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Report of the One-Day Workshop on "Utilization of Library Resources" held on Friday, Oct 16, 2026





The Department of Library and Information Centre organized a one-day workshop on **"Utilization of Library Resources"** on Friday, October 16, 2026. The workshop was sponsored by the Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR), New Delhi, and JSS Academy of Higher Education & Research (JSS AHER), Mysuru.

The workshop aimed to create awareness among faculty members, research scholars, and students about the effective utilization of print and digital library resources to support pharmacy education, preparation for competitive examinations, and research activities. It emphasized the importance of accessing and utilizing relevant information resources to enhance academic learning, strengthen research capabilities, and promote information literacy among participants.

The programme commenced with the registration of delegates at 9.00 am, followed by the inaugural ceremony at 9.30 am with Tamil Thai Vazhthu and an invocation. **Dr. S.P.Dhanabal, Principal,** delivered the welcome address. **Ms.Jyothi K.G., Librarian,** presented the genesis of the workshop and highlighted the significance of library resources in supporting teaching, learning, and research activities.

The inaugural ceremony was graced by **Dr.J.Ebanasar,** Principal, Government Arts College, Ooty, as the Chief Guest, and **Ms.Kamala Ramchand,** President, The Nilgiri Library, Ooty, as the Guest of Honour. In their addresses, the dignitaries emphasized the importance of knowledge resources and underscored the vital role of libraries in fostering academic excellence, promoting lifelong learning, and supporting research and scholarly pursuits.



The scientific sessions covered five important topics focusing on digital library resources and their applications in pharmacy education and research.

Mr.N.Amarnath from Daiknow Pvt. Ltd. delivered a session on the utilization of Micromedex for evidence-based drug information and poison management, highlighting its role in supporting clinical decision-making and ensuring patient safety.

Mr.G.Anjaneyulu from CBS Publishers & Distributors Pvt. Ltd. discussed the effective utilization of CBS Publications for GPAT preparation and other competitive examinations, emphasizing their value in strengthening subject knowledge and examination readiness.

Mr.B.K.Madivalappa from Elsevier India introduced participants to Elsevier e-books and digital resources, explaining their significance in pharmacy education, academic learning, and research. Mr. Vinod Dhanapal from Wolters Kluwer presented Lexidrug, highlighting its importance as a drug information resource for promoting medication safety and supporting informed healthcare decisions.

Dr.A.Rupesh Kumar, Associate Professor, Department of Library and Information Science, Tumkur University, Tumkur, delivered an insightful session on AI-powered tools for pharmacy studies and research. He explained the relevance of artificial intelligence in accessing, organizing, analyzing, and utilizing academic information, emphasizing its potential to enhance information retrieval, research productivity, and scholarly communication.

The workshop witnessed the participation of 130 registered student delegates from the B.Pharm. and Pharm.D. programmes, along with research scholars and faculty members.



Collectively, the scientific sessions provided participants with valuable insights into the effective use of specialized digital databases, electronic publications, and emerging AI-powered tools to support academic excellence, competitive examination preparation, evidence-based practice, and research advancement.

The sessions equipped participants with practical knowledge of various digital platforms and their applications in pharmaceutical education and research. The workshop encouraged faculty members, research scholars, and students to explore credible and authoritative information resources and utilize them effectively to enhance their academic performance, strengthen research capabilities, and support professional development. It also highlighted the importance of information literacy and the effective use of emerging digital technologies in advancing teaching, learning, and research.

The valedictory session commenced at 4.30 pm with an address by Dr.A.Rupesh Kumar, who shared his reflections on the workshop and emphasized the significance of effectively utilizing library resources in academic and research pursuits. Dr.S.Ponnusankar, Coordinator, Library Committee, delivered the concluding remarks, highlighting the importance of the workshop in enhancing awareness and promoting the effective use of digital library resources. Dr.K.P.Arun, Vice Principal, proposed the vote of thanks, expressing gratitude to the dignitaries, resource persons, sponsors, organizers, and participants for their valuable contributions and support in making the workshop a success. The programme concluded with high tea.

Overall, the One-Day Workshop on "Utilization of Library Resources" was a significant academic initiative that enhanced awareness of modern library resources and digital information platforms among faculty members, research scholars, and students. The workshop underscored the importance of effective resource utilization in promoting evidence-based learning, competitive examination preparation, teaching, and research. It also highlighted the growing relevance of digital technologies and AI-powered tools in accessing and utilizing scholarly information. The programme reaffirmed the vital role of the Department of Library and Information Centre in supporting academic excellence, fostering research, and advancing pharmacy education through effective access to reliable information resources.

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