

Minutes of the 35th Governing Body Meeting of JSS College of Pharmacy, Rocklands, Ooty held on Saturday, 28.02.2026 at 10.30 am under the Chairmanship of Dr.C.G.Betsurmath, Executive Secretary, JSS Mahavidyapeetha (JSS MVP), Mysuru.

Members Present

1. Dr C G Betsurmath, Executive Secretary, JSS MVP, Mysuru
2. Dr B Suresh, Pro-Chancellor, JSS AHER, Mysuru
3. Dr H Basavanagowdappa, Vice-Chancellor, JSS AHER, Mysuru
4. Dr B Manjunatha, Registrar, JSS AHER, Mysuru
5. Dr Pramod Kumar, Principal, JSSCP, Mysuru
6. Dr Prashanth Vishwanath, Dean (Research), JSS AHER, Mysuru (University Representative)
7. Dr M Rasool, Professor, VIT, Vellore, Tamil Nadu
8. Dr S Ponnusankar, Prof & HoD, Dept. of Pharmacy Practice, JSSCPO (Staff representative)
9. Dr Arun K.P., Vice-Principal, JSSCPO
10. Dr S P Dhanabal, Principal, JSSCPO (Member Secretary)

Special Invitees

1. HODs of all Departments, JSSCP, Ooty
2. Dr K Satyanarayana Reddy, Associate Professor, Dept. of Pharmaceutics, JSSCP, Ooty (Research Coordinator).
3. Dr Jubie S., Associate Professor, Dept. of Pharmaceutical Chemistry, JSSCP, Ooty (Academic Coordinator).
4. Dr Priyadharshini S., Assistant Professor, Dept. of Pharmacognosy & Phytopharmacy, JSSCP, Ooty (IQAC Coordinator).

Leave of Absence

1. Prof S P Manjunath, Secretary - I, JSS MVP, Mysuru
2. Sri R K Jhaver, CEO, Tablets (India) Ltd., Chennai, Tamil Nadu
3. The Director of Medical Education, Chennai
4. The Regional Officer, AICTE, Chennai

35.01 Welcome

The Member Secretary submitted his respectful and humble pranams to His Holiness Swamiji and requested the Executive Secretary, JSS MVP to chair the meeting.

The Member Secretary extended his warm welcome to all the members present for the 35th GB meeting. Further, he extended his welcome to the members who were on leave of absence as well.

Followed by, he welcomed all the Head of the Departments, Academic Coordinator, Research Coordinator and IQAC Coordinator who were invited to the meeting.

Pre - Agenda Notes

The Member Secretary requested the Chairman and Members of the Governing Body to perform the ceremonial honors, which included the release the booklets Scientific Publications Volumes I-V (Jan-Dec 2025), inauguration of SPIRIT Hubs, inauguration of student clubs, release of books authored by faculty and student, launch of students start-ups, and development of a Mobile app.

1). Release of Scientific Publications 2025 booklet (Volume I-IV)

- Total number of publications : 203
- Scopus Indexed : 198
- WoS Indexed : 120
- Quartile Publications : Q1 - 39; Q2 - 64; Q3 - 38; Q4 - 42
- No. of National Journals : 34
- No. of International Journals : 169
- No. of Collaborative publications : 64
- Impact Factor range : 0.0 - 12.7

The Member Secretary thanked the Research Promotion Committee (RPC) team Dr. S.P. Dhanabal, Principal, Dr. Satyanarayana Reddy, Research Coordinator, Dr. Shanmugam, Associate Professor, Dr. Srikanth Jupudi, Assistant Professor for their efforts.

Grants from JSSAHER

- Received 2.99 Lakhs publication processing charge for 15 articles
- Received financial support for 6 patents
- Received 8 JRF (15,000/per month) and 8 SRF (20,000/per month).
- Travel grants received 7.44 lakhs.

Publications (Overall) Total: 2863

- Scopus: 2040 WoS: 1221

2). Inauguration of SPIRIT (Strategic Pharmaceutical Innovation Research in Translation) Hubs

Approved Hubs (Sanctioned Amount)

- Centre for Advanced Molecular Design and Simulation (CAMDAS) (5.0 L)
- Centre for Neuropharmacology and Experimental Neuroscience (CNEN) (5.0 L)
- Centre of Bioinformatics Research and Advanced Studies (COBRAS) (11.0 L)
- Centre for Professional Training & Skill Development (5.0 L)
- Centre of Advanced Analytical & Bioanalytical Sciences (CAABS) (5.0 L)
- Centre of Machine Learning, Pharmacometrics, Analytics and Simulation Solutions (COMPASS) (5.0 L)
- Centre of Excellence in Isolation Technology (COE-IT) (5.0 L)

Proposed and approval awaited

- Drug Safety Intelligence Centre (DSIC) (3.4 L)
- Centre of Nano Engineering Science and Technology (C-NEST) (5.00 L)
- Centre of Regulatory Excellence (CORE) (Rs.3.00 L)

The member secretary thanked and introduced the Center Coordinators to the Governing Body members, and the certificates were distributed to the members of the centers by the authorities.

3). Inauguration of Student Clubs (Mentor: Dr. Priyadharshini, IQAC Coordinator)

- Kala Vibhav (Talent Hunt)
- Khelveer (Sports)
- Sahitya (Literary)
- Chitraksha (Social Media)
- Udyamita (Entrepreneurship)
- Vikash - Raise (Community Service)
- Prakriti (Green Club)

The member secretary thanked and introduced the student club President, Secretaries and Joint Secretaries to the Governing Body members.

