The Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission conducted the 3rd Residential Course on “Phytopharmaceuticals and Herbal Drugs Monograph Drafting, Verification and Validation” from 5th to 9th August, 2019. The objectives of the training course are to create skilled and competent workforce in the field of Herbal Drugs and Phytopharmaceuticals monograph development and also to promote the Pharmacopoeial standards. The participants for this training program were from academics, industries and government organisations.

Dr. G.N. Singh, Secretary-Cum-Scientific Director, IPC inaugurated the training programme and urged the participants to shoulder the responsibilities of IPC in developing the standards for drugs and Phytopharmaceuticals. He also expressed his concern that the similarly placed organizations should come forward to develop a strategic plan in developing the standards for nutraceuticals as the same are emerging. Dr. Arun Mishra, Member, Scientific Body of IPC participated in the event as a special guest and addressed the gathering saying that there is an upright need to build the capacity and capability in strengthening Phytopharmaceutical sector. He also mentioned that phytopharmaceuticals are not only going to be alternatives for treatment of various diseases and disorders but also to contribute to the growth of Indian economy.

The participants drawn from across the country will apart from the class room training also undergo hands on training on various sophisticated instrumentation techniques on drugs quality control and standardization. Expected outcomes of this training program are to promote IP standards, discussion and inputs from the participants on the proposed monograph for next edition of IP, trained participants will assist in Pharmacopoeial practices of the IPC.