work in line with industry requirements. He stressed on the need to move beyond pilot stages and ensure that research efforts are effectively aligned with industry requirements, thereby strengthening the impact of **industry-academia** collaboration.

The Development Pioneer Grant provides a competitive platform for faculty members across all seven NIPERs to submit their Research & Development proposals. The call for applications witnessed an overwhelming response, with a total of 42 proposals submitted by distinguished faculty members. Following a rigorous and structured evaluation by an independent jury, one faculty member from NIPER Mohali was selected as the grant recipient. The Development Pioneer Grant for NIPERs is designed to align with the vision of the Department of Pharmaceuticals to nurture strong industry-academia linkages. It seeks to enhance academic research capabilities, support innovation, and drive pioneering advancements in healthcare in India. This collaboration is expected to further integrate NIPER into the broader pharmaceutical innovation ecosystem and reinforce the shared commitment to scientific excellence.

Shri Awadhesh Kumar Choudhary, Senior Economic Advisor, Department of Pharmaceuticals; Dr. Kinny Singh, Deputy Secretary, Department of Pharmaceuticals; Prof. Dulal Panda, Director, NIPER Mohali; Prof. Joydev Kumar Laha, Professor, NIPER Mohali; Mr. Amitabh Dube, Country President India, Novartis; and Ms. Sadhna Joglekar, Head Development India, Novartis were present during the signing ceremony.

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