

JSS AHER E-Newsletter



Connecting Knowledge, Research and Impact

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JSS AHER Global Campus



SEPTEMBER HIGHLIGHTS



For the first time, JSS AHER is listed in **ShanghaiRanking's (GRAS) 2026** Clinical Medicine: Global rank: **401–500**; National & Regional rank: **5**.



JSS Academy of Higher Education & Research has advanced to the **701–800** rank band in the **Times Higher Education (THE) World University Rankings 2027**, improving from the previous 801–1000 rank band.



IPA Students Congress held at Cochin, Kerala.: **139 JSS AHER delegates**; highest registrations from a single institution; Ms. Samanvita Khanra won First Prize and Mr. M. Lohith won Second Prize in Best E-Poster Awards.



*“Service to humanity
is service to God”*

— His Holiness Jagadguru
Dr. Sri Shivarathri Rajendra
Mahaswamiji

Academics & Administrative Engagement

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Memorandum of understanding

JSS AHER marked a significant milestone with the signing of an MoU with **Nestle**, one of the world's largest FMCG companies. The collaboration opens new avenues for academic-industry engagement, research, innovation and professional development.

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VIT Chennai Collaboration

On 16 Sept 2026, JSS College of Pharmacy Ooty held a faculty-to-faculty meeting to identify collaborative opportunities in **nanomedicine, drug delivery, AI-driven drug discovery, diagnostics, pharmacogenomics, oncology and disease modelling**, with potential outcomes including joint research, student opportunities, publications, patents and competitive proposals

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MEDHA 2026

On 17 Sept 2026, Medical Device Hackathon and Conference was held at JSS College of Pharmacy Mysuru, with BETIC-IIT Bombay, IIT Bengaluru, NAIN 2.0, ITTO JSS AHER and SPARKLE Cine.

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International Engagement

JSS AHER engaged with **Dr. S. Janakiraman**, Consul General of India in Sydney, to explore job opportunities, industry requirements and career prospects for Pharmacy and Nursing students, strengthening international career and academic linkages.

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Industry Collaboration

JSS College of Pharmacy, Ooty engaged with **Aeon Formulations Pvt. Ltd.**, Puducherry, exploring collaborations in microbiomes, postbiotics, nutraceuticals, cosmeceuticals, analytical methods and clinical studies, with opportunities in research, careers and entrepreneurship.

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Career outcomes

The Training & Placement Cell of JSS College of Pharmacy, Ooty, achieved a significant milestone with **8** passed-out students joining **Sandoz, Hyderabad, on 7 September 2026**.

15 students from JSS College of Pharmacy, Mysuru, were selected by **Lilly** for roles in Clinical Data Management (CDM), Global Regulatory Affairs (GRA) and Global Scientific Communications (GSC).

“*The highest education is that which does not merely give us information but makes our life in harmony with all existence.*”

— Rabindranath Tagore



RESEARCH & INNOVATION

Fostering Discovery for a Better Tomorrow

MAJOR RESEARCH FUNDING



₹ 30.00 LAKH

Dr. Archer Ann Catherine, Department of Microbiology, SLISM: Funding awarded under K-FIST L2 Scheme of **VGST**, Government of Karnataka, Medical and Life Sciences.



₹ 55.53 LAKH

Dr. S. Umamaheshwari (PI) and **Dr. Shiva S. (Co-PI)**, School of Life Sciences, Mysuru, along with **Dr. Seema Deshmukh** and **Dr. Anupama C. (Co-PIs)**, JSS Dental College & Hospital, have been awarded the **ICMR Anveshan – Extramural Small Grant 2026**.



₹ 2.50 LAKH

Dr. B. Gowramma: Received a **ANRF grant** for organizing the national seminar on Artificial Intelligence for Drug Discovery and Development at JSS College of Pharmacy, Ooty, on 18–19 September 2026.

