

Bhushan Akshikar appointed OPPI President

- *Current President Suresh Pattathil, Managing Director and General Manager, AbbVie India passes the baton on to Bhushan Akshikar.*
- *Bhushan is the Vice President & Managing Director of GSK (GlaxoSmithKline Pharmaceuticals Ltd) India.*

Mumbai, 26th September, 2024: The Organisation of Pharmaceutical Producers of India (OPPI), which represents the global research-based pharmaceutical companies in India, has appointed Bhushan Akshikar as its President for a term of two years effective 26th September 2024.

Bhushan is a seasoned business leader and has an experience of over 13 years in key leadership roles in GSK across India, Middle East, Russia CIS & Africa region. Before joining GSK, Bhushan spent 15 years with Janssen, Johnson & Johnson, in local and regional positions in India, South Korea and Belgium.

Speaking on his appointment, **Bhushan Akshikar** said, “I am excited and humbled to lead OPPI’s vision to collaborate with the Government of India to enhance access with innovation for patients, at such a crucial time for healthcare in our country. Over the years, OPPI’s focus has been on collective action to forge a path towards a more inclusive, innovative, and sustainable healthcare future for our country. I also extend my gratitude to the members of OPPI’s Executive Committee and I look forward to their continued support.”

Welcoming Bhushan as the President, **Suresh Pattathil** said “It has been my honour to serve as President of OPPI for the past two years, driving forth its vision of ‘*Bharat Ke Liye*’. As I transition from this role, I am pleased to handover the leadership to my esteemed colleague, Bhushan Akshikar. I am confident that Bhushan will expertly guide OPPI towards new achievements by leveraging his valuable insights, experience, steering the organization in the right direction to enable innovation, research, access and collaborations. I extend my best wishes to him and sincerely hope to witness OPPI reach new heights of success under his leadership.”

Anil Matai, Director General OPPI said, “I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to Suresh for his steadfast dedication to advancing OPPI’s vision of enabling a healthier India through innovative solutions. We look forward to his continued guidance. I am thrilled to welcome Bhushan to his new role. His extensive experience and thought leadership in the pharmaceutical industry will be invaluable as OPPI continues to support the nation’s healthcare objectives with a patient-centric approach. Bhushan has consistently been a strong advocate for healthcare transformation in our country. Under his leadership, we are confident to enhance our efforts to optimize patient outcomes by fostering an environment that encourages innovation and growth”.

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About OPPI

The Organisation of Pharmaceutical Producers of India (OPPI) established in 1965, represents the research-based global pharmaceutical companies in India. OPPI has been an integral part of the healthcare journey of the country. We remain committed to supporting the nation's healthcare objectives, putting patients at the core of all decision making and collaborating with all stakeholders to find sustainable solutions to realize the collective vision of Health for All.

Our member companies have been serving the country's healthcare ecosystem since pre-independence and continue to remain committed to patient safety and providing quality care in the future as well. As an association, our advocacy decisions, patient commitment, and work are always keeping the country first and we embody the spirit of working for '[Bharat Ke Liye](#)'; driven by innovation to find solutions for unmet medical needs, collaboration with government stakeholders, and co-creation with partners coming together to address the nation's healthcare challenges. We are committed to the Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi-ji's clarion call of '*Jai Vigyan and Jai Anusandhan.*'

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