IPA names Samir Mehta as president; Samina Hamied as vice president

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Mumbai, India: Indian Pharmaceutical Alliance on Monday announced the appointment of Torrent Group Chairman Samir Mehta as its President and Cipla’s Executive Vice Chairman Samina Hamied as its Vice President for the year 2021-2023.

Speaking on improving accessibility and *innovation* with the new role, Samir Mehta said, “COVID 19 has been a challenging time for the Indian pharmaceutical industry. However, the industry has risen..."
to the challenges and ensured continuous supply of medicines to patients. The pandemic has further highlighted the significance of collaboration, access to affordable medicines and innovation to respond to the country’s healthcare needs. IPA will be collaborating with stakeholders to strengthen the accessibility of medicines and help in creating an innovation ecosystem that will be beneficial to the patients.”

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Talking about the new leadership role, Samina Hamied said “Pleased to receive this opportunity to play a pivotal role in shaping the healthcare ecosystem and unlocking significant growth opportunities. I am looking forward to working collaboratively with all stakeholders of the industry to ensure sustainable, resilient and agile operations and create a positive difference in the lives of patients.”

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