RECOGNITION & RESEARCH EXCELLENCE

₹ 25,000

Dr. Ramith Ramu, Dept. of Biotechnology & Bioinformatics, SLISM, was awarded for **Outstanding Research Publication (AORP)** by VGST

₹ 25,000

Dr. Prasanna K. Santhekadur, Dept. of Biochemistry, JSS Medical College, was awarded for **Outstanding Research Publication (AORP)** by VGST

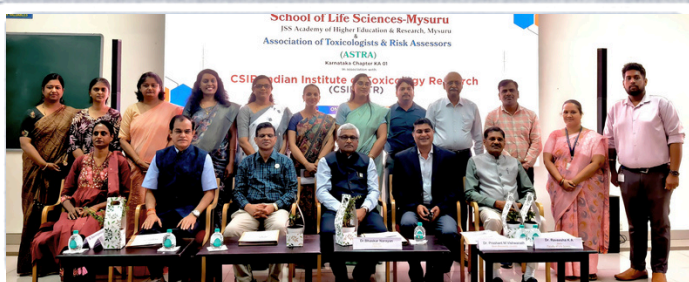
Best Poster Award

Ms. Rosemary Edwin, Research Scholar, Department of Microbiology, SLISM – Best Poster Award at ICATS-FHM 2026, Hokkaido University, Japan.

Thesis Support

Ms. Disha Maniyar, Dept. of Pediatric & Preventive Dentistry, JSS Dental College & Hospital, Mysuru – selected for the **DHR-ICMR Thesis Support Programme 2026**.

RESEARCH ENGAGEMENT



Department of Microbiology, SLISM, in Association with **ASTRA** Karnataka Chapter 01 and **CSIR-IITR Lucknow**, conducted workshop on “**Scientific Writing and Ethics in Enhancing Publication Success (SWEEP)**”.



Dr. Prashant M Vishwanath, Dean Research, JSS AHER, was felicitated by Elsevier as a panelist at the **Tomorrow Today in Research Forum**, New Delhi, on 10 September 2026.

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“The important thing is not to stop questioning.”
— Albert Einstein



Awards, Achievements & Community Impact



Prof. Sathyanarayana Rao: Careers360 3rd Faculty Research Award for Most Outstanding Researcher in the Country in Psychology; citation + ₹50,000; ceremony 1 Oct 2026 at The Imperial, Janpath, New Delhi, following India Research and Impact Summit 2026.

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Around **180 JSS College of Pharmacy, Ooty** students participated in CM's Trophy Games 2026–27 across basketball, handball, cricket, shuttle badminton, table tennis, carrom and athletics, with multiple podium finishes and ₹1.67 lakh cash prizes.

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CSIR Support: **Dr. S. Gomathy Swaminathan**, Assistant Professor, Department of Pharmaceutical Chemistry, received ₹50,000 for a tribal women's breast cancer awareness and early-detection programme, while **Ms. K.G. Jyothi**, Librarian, received ₹50,000 for a workshop on library resource utilisation.



The Adverse Drug Monitoring Centre at JSS Medical College & Hospital, Mysuru, secured **4th rank** among ADR Monitoring Centres (AMCs) for 2025–26, recognising its contribution to pharmacovigilance and adverse drug reaction monitoring.

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Dr. Harsha Chalasani, Assistant Professor, Department of Pharmacy Practice, JSS College of Pharmacy, Mysuru, was appointed Vice Chair of the Geriatric Pharmacoepidemiology Special Interest Group of the International Society for Pharmacoepidemiology (ISPE).

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National conference on **Current practices and future directions in therapeutic potential and challenges of gut microbiota** at SLS Ooty: 16-18 Sept 2026, nearly 247 participants, 135 external participants, 23 institutions, 7 states, 46 posters and 37 oral presentations.

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111TH JAYANTHI CELEBRATIONS

HONOURING LEGACY, SERVING SOCIETY



111th Jayanthi Celebrations

JSS AHER commemorated the 111th Jayanthi of His Holiness Jagadguru Dr. Sri Shivarathri Rajendra Mahaswamiji on **16 September 2026** with great reverence. The celebrations included the distribution of wheelchairs to persons in need, reaffirming the institution's commitment to community service, and the felicitation of **six distinguished JSS AHER alumni** in recognition of their achievements and contributions to society.

Prof. Morabada Mallikarjuna, Director, Publication Division, JSS Mahavidyapeetha, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. **Dr. B. Suresh**, Pro-Chancellor, JSS AHER, presided over the programme, while **Dr. H. Basavanagowdappa**, Vice-Chancellor, JSS AHER, was the Guest of Honour.