

## Pioneer in Pharmacy



**Prof. (Dr) N. M. Patel**  
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Prof. N. M. Patel, a renowned educationist and eminent scientist in the field of Pharmacognosy, was born on June 1, 1951. He obtained his early education in small village Mahadevpura (Gambhu) of district Mehsana in north Gujarat. He got B. Pharm (1975) and M. Pharm degree (1977) with first class from L. M. College of Pharmacy, Gujarat University, Ahmedabad. He had completed a course of foreign language German (1981) from Gujarat University, Ahmedabad, Gujarat, Certificate in Computer Application (CIC) (2001) from IGNOU, New Delhi and Ph. D. (2003) from Hemchandracharya North Gujarat University, (HNGU) Patan, North Gujarat.

Prof. Patel started his carrier as a lecturer in Pharmacognosy at M. N. College of Pharmacy, Khambhat (June to October 1977). With a view to have an industrial experience he joined in medical division as a Registration Officer at Sarabhai Chemical, Baroda (Nov. 1977 – Sept. 1978). But to serve the pharmacy profession with academic carrier, he joined L. M. College of Pharmacy, Ahmedabad (Oct. 1978 – Sept. 1983) as an assistant lecturer and lecturer in department of Pharmacology. At the age of 32 years, he became an youngest principal in M. N. College of Pharmacy, Khambhat (Oct. 1983 - July 1991). It was challenge to establish and develop diploma Pharmacy College in remote and backward area of Sabarkantha district in north Gujarat in 1991. He accepted this challenge and join as a principal of first Pharmacy College in north Gujarat, Shri B. M. Shah College of Pharmacy, Modasa (July 1991- Dec. 2004). With firm determination for betterment of pharmacy profession, he developed degree and post graduate course at same place and sifted to Shri B. M. Shah

College Pharmaceutical Education and Research, Modasa, where he is working as a principal and director for PG course since January 2005.

He served pharmacy profession in an exemplary manner- in various capacities, including a member of executive council of HNGU, Patan for two terms (1996-1999) and (2006 to 2009). He was also the member of committee like; finance, BUTR, Sport and Library in the same university. He also serve pharmacy faculty as a member of Academic Council and Dean at Gujarat University, Ahmedabad (1988-1991) and HNGU, Patan (1993-1999) & (2005-2008). He is also the member of board of studies at South Gujarat University, Surat, (1985-2001), Gujarat University Ahmedabad (1986-1991), HNGU, Patan (Since 1991), Saurashtra University, Rajkot for PG courses (2009-2011) and Ganpat University, Kherva.(2009-2011) He was also the fellow member of Doctorate review committee at Ganpat University, Kherva. Prof. Patel was the chairman of board of studies and faculty of pharmacy, HNGU, Patan (1991-1999, 2006-2009).

Under his dynamic leadership the UG and PG courses of Phytochemistry and Pharmacognosy had made significant contributions to the field of natural products and herbal formulations. He has guided scores of research students for their M. Pharm and Ph. D degree. Several generations of students were benefited from his excellent and lucid classroom lectures. He had more than 30 international and 100 national research papers published in various reputed journals to his credit. He is the authors for more than five text book of pharmacognosy and pharmacology. He has also authored one laboratory manual including experiments on pharmacology and amphibians.

He is the approved PG teacher in pharmacognosy and pharmacology at Gujarat University, Ahmedabad and HNGU, Patan. HNGU, Patan had approved him as Ph. D. Guide. Twenty one research scholars has been registered for their Ph.D work out of which 16 were awarded Ph. D degree and one thesis has been submitted. Being a great administrator, with simplicity, honesty, humanity, noble qualities and concern for every individual, he could inspire the staff, as well as students, to work hard with a team spirit and offer their best to the pharmacy profession and pharmacy department in particular.

Several scientific organizations and professional bodies were immensely benefited with his association. He is the expert member of pharmacy council of India (PCI) and NBA-AICTE, New Delhi. He is the referee for various AICTE, UGC and GUJCOST projects. He was Vice president for GPTA (1991-1998), (2005-2006) and APTI (Gujarat state branch 2005-2008). He is also the secretary for Indian Society for Pharmacognosy Gujarat state branch and IPA Modasa branch. He was the executive member of high level assessment committee for R & D herbal industry. He is the life member of various scientific bodies like IPA (Guj./Mod./LM/07), ISTE (LM-2234), IPS (LP-81), APTI (LM-314). He is the fellow member of institute of chemist, India (FIC). He is also a member of Editorial board of various reputed journals. He has widely travelled and attended number of national and international seminars, conferences in India. He has highlighted the importance of Indian medicinal & aromatic plants in many scientific conferences.

Prof. Patel is very noble, eminent scientist and academicians in pharmacy profession. He is survived by his wife Jamanaben – a house wife, son Dr. Yogesh is working as technical consultant IMA-GFATM-RNTCP-PPM-RCC project under Indian Medical Association, Gujarat State Unit-1 Baroda, Son-in-law Dr. Girishkuumar is working as Associate professor in Pharmaceutics at SKPCPER, Kherva, Mehsana and a daughter Bhavika is a Pharmacist and house wife.

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