

Vice Chancellor's Profile



Dr. Surinder Singh joined JSS Academy of Higher Education & Research in November 2019 as the **Vice Chancellor**. He took over the charge of Drugs Controller General of India in February-2008 and continued to work in the same position till 2nd November 2011.

Dr. Surinder Singh was the Director of National Institute of Biologicals, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India which is the National Control Laboratory for testing of all Biologicals including Vaccines and Bio-pharmaceuticals.

Dr. Surinder Singh did his MBBS from Medical College, Jammu in the year 1985 and M.D. (Microbiology) from Medical College Rohtak, Haryana in the year 1988. He did his senior residency in Microbiology from All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi (1988 - 1991).

He was appointed in October 2012 by the State Government of Punjab as Chairman of the Expert Committee constituted to develop an Institutional Development Plan (IDP) for "Strengthening of Drugs Regulations & Drugs Testing Laboratory in the State of Punjab during 12th Five Year Plan."

Position held in various Institutes / Organizations

- Vice Chancellor, JSS Academy of Higher Education & research
 - Director, National Institute of Biologicals (NIB)
 - Drugs Controller General (India), Central Drugs Standard Control Organization
 - Director, Regional Drugs Testing Laboratory, Chandigarh
 - Additional Director, Central Drugs Lab (CDL), Central Research Institute, Kasauli
 - Assistant Director (Microbiology), Central Drugs Lab (CDL), Central Research Institute, Kasauli
 - Assistant Professor (Microbiology), Govt. Sardar Patel Medical College, Bikaner
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Awards

- Award for "**Excellent Contribution towards Providing the Leadership on Survey of Extent of Problems of Spurious & Not of Standard Quality Drugs in the Country**" by Partnership for Safe Medicines India on 19th-20th May, 2015 at Srinagar (J&K).
- **Dr. B.C. Roy Memorial Award 2014** : Awarded for excellent contribution towards Blood Safety Programme in India on Doctors Day 1st July, 2014 by Federation of Blood Donor Organizations of India, Kolkata
- **Pharma-Bio World Awards 2011** : Awarded Pharma-Bio World Awards 2011 - for "Outstanding Initiatives in Regulatory Environment" by - CHEMTECH FOUNDATION, India.
- **World's 40 most influential people** : Featured in the list of the world's 40 most influential people in the global pharma industry, for three consecutive years i.e. Year 2011, 2010 & 2009 as adjudged by a panel of experts of the UK Pharma magazine "World Pharmaceutical Frontiers". The lists comprise of renowned businessperson, philanthropists, scientists, regulators and legislators.

Associated as Head of Office with setting up of Laboratory & Animal House facility at NIB, Noida - designed by National Institute of Health, USA, having an area of 15000 Sq. mtr. (approx.) costing Rs.114.11 crores (USD 23 million) (2003-2005).

Conceptualization, Planning, Implementation, & Co-ordination of following Four National Programmes

- Pharmacovigilance Programme of India (Year 2010-11)
 - Haemovigilance Programme of India (Year 2012 till date)
 - National Blood Donor Vigilance Programme- India (Year 2015 till date)
 - National Drugs Survey to, "Study the Extent of Problems of Spurious & Not of Standard Quality Drugs in the country" (Year 2014-16)
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Facilitated organizing of WHO Hands on training course at NIB on Determination of the Ployribosyl-ribitol-phosphate (PRP) content of the Haemophilus influenza type-b (Hib) capsular polysaccharide in liquid Vaccine presentation by HPAEC-PAD from 23rd to 27th October, 2017.

Facilitated organizing of 1st General Meeting of WHO- National Control Laboratory for Biologicals (WHO-NNB) held at NIB from 31st October to 2nd November, 2017 and attended by 39 participants from National Control Laboratories, Manufacturers Association and other stakeholders of more than twenty countries to discuss the operational aspects of the Network.

Chairman of the Institutional Development Plan (IDP) committee of Govt. of Punjab for "Strengthening of Drugs Regulatory Control & the Drug Testing Laboratory in the State of Punjab during 12th Five Year Plan (2012-2017)".

Prepared Two Institutional Development Plan for NIB as hereunder

- Research and Development facility for Preparation of Reference Standards, Monographs on Biologicals for inclusion in IP and other Research & Development Activities (2019-2024).
 - Strengthening of Training and Academic Activities at NIB (2019-2024).
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Prepared a Memorandum for Expenditure Finance Committee (EFC) – 12th Five Year Plan (2012-17) for Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission with a plan outlay of Rs.100 crore (USD 16 million) for incorporating following 5 National Programmes:

- Pharmacovigilance Programme of India
 - Haemovigilance Programme of India (HvPI)
 - Materiovigilance
 - Bio-Vigilance
 - Anti- Microbial resistance Monitoring Cell
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Other Highlights of the career

- Expert Member in WHO National Regulatory Authority (NRA) team for pre- assessment of South Africa in Year 2013 and WHO NRA assessment of Thailand in Year 2007 & 2012.
- Member of the Board of Governors of NIPER, Hyderabad which has been approved by the President of India to facilitate development of policies and major decision making of NIPER, Hyderabad with effect from 09-03-2019.
- Member of High Power Committee of 6th Edition of National Formulary of India (NFI) of Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission (IPC), Ghaziabad with effect from 07-03-2018 to promote rational use of Medicines.
- Member of Standing National Committee on Medicines (SNCM) for revision of National List of Essential Medicines (NLEM) 2015 constituted by Department of Health & Family Welfare (Drugs Regulation Section), Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of India with effect from 03-07-2018.
- Member of Planning Board of Maharashtra University of Health Sciences, Nashik with effect from 27-04-2016.
- Member of Planning & Monitoring Board of Jagadguru Sri Shivarathreeshwara (JSS) University, Mysuru with effect from 31.10.2017.
- Member of WHO Interim Steering Committee for WHO Global Network of National Vaccine Control Laboratories for the period from 2nd Sept. 2016 to 2nd Nov. 2017.
- Member of WHO Ad-Hoc Advisory Group of experts for reviewing the accepted proposal and advising WHO on R & D Blueprint Platform Technologies for the period from 29-02-2016 to 22-07-2016.

International Training Programmes Attended (Sponsored by USAID)

- Good Manufacturing Practices (eGMPs) training programme at Massachusetts Biologic Laboratory, Boston (USA); 29th Sept. to 17th October, 1997.
 - Public Health Lab Training Programme at Maryland Public Health Laboratories, Baltimore (USA) from 18th – 24th October, 1997.
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GMP inspections : Inspected about 70 Vaccine and Biologicals manufacturing units in the country.

Publications : Over 60 publications in National/ International Journals along with Chapters published in various technical books.
