

Report

The New Student Orientation Programme 2017 at NIPER– Ahmedabad (Date: 31st July 2017 - 2nd August 2017)



The New Student Orientation Program is designed to support new students as they begin their journey at NIPER – Ahmedabad. This Orientation Program is mandatory for all students entering NIPER _Ahmedabad. During this program, the coordinators gradually introduce new students to life at the NIPER – Ahmedabad, from academics and community norms to resources and support services. The orientation program for year 2017 entrant students of NIPER – Ahmedabad was held between 31st July 2017 to 2nd August 2017. The program included a series of extended events that provides an introduction to the stimulating intellectual and social environment at NIPER – Ahmedabad, as well as the abundant resources available in the institute.

New students accompanied with their family members arrived on 30th July 2017 to check in the hostel. Additional details about this program has been shared with the students in-hand by the coordinators of Orientation Program (Dr. Manju Misra and Dr. Rakesh K. Tekade).

The New Student Orientation Program was designed to:

- to help students navigate the environment of a research tuned academic institute and meet fellow incoming students.
- Familiarize students with the standards of the Institutes and principles of its academic community
- Help students navigate the campus and identify the many resources available
- Present tips and key information that will make students' first days, and their transition to NIPER – Ahmedabad, go smoothly!
- Introduce students to faculty, staff and existing students of the Institute
- Acquaint students with the history and traditions of NIPER – Ahmedabad within the context of history of NIPER's.
- Share a portrait of the incoming class in all its diversity and richness as new students are welcomed into the vibrant community

The first day of New Student Orientation Program at NIPER-Ahmedabad on 31st July 2017 began with a warm welcome to the new students by the Director Prof. Kiran Kalia, Registrar Prof. HS Trivedi, all faculties members, staffs, and students of NIPER-Ahmedabad. The new students including their accompanied family members were introduced to the campus by playing the NIPER song and the video, which was composed and developed by NIPER students. This was followed by a welcome address by the registrar where he welcomed all the students and their parents. He gave the words of confidence to all parents that their students are in safe and responsible umbrella; and that whole NIPER team will take parental care of their wards. This it was followed by welcome speech by the Director “Prof. Kiran Kalia” where she introduced the students to this new campus at Gandhinagar and showed her immense pleasure in welcoming the new batch. She narrated a quick outline about the Institutes faculty members, grants received, publications, national and international collaboration, Industrial MOUs, and other achievements of the institute. Followed by this, the Director opened a parent’s forum where all parents and relatives of new students were encouraged to put forward their queries as well as seek resourceful resolutions to the same. The parent forum was followed by a refreshing light snacks and coffee session in the newly constructed canteen area of NIPER-Ahmedabad.

The program resumed by introduction of all the faculty members where they talked about their educational background, and their thrust area of research and details of their teaching portfolio. Introduction of new students initiated with a brief introduction about their educational background, hobbies and likings. After this session, all the students were divided into four groups for a campus tour where they visited each and every labs and different facilities. The lunch was sponsored to all students, parents, faculties and staff members between 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. After lunch, the wardens of the respective hostel wings briefed about rules and regulations to be followed by the students while their stay in NIPER-Ahmedabad hostel. It was then followed by an orientation which was given by “Dr. Mukul Jain” Senior Vice President-Pharmacology, Zydus Healthcare where he talked about the current status pharmaceutical field and its related scenario. Session was then followed by a tea break from 4:45-5:00 p.m. Finally, the session ended by face recognition registration as a part of digital attendance system and was facilitated by office staff for the attendance purpose.

The second day of New Student Orientation Program on 1st August 2017, NIPER-Ahmedabad started with a boastful talk of Shri. Sunil Parekh, Chief Corporate Affairs at Advisor @ Zydus Group. During this session, he talked about the change in scenarios of GDP’s between nations across centuries and about the effect of research and innovation on it. He also spoke about the importance of incubators to generate new ideas, emphasizing the need of start-ups in pharmaceutical and healthcare industry. He expressed that he was feeling very proud to visit NIPER-Ahmedabad and was impressed with the progress it had done in a short time. It was followed by a session on ‘Ethics in Publishing’ by Dr. Akshay Srivastava where he talked about the do’s and don’ts in publishing and also explained about the consequences which awaited if the ethics were not followed. The group broke out for a half an hour tea break.

The program was resumed with the brief introduction of NIPER administration and support staff, and briefing the students with institution's norms and rules regarding leaves. At 12:30 pm there was an orientation by Semester I and II examination committee lead by Dr. Mukty and Dr. Vinod followed by orientation by Semester III and IV examination committee lead by Dr. Amit and Dr. Manju at 1:00 PM. After lunch, departmental students and faculty interactions was conducted in classroom and seminar rooms from 2:30pm to 3:00 pm. From 3:00 pm onwards introductory session with Semester III MS and Ph.D. scholars was followed with student activities till 5:30 pm with a 15 minutes tea break at 4:30 pm. The Semester 1 MS students later described that the session with their seniors was the best part for them in their three-day orientation program.

The third day of New Student Orientation program on 2nd August 2017 started with a talk by Nilesh Deshmukh and Dinesh Patel from Cadila Pharmaceuticals about 'Careers in pharma industry' from 9:00 am. They talked about the importance of working as a team in a pharmaceutical company and also explained why they prefer NIPER students after others. They also told us about the skills needed to work and progress needed in pharmaceutical industry. At 10:30 am there was a session by Journal club committee lead by Dr. Vinod and Dr. Rakesh followed by a half hour break till 12:00 pm, where they shared the importance of journal club and what activities are going to be covered under this club. Then a session was conducted by secretaries of the clubs in NIPER-A, Ms Deepaneeta Sarmah (Ph.D 2nd year, Cultural Club), Bharat Chaudhary (Ph.D 3rd year, Sports Committee), Ms Ashika Advankar (MS 2nd year, Media Club) and Ms Vishakha Tambe (Ph.D 1st year, Innovation Club). They talked about the mission of the club along with the work they did till date. They also had interactive session with the students regarding their suggestions for the betterment of the club.

After lunch hour, the students assembled in the auditorium for a session with placement cell conducted by the members Dr. Rakesh and Dr. Manju wherein they updated new students about the past recruitment activities, placement statistics, and placement procedure at NIPER-Ahmedabad. Followed by this, a session on Focused research areas and international collaborations by Dr. Satyasheel and Dr. Vinod, where they shared the focused area of research at NIPER-Ahmedabad, grants secured with a special reference to the International collaborations and MOUs signed by NIPER-Ahmedabad faculty members. NIPER-Ahmedabad alumni then delivered a session which was facilitated by Gopal Aggarwal and Bharat Chaudhary. At the end of the event, light snacks and tea was served which was followed by a wind-up session about the successful end of the three-day induction program.

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