4). Release of Books

Book 1:

Title: EXPERIMENTAL ORGANIC AND MEDICINAL CHEMISTEY

Author: Dr T Durai Ananda Kumar

Publisher: PharmaMed Press, Hyderabad

Year: 2026

Edition: Second

Book 2:

Title: THE ONENESS

Author: Ms. Edwin Domini, VI PharmD

Publisher: Words by G 2

ISBN: 9788199644885

Year: 2026

The Member Secretary thanked and introduced the authors to the Governing Body members.

5). Launch of “Green Traditional Dews” - a Students Startup Company

The member secretary shared that, the IV B.Pharm students (Mr R Bharath, Mr E Pragadish, Mr S Abdul Vageeth, Mr Allen Roji Gevarghese, Dr B Surya) started a project (a Students Startup Company) under the Guidance of Dr S P Dhanabal and Co-guide Dr R Shanmugam. The company has been registered under the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises with the support of Entrepreneurship Development and Innovation Institute, Govt of Tamil Nadu.

The member secretary asked Mr R Bharath to brief the members about the project, and he briefed them on the same.

Dr B Suresh, Pro-Chancellor, advised to take up focused projects rather than general approach towards entrepreneurship.

6). Initiation of Development of a Mobile App - H² Hospital Hub (AI Powered Patient Centered) by Dr Pranav Raghavendra, Assistant Professor (Pharmaceutics)

The member secretary asked the developer, Dr Pranav Raghavendra to brief about the App. With the permission of the chair Dr Pranav Raghavendra briefed about the App.

- It is an All-in-One Digital Healthcare Platform (Unifies patients, doctors, and hospital administrators into a single AI-powered ecosystem).
 - Smart AI & Real-Time Care Management (Offers AI-Driven symptom analysis, real-time doctor availability, and dialysis monitoring for efficient patient care).
 - Integrated Hospital Operations System (Manages blood inventory, teleconsultation, secure payments, and advanced analytics in one platform).
 - Privacy-First & Legally Compliant (Built with strong data security, compliant with the Digital Personal Data Protection Act, 2023 and aligned).
 - Scalable Digital Transformation Engine (Reduces OP crowding, optimizes resources, and transforms traditional hospitals into intelligent, with Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act standards. Expansion-ready healthcare networks).
- The member secretary shared that the JSSCP, Ooty inaugurated “Entrepreneurship Development and Innovation Institute Cell” Govt of Tamil Nadu on Jan 31, 2026, during the valedictory function of NPWC (Coordinator - Dr. R Shanmugam, TIFAC center).
- The member secretary shared that, the five-year Strategic Plan 2026-30 has been prepared successfully by incorporating corrections given by the authorities during the 35th GB meeting of JSS College of Pharmacy, Mysuru and the same will be submitted to JSS AHER for approval and implementation shortly.

Pro-Chancellor suggested having a separate meeting on five-year Strategic Plan and taking further action and emphasized that it should be aligned with the 10-year Strategic Plan of JSS AHER which is in progress and will be finalized soon.

Vice-Chancellor congratulated all the above works/events, and he said to show the outcomes of the same in the next Governing Body meeting.

- The member secretary congratulated JSSAHER for getting “Education Award 2025” by APTI at the 74th IPC held at Bangalore on Dec 19 - 21, 2025.
- The member secretary congratulated Dr. B Suresh, Pro Chancellor, JSS AHER for bagging “Lifetime Achievement Award in Academics” by IPA at the 11 Global Pharmaceutical Quality Summit at Mumbai.

35.02 Confirmation of Minutes of 34th GB meeting held on 4th August 2025

The Member Secretary informed that the Minutes of 34th GB Meeting were communicated to all the members. As there were no remarks / comments received from the members, he requested the Chairman and members to confirm the minutes. Thus, the minutes of the 34th GB Meeting were considered and confirmed.

35.03 Report on Action Taken on the minutes of 34th GB Meeting held on 4th August 2025

A report on action taken on the Minutes of the 34th GB meeting was presented by the Member Secretary before the members.

34.04.04 Result Analysis

- The Vice-Chancellor congratulated and appreciated the overall data compiled and observed that the proportion of 'O' grade varied between theory and practical subjects, with a higher percentage in practical subjects, which need to be analyzed and appropriately addressed.

Action taken: The higher proportion of 'O' grades in practical subjects may be due to scoring in the synopsis, where questions are taken from well-defined portions, along with stepwise marking in experiments that provide multiple opportunities for students to improve their performance. In addition, the focused syllabus and hands-on learning in practical promote better understanding and higher scores, whereas theory exams are broader, memory-based, and evaluated more strictly.

- Also, he expressed concern that the D.Pharm results were poor in both the colleges - JSSCPM and JSSCPO and advised that necessary corrective measures be taken. He further mentioned that the same matter was discussed in the recently held Governing Council Meeting of JSS AHER.

Action taken: Above 90 % of the D.Pharm students studied up to HSc Education in their mother tongue (Tamil) and they face difficulty in understanding, writing and reproducing the subject concepts after the regular classes and while reading the textbooks.

The teachers understand their academic level and to make them cope up with the subjects in English by taking more efforts to teach in simple language and more explanatory manner and some of the deliberations even in their native language whenever needed.

During practical hours the teachers spend time on individual basis and motivate them to read regularly and give simple assignments and unit tests.

34.04.07 Scientific Publications

- The Executive Secretary appreciated the commendable work carried out by the institution and observed that a few departments had comparatively fewer publications and were not performing at par with other departments, which need to be addressed and improved.

Action taken: The Principal has communicated these observations to the departments concerned with lower publication numbers and advised them to take necessary steps to enhance their research output and publication performance and it seems to be complying.

34.04.11 Research Grants and Fellowships

- The Registrar advised that the Department of Pharmacology should submit a greater number of research project proposals.

