

PHARMACY COUNCIL OF INDIA
(Annual Report on the Activities of the Council during-2025-2026)
(1st April, 2025 to 31st March, 2026)

The Pharmacy Council of India (PCI) is a body constituted under Section 3 of the Pharmacy Act, 1948 to regulate the profession and practice of Pharmacy. The Central Council consists of the following members, namely: -

- a) six members, among whom there shall be at least one teacher of each of the subjects, pharmaceutical chemistry, pharmacy, pharmacology and Pharmacognosy elected by the University Grants Commission from among persons on the teaching staff of an Indian University or a college affiliated thereto which grants a degree or diploma in pharmacy;
- b) six members, of whom at least four shall be persons possessing a degree or diploma in, and practicing pharmacy or pharmaceutical chemistry, nominated by the Central Government;
- c) One member elected from amongst themselves by the members of the Medical Council of India;
- d) The Director General, Health Services, ex officio or if he is unable to attend any meeting, a person authorized by him in writing to do so;
- dd) the Drugs Controller, India, ex officio or if he is unable to attend any meeting, a person authorized by him in writing to do so;
- e) The Director of the Central Drugs Laboratory, ex officio;
- f) A representative of the University Grants Commission and a representative of the All India Council for Technical Education;
- g) One member to represent each State elected from amongst themselves by the members of each State Council, who shall be a registered pharmacist;
- h) One member to represent each State nominated by the State Government, who shall be a registered pharmacist;

OBJECTIVES OF THE COUNCIL

The Council is responsible for -

- Prescribing minimum standards of education required for qualification as a pharmacist;
- Uniform implementation of educational standards;
- Approval of course of study and examination for pharmacists;
- Withdrawal of approval;
- Approval of qualifications granted outside India; and
- Maintenance of Central Register of pharmacists.

The Central Council constitutes an Executive Committee consisting of the President, the Vice President and five other members elected from amongst its members. In addition, the following other committees are also functioning in the Council: -

- a) PCI - Business Advisory Committee
- b) PCI - Promotion of Academic Research for Industrial Utility Committee
- c) PCI - Co-ordination Committee on –
 - a) State Pharmacy Councils
 - b) State Governments
- d) PCI - Committee on General Administration (Personnel and Training)
- e) PCI - Finance Committee
- f) PCI - Committee on Information and Communications Technology
- g) PCI - Law Committee
- h) PCI - National / International Conference Committee
- i) PCI - Professional Pharmacy and
- j) Public Relations Committee (PP&PRC)
- k) Women Empowerment Committee

The following are the office bearers and the officers of the Council during the year under report: -

1. Dr. Montukumar M Patel - President
2. Mr. Jashubhai Hirabhai Chaudhari, Vice President, PCI
3. Shri Anil Mittal – Registrar-cum-Secretary

ACTIVITIES OF THE COUNCIL DURING 2023

1. Inspections arranged

The Council arrange 3910 inspections of diploma, degree, Pharm.D., M.Pharm and B.Pharm (Practice) institutions during the period under report.

2. Meetings of the Council: -

A) Executive Committee Meetings held on: -

- 25th April, 2025 (Rajkot, Gujarat)
- 26th May, 2025, (103rd Online)
- 28th June, 2025, (Mysuru)
- 4th August, 2025, (New Delhi)
- 28th August, 2025, (104th Online)
- 8th September, 2025, (105th Online)
- 18th September, 2025, (106th Online)
- 23rd September, 2025, New Delhi
- 26st September, 2025, (107th Online)
- 30th September, 2025, (108th Online)
- 8th October, 2025, (109th Online)
- 4th November, 2025, (110th Online)
- 18th November, 2025, (111th Online)
- 12th December, 2025, (112th Online)
- 08th January, 2026, (New Delhi)
- 29th January, 2026, (New Delhi)
- 13th February, 2026, (New Delhi)
- 2nd March, 2026, (113th Online)

B) Central Council Meetings held on: -

- 31st May and 1st June, 2025, (Maharashtra)
- 22nd & 23rd November, 2025, (Varanasi)

Outcome of the Meetings: -

- Approval of 5083 Diploma and Degree institutions were extended u/s 12 of the Pharmacy Act, 1948.
- 1688 new Diploma and Degree institutions were granted approval u/s 12 of the Pharmacy Act, 1948.
- 27 New Pharm.D institutions were granted approval for the conduct of course.
- 188 Pharm.D (Post Baccalaureate) institutions were granted approval/ extended approval u/s 12 of the Pharmacy Act, 1948.

