

Visit of Dr. Vijay Suppaiah to JSS Academy of Higher Education & Research, Mysuru, and JSS College of Pharmacy, Ooty

Dr. Vijay Suppaiah, Senior Lecturer at the University of South Australia, visited JSS Academy of Higher Education & Research, Mysuru, for a month. During his visit, he actively engaged in various productive activities and provided valuable insights to students for career enhancement at JSS College of Pharmacy, Ooty from 03.02.2025 to 07.02.2025.

Day 1 (February 3, 2025)

As part of the program, Dr. Suppaiah also visited the JSS College of Pharmacy, Ooty campus for a week, where he conducted insightful sessions with students and faculty. His visit commenced on February 3, 2025. Dr. Deepalakshmi M. welcomed him, and Dr. Jeyaram Bharathi accompanied him on a campus tour, showcasing the laboratories, facilities, library, and equipment.

In the afternoon, faculty members from the Department of Pharmacy Practice interacted with Dr. Suppaiah, discussing Australian teaching methodologies, pedagogical approaches, and research advancements. This was followed by a case presentation by PharmD interns in the seminar hall, where Dr. Suppaiah shared his expertise on disease management. After the presentation, interns had an interactive session with him regarding job opportunities and higher education abroad, particularly in Australia.

Day 2 (February 4, 2025)

Dr. Suppaiah delivered a guest lecture on “Schizophrenia” to IV PharmD students. As an expert in neurodegenerative diseases and psychiatry, his lecture was highly relevant and enlightening.

In the afternoon session, he addressed V & VI year PharmD students and I & II year M.Pharm students, discussing research opportunities in Australia, including various funded PhD programs and their application procedures. He also elaborated on ongoing research projects, the Australian publication landscape, and details about the Knowledge Assessment of Pharmaceutical Sciences (KAPS) exam, covering syllabus, eligibility, and effective preparation strategies. The second day concluded successfully, leaving students highly satisfied.

Day 3 (February 5, 2025)

The third day began with an interactive discussion between Dr. Suppaiah and research scholars from the Department of Pharmacy Practice, along with their guides. They exchanged insights on various research aspects, followed by discussions on postdoctoral fellowship applications and career prospects. Dr. Suppaiah appreciated the wide range of research initiatives being undertaken in India, particularly at JSS College of Pharmacy, Ooty.

In the afternoon, Dr. Jeevanantham accompanied Dr. Suppaiah for a sightseeing tour of local attractions, including Karnataka Park and Doddabetta Peak.

Day 4 (February 6, 2025)

Dr. Suppaiah engaged in a project discussion with Dr. C Emmanuel, Academic Director at Gleneagles HealthCity, Chennai, where both exchanged insights on ongoing and future research collaborations. This was followed by a hospital tour, accompanied by Dr. Ponnusankar S. They met with the Dean of the Medical College, Ooty, and the Resident Medical Officer (RMO) at the Government Hospital, Ooty. Dr. Suppaiah appreciated the facilities available in the public sector and the high-quality healthcare services provided to the community.

In the afternoon, Dr. Ponnusankar S. accompanied Dr. Suppaiah on a visit to Avata Tea Estate and the Tamil Nadu Medical Services Corporation (TNMSC) warehouse.

Day 5 (February 7, 2025)

On the final day of his visit, Dr. Suppaiah toured the hospital again with Dr. Ponnusankar S., visiting different wards and assessing the hospital's facilities and services. He commended JSS's contributions to public healthcare.

In the afternoon, he delivered two lectures to students. The first lecture, titled **"Drug-Free Society,"** emphasized the importance of preventing drug misuse and promoting a healthy society. The second lecture, on **"Depression,"** was delivered to IV PharmD students, covering its definition, etiopathogenesis, and pharmacological and non-pharmacological management.

The sabbatical leave visit, facilitated by the University of South Australia, concluded with a valedictory session honoring Dr. Suppaiah. His visit was immensely insightful, benefiting both students and faculty by providing valuable knowledge on research, higher education, and career opportunities abroad.