Action taken: Four projects have been submitted to external funding agencies viz., ICMR (1), CSIR (2) and DBT (1) during the assessment period (July to Dec 2025)

34.07 Future Plans

- The Vice-Chancellor suggested that the departments should place greater emphasis on future directions and present these with a clear strategic plan and defined timelines to achieve the intended outcomes.

Action taken: Each department has incorporated detailed future directions with time-bound action plans, as enclosed in Appendix - I page nos. A 19 - A 22

34.6 Financial Report

- Sri R. K. Jhaver mentioned that being new to the governance of the academic institution, he found the presentation is comprehensive and well-prepared. He shared his observations that several vacant non-teaching positions need to be filled to strengthen the general administration of the college. He emphasized the importance of advance planning for replacements of retiring faculty members. He further suggested that surplus funds in the budget should be generated through improved efficiency rather than by cost-cutting through reduction of manpower. He also advised that the budget sanctioned under each head should be utilized effectively and need not be conserved merely to reflect a surplus.

Action taken: The Sanctioned posts of teaching and non-teaching staff presented were based on the numbers sanctioned by the management are more and above the requirements of the statutory body anticipating the expansion of the academic programs and departments in the future. However, the filled-in positions presented were in adherence to the regulatory body requirements in both teaching and non-teaching categories.

The college mandates the teaching staff to serve for the full academic year, and no one will be permitted to resign in the middle of the academic year. This enables to assess the requirements for new appointments well in advance. Thus, the vacancies created due to retirement and resignations are filled with due planning in advance without affecting the academic and administrative activities.

The sanctioned budget under each head was utilized effectively in a planned and need-based manner for the overall development of the institution. Financial allocations were guided by institutional priorities and quality enhancement requirements, rather than considerations of maintaining a surplus through conservative approach.

34.04.07 & 34.04.11 Scientific Publications & Research Grants

- Dr. M. Rashul has suggested increasing internal grants to generate preliminary data for submission of government-funded research proposals.

Action taken: 30 JSSAHER internal seed grants are currently ongoing, with a faculty-to-grant ratio of 1:0.6, aimed at generating strong preliminary data to support competitive government-funded research proposals. Also, the newly joined faculty are oriented to apply for the internal JSSAHER Grants.

- He also emphasized the importance of publishing in high-impact journals and providing open-access publication support for Q1 and Q2 journals

Action taken: The Principal convened a meeting with faculty members and research scholars and instructed that, from Jan 2026 onwards, publications must be strictly in Q1 and Q2 journals.

- Further, he recommended increasing the number of project submissions and strengthening collaborations with other departments and universities

Action taken: A total of 49 research proposals amounting to ₹44.76 crores have been submitted in 2025, reflecting significant improvement in research funding efforts. Some of these projects are submitted in collaborations with nationally reputed institutions viz., VIT Chennai, AIIMS New Delhi, IIT New Delhi, and the University of Burdwan to strengthen interdisciplinary research.

- He also suggested effectively utilizing social media platforms to promote the institute's achievements and enhance outreach and admissions.

Action taken: The college maintains active official accounts on Facebook, LinkedIn, and Instagram to promote research achievements, funded projects, publications, and institutional visibility for improved outreach and admissions.

The Member Secretary requested the Chairman and the members to approve the 'Action Taken Report' of the previous meeting and the same was approved.

35.03.01. Presentation of activities by the Principal (For the period 1st Jul - 31st Dec 2025)

The Member Secretary presented the 'HIGHLIGHTS' of various events held during the assessment period.

NIRF Ranking 2025

JSS College of Pharmacy, Ooty, secured the 4th rank in the NIRF Rankings 2025, conducted by the Ministry of Education, Govt. of India. The rankings were announced by Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, Hon'ble Minister of Education, at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, on 04th Sep 2025. The college has proudly retained the 4th position for the third consecutive year. This achievement is a testament to the divine blessings of His Holiness Swamiji of Sri Suttur Math, whose guidance and inspiration continue to be our strength. We express our heartfelt gratitude to the leadership, authorities, and officers of JSSMVP and JSSAHER for their unwavering support. A special note of appreciation to the NIRF working team, including Dr Arun K P, Dr Krishnaveni N, Dr Jubie S and Dr Satyanarayana Reddy for their dedication and commitment to excellence.

JSSCPO was invited by Thiru R N Ravi, Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu, to participate in the Conclave for Excellence in Higher Education in Tamil Nadu, held at Raj Bhavan, Chennai on 8th Oct 2025. The event brought together leading institutions across the state, and JSSCPO was privileged to be recognized among the Top 20 institutions in the NIRF 2025 Rankings in Tamil Nadu. A total of 54 institutions participated, including 26 Top 20 ranked institutions, 14 State Universities, and 14 other reputed institutions from Tamil Nadu.

Student/Staff Achievements

• University Gold Medal Achievements - 16th Convocation of JSSAHER

Students from JSSCPO achieved remarkable success at the University level during the 16th Convocation of JSSAHER held on 9th Nov 2025. Gold Medals were bagged in the following programs for the academic year 2024–2025:

- BPharm : University Gold Medal
- MPharm : Gold Medals in 8 out of 10 specializations viz., Pharmaceuticals, Industrial

- PharmD : Pharmacy, Pharmaceutical Regulatory Affairs, Pharmacology, Pharmaceutical Analysis, Pharmaceutical Biotechnology, Pharmacognosy, Pharmacy Practice : 03 awards for highest marks in V PharmD, Hospital Pharmacy, and Clinical Pharmacy
- PhD : 26 awardees from JSSCPO out of a total of 80

Dr Vignesh, Department of Pharmaceutics, was the Overall MPharm Topper, further highlights the exemplary academic performance at JSSCPO.

