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IPC to support SEARN nation for developing PV programmes

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The Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission (IPC), Ghaziabad under the union health ministry has chalked out a plan to support South East Asia Regulatory Network (SEARN) nation countries towards integrating their public health programmes with pharmacovigilance (PV) activities towards drug safety.

Through this initiative, the Central Drugs Standard Control Authority (CDSCO) of India which is also a member of SEARN will help member countries like Bangladesh, Bhutan, Korea, Indonesia, Maldives, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Timor to build capacity and enable National Regulatory Authorities of respective nations to fulfill their mandates and safeguard public health.

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