3. Present status of Approved Pharmacy Institutions upto in the country: -

Courses	Approved institutions	Admission capacity
Diploma in Pharmacy	7346	428240
Degree in Pharmacy	3006	234663

4. Continuing Education Programmes

- Continuing Education Programmes (CEPs) play an important role in the growth of the knowledge bank of the pharmacists. The PCI from its own resources is giving financial assistance of Rs.25, 000/- per course subject to ceiling of 12 courses per annum to the State Pharmacy Councils for the conduct of CEPs for pharmacists from December, 2014. The PCI also gives grants to the pharmacy institutions for conducting CEPs for pharmacy teacher's upto Rs.3.00 lakhs per programme.

5. Pharmacists Day celebration

- The poster for Pharmacists Day 25thSeptember, 2025 has been posted on Council's website on 25.9.2025.

6. Implementation of Right to Information Act, 2005

- The Council has implemented the above Act in letter and spirit. The information sought is promptly given within the stipulated time.

7. Revised Budget Estimates

- The Revised Budget Estimate of the Council for the year 2025-2026 is Rs. 52332.93lakhs.

8. PCI Website

- PCI website is updated on daily basis.

9. PCI's Executive committee and Central Council meetings

- Various meetings of the PCI Executive Committee and Central Council has been conducted online.

10. Automation of PCI

- The PCI has taken the following initiatives –
 1. Online submission of application by pharmacy institutions to PCI for consideration of approval u/s 12 of the Pharmacy Act for the purpose of registration pharmacist.
 2. Online submission of affiliation fee and inspection fee.
 3. Inspections are arranged through software.
 4. Agenda for meetings is digitalized.
 5. The decisions to institutions are also conveyed online.
 6. Pharmacy faculty working in various pharmacy institutions is now registered on the PCI portal.
 7. PCI inspectors are required to register on PCI portal.
 8. The EC/CC meetings are now conducted online.
 9. Digitalization of old record is under process.

11. Approval Process

- Approval process under the Pharmacy Act is streamlined and transparent.
- Availability of faculty data with their qualification, experience, place of working etc. so as to restructure the Council's policy as per the need of the profession.

12. Pharma Anveshan

- Pharma Anveshan 2026: Uniting Academia and Industry on National Pharmacy Education Day.
- The Pharmacy Council of India (PCI) organized Pharma Anveshan 2026, a nationwide academic-industry conclave, on March 6, 2026. The day is also celebrated as the National Pharmacy Education Day to commemorate the birth anniversary of Dr. (Prof.) M. L. Schroff who is widely regarded as the Father of Pharmacy Education in India. His pioneering contributions to the establishment and growth of pharmacy education in the country led the PCI to officially designate March 6 in his memory.

13. NEP

- A workshop was convened on January 23rd and 24th, 2026, at the Pharmacy Council of India, New Delhi to finalize the new B.Pharm syllabus. The proceedings were conducted under the leadership of the President and Vice President of the PCI, ensuring the curriculum meets high academic standards. The event was attended by a distinguished panel of subject experts from premier national academic institutions, executive leadership. The session focused on the meticulous review of public comments, aligning the draft with modern clinical practices and industrial technological shifts.

With the syllabi now fully drafted, the workshop established a holistic and student-centric pathway. The framework prioritizes competency-based education and patient-centered care, aligning with NEP's vision to transform India into a global hub for pharmaceutical excellence.

14. **State Pharmacy Council**

The 12th Joint Meeting of the PCI with Presidents and Registrar of State Pharmacy Councils was held on 9.1.2026 at the Pharmacy Council of India, New Delhi under the leadership of the PCI President and Vice President.

The meeting witnessed detailed deliberations on key agendas, including the upgradation of State Pharmacy Councils, modernization and strengthening of registration processes, and important aspects related to pharmacy education regulations, approval of NIOS Board for eligibility for admission in Pharmacy Courses, registration of Overseas Citizen of India (OCI) and Single Window Registration System across all State Pharmacy Councils to streamline the registration process for pharmacists.

The discussions reaffirmed PCI's commitment to ensuring a robust, transparent, and future-ready pharmacy regulatory ecosystem in India.


(Anil Mittal)

Registrar-cum-Secretary