“TNPSWT G. Rangachari Memorial (PG Pharmacy Fellowship) Award” 2025 – 2026

The following PG Students have received the G. Rangachari Memorial Award for the AY 2025-26 from the Tamil Nadu Pharmaceutical Welfare Trust, Chennai

S No	Name of the Student	Mentor	Branch	Rank
1.	Ms Muskan Sharma	Dr B Gowramma	Pharmaceutical Chemistry	First
2.	Dr Vasanth R	Dr Jubie S	Pharmaceutical Chemistry	Second
3.	Ms Preety Rani Gupta	Dr Justin A	Pharmacology	Third
4.	Ms Kavipriya V	Ms Mumtha	Pharmacognosy	Third
5.	Dr N Akilan	Dr Arun K P	Pharmacy Practice	Third
I Rank : Rs. 12,000.00 II Rank : Rs. 10,000.00 III Rank : Rs. 8,000/-				
6.	Ms Abigail James Raj, Ms J M Rithanya, Ms J Pruthvi, Ms Thusita S	Dr Arun K P	PharmD	Second
I Rank : Rs. 15,000.00 II Rank : Rs. 12,000.00 III Rank : Rs.10,000.00				

Three II BPharm students namely, Ms S M Smita, Dr G Mukesh, and Dr P S Shivaguru participated in the Nilgiris District Level Tamil Elocution Competition held on 12–13 Aug 2025, organized by the Tamil Valarchi Thurai, focusing on the contributions of Arignar Anna and Thanthai Periyar. Ms Smita secured the III Prize and received a cash award of ₹ 2,000, bringing recognition to the institution through her commendable performance.

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Four II BPharm students namely, Dr G Mukesh, Dr P S Shivaguru, Ms S M Smita, and Ms R Mahaswetha participated in the District Level Tamil Elocution Competition conducted by the Tamil Valarchi Thurai on 4-5th Nov 2025. The event focused on the contributions of Mahatma Gandhi and Jawaharlal Nehru. Our students secured notable positions, with Dr G Mukesh winning III Prize (₹ 2,000), Ms S M Smita winning II Prize (₹ 3,000), and Ms R Mahaswetha winning III Prize (₹ 2,000), and bringing laurels to the institution. Cash awards were distributed by Smt. Lakshmi Bhavya Tanneeru, IAS, District Collector. Thanks to Dr Gomathy Swaminathan for her coordination.

• Best Presentation Awards

- Ms S S Janani Sri (II MPharm, Department of Pharm. Chemistry), under the guidance of Dr S Jubie, Associate Professor, received the Best Oral Presentation Award at the 46th Conference on *Recent Advances in Drug Discovery and Development - 2025*, held on 7-9th Oct 2025 at the Indian Institute of Technology (BHU), Varanasi.

- Ms Muskan Sharma, (II MPharm, Department of Pharm. Chemistry), under the guidance of Dr Gowramma, Associate Professor has received the Best Presentation Award at the 74th Indian Pharmaceutical Congress (IPC) 2025, held at Bengaluru during 19–21 December 2025.
- Ms D Melphia, PhD Scholar (Guide: Dr S Jubie), Department of Pharmaceutical Chemistry, has received the Best Oral Presentation Award at the 74th Indian Pharmaceutical Congress (IPC) 2025, held at Bengaluru during 19–21 December 2025
- Dr H Rajamohamed, Asst. Professor, Department of Pharmacy Practice, received the Best Scientific E-Poster Award (Faculty Category) for the work titled *“From Gut to Heart: The Role of Microbial Metabolites in Atherosclerosis in South Indian Population – An Exploratory Study”* at the 2nd International Conference on Clinical Pharmacy Practice and Research, organized by VELs University, Chennai on 25 - 26th Sep 2025.
- Ms Priya Dharshini S., Assistant Professor, Department of Pharmacognosy has received the Best Oral Presentation Award at the National Conference on “SHE-Science 2025 (Sustainable Health and Empowerment in Science)”, organized by the School of Pharmaceutical Sciences in collaboration with the Society of Pharmaceutical Education and Research (SPER), Noida, held at Lovely Professional University, Punjab, on 26th August 2025.
- Ms Mumtha L., Assistant Professor, Department of Pharmacognosy has secured the Best Paper Award at the International Seminar on “The Role of AI in Integrating Traditional and Modern Medicine”, organized by the Department of Pharmacognosy, Periyar College of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Tiruchirappalli, and accredited by The Tamil Nadu Dr MGR Medical University, Chennai, held on 7th August 2025.
- **Best Poster Presentation Awards - Manipal Pharmaceutical Conference 2025**
 - Five faculty/research scholars/postgraduate students received Best Poster Presentation Awards at the *Manipal Pharmaceutical Conference 2025* held at MCOPS, MAHE, Manipal held on 28th-30th Aug 2025.

Awardees & Domains

- ❖ Drug Discovery and Development: Dr. Jeyaram Bharathi, Clinical Pharmacist, Department of Pharmacy Practice
- ❖ Pharmaceuticals, Drug Delivery and Biopharmaceutics: Dr Esaki M. Kumar (Guide: Dr S Jubie), Ms Samanwita (Guides: Dr M Jawahar & Dr K Gowthamarajan), Dr Sabarinathan (Guides: Dr R Murugappan & Dr N Venkatesh)
- ❖ Pharmacology: Ms Anitha (Guide: Dr Praveen T K)

● **Milestone Achievement - 300 PhDs Awarded**

JSSCPO achieved a significant research milestone by successfully awarding PhD degrees to 300 PhD scholars, on 21.10.2025 marking continued excellence in research, higher education, and scholarly output. This accomplishment reflected the strong mentorship provided by recognized PhD supervisors and the institutional commitment to advancing pharmaceutical sciences. The achievement further strengthened JSSCPO's position as a leading research institution within JSSAHER and in national rankings.

