

# DJPL turns 15

**D**eurali-Janta Pharmaceuticals Private Limited (DJPL) celebrated its 15th anniversary, amid a function here today.

Established in 1990, with around 20 staff members, DJPL is the first pharmaceutical company of the country to acquire World Health Organization Good Manufacturing Practice (WHO GMP), ISO 14001 and ISO 9001 certificates.

In the last one and half decades of its operation, the company has not only succeeded in expanding its revenue base but also been able to project itself as one of the quality drug manufacturers of the country. In short, it is one of the most successful pharmaceutical industries operating in the country.

Addressing the function, Vice Chairman of National Planning Commission, Dr Shankar Sharma urged domestic pharmaceutical companies to enhance research and development activities and become export-oriented.

"Two of the fastest growing economies of the world lie next to us. All Nepali phar-

maceutical industries have to explore every avenue to penetrate into these

two neighboring markets," he said. He also urged Nepali drug manufacturing companies to adopt cost cutting measures and find ways to enhance productivity.

Speaking on the occasion, Director General of Department of Drugs Administration, Bhupendra Bahadur Thapa advised domestic pharmaceutical industries to diversify their product range to be able to compete with products of international companies.

Hari Bhakta Sharma, executive director of DJPL, however, said that if domestic industries receive one fourth of the government supports that pharmaceutical companies of developing and developed countries are receiving, the performance of domestic companies could significantly improve. (PR)