Vice-Chancellor asked for clarifications about whether the 300 PhDs awarded were by the deemed to be university or from the inception of the college. It was clarified that it is from the inception of the college (86 from TN Dr MGR MU and 214 from the JSS AHER). Considering the fact that out of about 500 PhDs awarded by the university 224 accounts for about 43 % which is remarkable contribution to the University, the authorities appreciated it.

- Dr K Gowthamarajan, Professor and Dr Karri VVS Narayana Reddy, Associate Professor, Department of Pharmaceutics were featured in the World Top 2% Scientists list by Stanford University for the fourth consecutive year.
- Dr S P Dhanabal, Principal, JSSCPO, was honored with the “Excellence in Academics, Administration, and Research Award” during the 64th National Pharmacy Week Celebrations and Award Function organized by the Tamil Nadu State Branch of the Indian Pharmaceutical Association (TN IPA) and Tamil Nadu Pharmacy Students Welfare Trust (TPSWT) at Sri Ramakrishna Institute of Paramedical Sciences, Coimbatore.
- Dr D Nagasamy Venkatesh, Associate Professor, Department of Pharmaceutics has been conferred with “APTI – Pharmacy Teacher of the year award - 2025” at “APTI Awards 2025” sponsored by Bharathi Vidyapeeth Deemed University, Poona College of Pharmacy in association with Association of Pharmaceutical Teachers of India during 74th Indian Pharmaceutical Congress held at BIEC, Bengaluru during 19th-21st December 2025.
- Dr N Jawahar, Associate Professor, Department of Pharmaceutics, was conferred the “Best Teacher Award” by the Indian Pharmacy Graduates Association (IPGA) on 30th Nov 2025. The recognition highlighted his significant contributions to teaching excellence and student development.
- Dr L Priyanka Dwarampudi, Asst. Professor and Head i/c, Department. of Pharmacognosy, was honored with the Society for Ethnopharmacology Young Researcher Award 2025 (Prof. Peter Houghton Memorial Award) during the 12th Convention of the Society for Ethnopharmacology, India, held on 30th-31st Oct 2025 at Jamia Hamdard, New Delhi, in recognition of her promising contributions to ethnopharmacological research.
- Dr S Jubie, Associate Professor, Department of Pharmaceutical Chemistry was one of the invited speakers at the 74th Indian Pharmaceutical Congress (IPC) 2025, held at Bengaluru during 19-21st December 2025.
- **MoUs Signed with**
 1. University of Newcastle, New South Wales, Australia (Oct 30th, 2025)
 2. Panvo Organics Pvt. Ltd., Chennai (Aug 8th, 2025)
 3. JSS Ayurvedic Medical College, Mysuru (Dec 22nd, Dec 2025)

The Executive Secretary advised that all the MoUs must be active and shortly a report shall be submitted to the authorities as was done a couple of years ago.

- **International Visits by Faculty**
 - Dr Vishwas H N, Asst. Professor, Dept. of Pharmacy Practice received Repat Pharmacy Visiting Research Fellowship from the Clinical & Health Sciences Division, Univ. of South Australia, Adelaide, under the mentorship of Prof. Debra Rowett, during June 15-July 11 2025.
 - Dr Arun KP, Associate Professor, Department of Pharmacy Practice received a travel grant from JSS AHER to participate in the International Conference on Lifelong Learning in Pharmacy (LLLP 2025). He presented a poster at the conference, which was held in Sydney, Australia, from 8-10th July 2025.

- Dr SP Dhanabal, visited USA and had interaction at the Novitium Pharma Inc., New Jersey, Seton Hall University, New Jersey, Rutgers University, New Jersey, New York Medical College, New York, University of Maryland School of Pharmacy, Baltimore, United States Pharmacopeia Headquarters, Rockville and Howard University, Washington DC, USA to expand collaborations in pharmaceutical education, research, and innovation.

During the discussions held about the financial support to the faculty members, the Pro-Chancellor advised Dr Prashanth V to formulate clear guidelines/policy for financial support for international visits, particularly when such visits are part of MoU activities, initiation of MoUs, faculty exchange etc. He further advised that this policy should also include provisions for extended stay for all such official assignments, if their original purpose of international visit is to attend conferences, etc. with travel grants from external agencies.

The Vice-Chancellor suggested that the roles and responsibilities of the participating parties should be clearly defined in the policy.

Subsequently, the Member Secretary requested the authorities that similar financial support may also be extended for student exchange programs.

- **Events Organized**

- ✓ "Trio Celebrations" on Sep 20, 2025, to mark
 - The 110th Jayanthi of Jagadguru Dr Sri Shivarathi Rajendra Mahaswamiji (29th Aug 2025)
 - Teachers' Day (5th Sep 2025)
 - World Pharmacists Day (25th Sep 2025)
- ✓ The "110th Jayanthi Celebrations of His Holiness Dr. Sri Shivaratri Rajendra Mahaswamiji" by the "Shashwati Veerashaiva Mahila Balaga", Mysore (Sep 6, 2025)
- ✓ "Institutional Synergy Meet - 2025" at Hotel Monarch (16th Oct 2025)
- ✓ Jointly with Tamil Nadu Food Safety and Drug Administration Department a training session for hostel kitchen personnel and assistant wardens for JSSCP and JSSPS, Ooty (Sep 28, 2025).
- ✓ Jointly with Indian Chemical Society and Madras Christian College hosted a special dinner honoring Di Mounji G. Bawendi, USA, 2023 Nobel Prize Awardee in Chemistry on 18th Dec 2025 at Hotel Le Royal Meridien, Chennai.

- **Research Promotion Committee (RPC) Workshops**

- ✓ "Harnessing Artificial Intelligence (AI) Ethically for Scientific Writing and Publishing" (July 25, 2025).
- ✓ "Pharmaceutical Patents: Strategies for Drafting, Filing, and Understanding the Indian Patent System" (Sep 2nd, 2025).
- ✓ "Beyond Confocal Microscopy" (Dec 9th, 2025).
- ✓ "An Overview of BMJ Journals and the Research to Publication" (Oct 25th, 2025).

- **Collaborations / Student Exchange**

- ✓ Dr James Chelliah, University of Exeter, United Kingdom visited and interacted with faculty on Sep 27th, 2025
- ✓ Dr Debra Rowett, Professor, Dr Vijay Subbaiah, Senior Lecturer and 4 students from University of South Australia visited our campus on July 17th-21st, 2025.
- ✓ Dr Ritendre Singh and Ms Hiral, Managing Directors, Cira Herbals, Mumbai visited to review ongoing collaborative research on July 31st, 2025.

General

- **Expression of our gratitude for the salary hike: On behalf of all staff members, we place on record the heartfelt gratitude to the esteemed leadership of JSS MVP and JSS AHER, Mysuru, for the kind approval and implementation of salary enhancement.**
- PCI Inspection / QCI Assessment: BPharm (Nov 23rd-24th, 2025), DPharm (Jan 24th, 2026), All programs (Feb 9th-10th, 2025)
- Initiated endowment funds of Rs 1.00 Lakh each from alumni and industrial partners to institute gold medals for the 2024-2025 batch meritorious students at the university and institution levels.
- Conducted Faculty Orientation Program by Dr S P Dhanabal Principal on Dec 10th, 2025, for the newly joined and probation faculty
- Sports activities: District Chief Minister's Trophy Games 2025-26 won Rs. 2.10 Lakh cash prize and 15 medals (Gold 5; Silver 6; Bronze 4)

The Executive Secretary shared the following points after the highlights were presented:

- He appreciated the publications, students' clubs, and the mobile application initiatives of the institution. He also congratulated Dr. Gowthamarajan K and Dr. Satyanarayana Reddy for being listed in the World's Top 2% Scientists by Stanford University for the fourth consecutive year.
- He advised that original photographs of the institution should be used for the SPIRIT Hub. The Member Secretary replied that the actual photographs would be incorporated once the centre is fully established and functional.
- He appreciated the institution for securing the 4th Rank in the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) and expressed his expectation that the institution should strive to achieve a position within the top three ranks. The Pro-Chancellor responded that the salary structure of the institution is approximately one-third of that offered by institutions holding the top three ranks, and stated that if comparable salary structures are implemented, the institution could potentially achieve a position among the top three ranks.

The Vice-Chancellor congratulated the institution for its achievements and appreciated the collective efforts of the faculty, staff, and students.

35.04 Academic Report

35.05.01 Statutory Approvals

Course	PCI	JSSAHER
DPharm	Extension of approval up to 2025-26 Applied for 2026-27**	2025 – 2026
BPharm		
PharmD		
PharmD (PB)		
MPharm		

**inspection completed on 9.2.2026

35.04.02 Admission status - All programs (Academic Year 2025-26)

Course	Approved Intake (PCI)	Total number of students admitted	% of Admissions
D Pharm	120	14	11.66
BPharm	100	104*	100
BPharm (Practice)	40	-	-
BPharm (Lateral Entry)	10	8	80
M Pharm	116	104	89.65
Pharm D	30	30	100
Pharm D (PB)	10	9	90
Total	426	269	-

*Admitted under PM special scholarship scheme for Jammu & Kashmir students

M Pharm

Specialization	Approved Intake (PCI)	Total online applications received	Total no of students taken entrance exam	Total No. of Admissions	% of Admissions
Pharmaceutics	15	127	92	15	100
Pharm. Chemistry	9	18	15	9	100
Pharmacognosy	10	3	2	1	10
Pharmacology	15	56	43	15	100
Pharm. Analysis	15	17	17	15	100
Pharm. Biotechnology	10	17	17	10	100
Pharmacy Practice	15	7	5	12	80
Quality Assurance	9	12	13	9	100
Industrial Pharmacy	6	7	7	6	100
Regulatory Affairs	12	65	48	12	100
Total	116	329	259	104	89.65

The Pro-Chancellor advised that the programs viz., D.Pharm and B.Pharm (Practice) shall be withdrawn from the approval of the Pharmacy Council of India (PCI). He instructed that an email be sent to the PCI regarding the same, with a copy marked to him. He also suggested that the institution may explore the introduction of new programs and encourage admission of external students to the online Diploma/Certificate programs. It was also clarified by him that the remuneration for the teachers can be given only based on the number of external students getting registered.

The Vice-Chancellor enquired about the low admissions in the Pharmacognosy department in both the pharmacy institutions. The Pro-Chancellor responded that a similar trend is observed across institutions in India. The Member Secretary informed that for the Academic Year 2026–27, 7 out of 10 seats have already been blocked.

35.04.03 Staff Details

Teaching Staff

Details of the existing teaching staff, with their qualification, teaching experience, staff resigned/retired and new appointments made, and details of the non-teaching staff were presented.

Dr Rasool, External Member, shared that faculty recruitment in his institution was carried out using Artificial Intelligence (AI). The Pro-Chancellor appreciated this initiative.

The Pro-Chancellor suggested that AI-based programmes should be widely popularized. He also advised that 20 students from both the pharmacy institutions should be trained and certified in AI within the next six months. He requested Dr. Satyanarayana Reddy to coordinate the training at the Ooty campus.

The Member Secretary stated that faculty members are currently permitted to enroll in PhD program only after completion of their probationary period.

Dr Prashant has requested the Principal to encourage all the faculty members who are without PhD degree to apply for PhD even during their probationary period. The principal expressed his concerns that in the past probationary faculty members given such opportunities did not continue after the award of PhD and so the decision was taken internally, not to allow the probationary faculty to register for PhD until the declaration of their probation. However, with due regard to his concerns, the Pro-Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor have advised the Principal to permit the probationary faculty members also to register for PhD program as it will benefit both the candidate and the University.

The Pro-Chancellor also advised that eligible faculty members should be promoted, and vacant posts be filled in accordance with the requirements of PCI, UGC, NAAC, and AISHE. He further emphasized that AISHE serves as a primary database and that institutional records should be properly streamlined in alignment with AISHE requirements. As the One Nation One Data policy is emerging, we cannot show different faculty positions and numbers to these agencies and hence, the statutory norms to be fulfilled, and uniform data to be shown, he advised.

The Vice Chancellor advised that the sanctioned posts of non-teaching staff be reviewed and the number of positions must be appropriately rationalized. The Pro-Chancellor also advised that the staff requirements be re-aligned based on institutional needs. The Executive Secretary instructed that the matter should be examined in detail and a proposal be prepared and submitted for approval.

35.04.04 Result Analysis (Academic Year: 2024 - 25)

The subject-wise result analysis of various courses across all programs was presented during the meeting.

The Vice-Chancellor appreciated the efforts made for the micro analysis of the results comparing internal and external (University) examination marks by the member secretary.

The Executive Secretary advised that students who have secured B and C grades should be encouraged and guided to improve their performance to achieve A grades. He also suggested including the results of the outgoing students in the analysis.

The Member Secretary clarified that the even-semester results of the outgoing students will be included in the data presented at the next Governing Body meeting.

The Vice-Chancellor emphasized the importance of continuous academic monitoring and improvement of student performance in both theory and practical.

Upon the advice of the Member Secretary, Dr Jubie S., Academic Coordinator, briefed the members on the methodology and process adopted for conducting the result analysis.

35.04.05 Library Information Centre

Information regarding the library resources, including the number of books, volumes, available facilities, budget allocation, and utilization details, was presented during the meeting.

The Member Secretary expressed his gratitude to the Management for appointing the Librarian.

The Pro-Chancellor stated that additional books should continue to be procured twice a year based on the requirements submitted by the departments, even in the absence of the Librarian. The Vice Chancellor also advised that the allotted budget should be effectively utilized.

The Pro-Chancellor cautioned both the institutions to ensure that the books especially the reference materials such as Pharmacopoeias are procured only from the authorized publishers / suppliers and not the pirated copies as it will not ethical.

35.04.06 PhD Program [Full Time (FT): 86, Part Time (PT): 65]

PhD Approved Guides	: 36
PhD Approved Intake	: 216
No. of PhD Ongoing	: 141 (% of admissions: 65.74)
No. of PhD Awarded	: 292 (Under TN MGR University - 86 & JSS AHER - 206)

The Pro-Chancellor advised that the number of Part-Time PhD registrations should be reduced, except for internal faculty members. Dr. Satyanarayana Reddy, Research Coordinator informed that the recruitment of Part-Time PhD scholars has been discouraged at JSS College of Pharmacy, Ooty, with effect from January 2024, and that the 65 existing registrations were admitted prior to this decision, nearly two years ago. He also stated that Part-Time PhD registration will henceforth be permitted only in collaboration with industries/premier institutions. Also, it was advised by the Pro-Chancellor that the Part-Time registrations should not be more than 25% of the total at any given point.

Dr Prashanth V suggested that the use of Turnitin should be regulated by limiting the number of uploads and restricting access only to mentors. He also advised that scholars upload the complete document at once rather than submitting it section by section.

35.04.07 Scientific Publications

The details of scientific publications were presented during the meeting. The Member Secretary informed that all departments are encouraged to publish research papers, and a cadre-wise publication target was also presented.

The Pro-Chancellor fixed a target of two publications per research scholar and per faculty member for the current year. Thus, accounting for 150 research scholars and 50 faculty members, the college must attain a minimum of 400 publications during the year 2026, he said. He also advised that research admissions should be increased by 10% every year.

It was noted that the publication data reported by Dr Sheeba, Bibliometrician, and the data presented in the Governing Body (GB) meeting showed some variation. Dr Satyanarayana Reddy clarified that the variation was due to the inclusion of book chapters indexed in Scopus and stated that both datasets are essentially the same. Also, he suggested verifying the data with Dr. Sheeba before including it in further GB meetings.

He suggested that the institution should track and monitor citation analysis on a regular basis. He also recommended that greater emphasis be given to publishing research articles in the core domains of Pharmacology and Toxicology, with comparatively less priority to other subject areas.

35.04.08 Books Published by Faculty

Details of books published were presented.

35.04.09 Patents

The number of patents awarded, filed, and published during the assessment period were presented.

The Pro-Chancellor advised the departments to focus on small research outcomes and innovations that can be easily converted into patents. He emphasized that patent filings should be increased to meet the targets set by the University. He also suggested working closely with industry partners to develop patents based on industry needs. Further, he recommended that greater emphasis be placed on process patents rather than patents by design.

35.04.10 Honors and Achievements by Faculty, Scholars and Students

Department-wise details of honors and achievements received by the faculty, scholars and UG/PG students were presented.

35.04.11 Research Grants & Fellowships

It was brought to the notice of the GB members about the status of the funded projects & the projects granted through JSS AHER, Mysuru during the assessment period. Students' fellowships, seed grants, and student's stipend under various schemes were also presented.

The Member Secretary requested the introduction of a 3-year JSS AHER scholarship scheme. He also suggested that clear targets be fixed for faculty members and necessary facilities be provided to help them achieve these targets. Upon successful completion of the targets, the faculty member may automatically become eligible for promotion.

Dr Rasool suggested that specific targets be fixed for SPIRIT Hubs and that measurable outcomes should be achieved within six months. The centers should actively generate research grants and external funding. Outstanding performance should be recognized, celebrated, and encouraged.

Dr Prashanth informed that guidelines and policies for the centers have already been prepared. The Executive Secretary instructed that the outcome/progress of the centers be included as an agenda item in the next meeting.

Dr Rasool also suggested that individual faculty members should be encouraged to establish and develop their own research laboratories through externally funded projects and grants.

The Pro-Chancellor advised that the institution should aim to secure research grants in the range of Rs 5-10 crores and instructed the concerned members to prepare and submit proposals accordingly.

Dr Rasool informed that in VIT PhD scholars will receive a fellowship of Rs 30,000 per month, while GATE-qualified PhD scholars will receive Rs 35,000 per month for a duration of three years.

Dr Rasool shared that in his institution a “Deep Tech Scholar” scheme has been introduced, which provides a scholarship of Rs 50,000/- per month along with Rs 1,00,000/- as contingency support. The respective guides will be given with a grant of Rs 10 Lakhs, he further added.

It was recommended to maintain and strengthen the Research Integrative Office and to establish it formally at JSSAHER to coordinate and streamline research activities.

35.04.12 Consultancy - CADRAT

The details of the consultancy projects carried out by the faculty members were presented.

Dr Rasool emphasized the need to increase the number of consultancy activities. He also mentioned that in their institution, the lead consultant fixes the consultancy fee for the consultancy assignment.

35.04.13 Webinars Organized by Engaging JSS AHER Adjunct Faculty & External Experts

The data pertaining to webinars organized by inviting the Adjunct faculty, Industrial and Academic experts as Resource persons and seminars/webinars/workshops in which the faculty participated as resource persons/delegates was also presented to the members.

35.04.14 Conference/Seminar/Workshops Organized

Data on the Conferences /Seminars / Workshops organized by the various departments were presented.

35.04.15 Presentations by staff and students at conferences, seminars and workshops

The scientific presentations done by staff/students at various conferences / seminars / workshops at national and international level were presented.

35.04.16 Instrument procured through funded project grants

Instrument procured through funded project grants were also presented.

35.04.17 Industrial Internship / Training Faculty & Students

Industrial Internship / Training by faculty and students were also presented.

35.04.18 Student Placements

Placement details were presented before the GB members.

The Pro-Chancellor stated that five major pharmaceutical companies should be invited to visit the institution, namely Sun Pharma, Cadila Healthcare, Lupin Pharma, Dr Reddy's Laboratories, and Aurobindo Pharma.

35.05 Infrastructure Developments

With respect to civil works, the details of approved & approval awaited works, presently on going and new proposals were presented.

The Pro-Chancellor also suggested that every year one major equipment should be procured through institutional funding and two major equipments through external funding agencies.

Member Secretary presented a new proposal of fixing Corian tops on all dining tables in both hostels and to replace the existing old wooden chairs with new modern chairs to improve the seating capacity, durability, aesthetics, and overall dining comfort for students as the existing tables and chairs are of above 40 years old. The approximate cost would be about Rs.20.00 Lakhs.

The Pro-Chancellor advised that a proposal for the upgradation of the hostel dining facilities be prepared and submitted. Also, the Executive Secretary advised, these types of repair and renovation works need not to be presented under new infrastructure proposals.

35.06 Financial Report

Financial outlay statements for the past five years, Abstract of Approved Revised Budget for 2025-26, Abstract of Approved Budget Estimates for 2026-27 are presented.

Member Secretary proudly said that the institution is maintaining surplus budget for the past 7 years.

35.07 Smart campus initiatives

The initiatives of smart campus were presented.

35.08 Future Plans

The future plans of the various departments were presented.

Concluding Remarks

- ❖ The Vice-Chancellor congratulated and appreciated the presentation and advised that efforts should be made to achieve the targets that have been set.
- ❖ The Pro-Chancellor stated that a point-based promotion system should be implemented and suggested that the same system may also be extended to the administrative staff ; He further mentioned three key factors that create institutional impact viz. Research, Perception, and Internationalization ; He also advised that efforts be made to admit at least 10 international students across all programs for the Academic Year 2026–27.
- ❖ The Executive Secretary informed that the Performance Based Appraisal System (PBAS) is currently being followed and suggested that it may be reviewed once again.
- ❖ Dr Pramod congratulated the institution for securing the 4th Rank in NIRF, the increase in the number of publications, admissions, and the appointment of a librarian. He also thanked JSS AHER for providing two new buses and a water tanker lorry to the institution ; He further shared that both the pharmacy institutions have successfully completed all three inspections, namely ACPE, PCI, and PCI-QCI ; He appreciated the surplus budget and the alumni endowment initiatives of the institution ; As areas of concern, he emphasized that the Placement activities to

be strengthened and the college should take initiatives to introduce joint diploma / certificate programmes with industries.

- ❖ Dr Prashanth V congratulated the institution on its achievements and suggested that faculty orientation programmes should be conducted for newly recruited and mid-level faculty members. The Member Secretary replied that an Orientation Session was conducted by the Principal on 10th Dec 2025 for newly joined faculty members and faculty on probation (total 14 participants). He also recommended highlighting the events organized by the Pharmacy Education Unit.
- ❖ The Registrar stated that the overall presentation was good and appreciated the efforts made. He also advised that the institution should strive to achieve a better position in the NIRF rankings.
- ❖ The Executive Secretary advised to meet the local administration viz. District Collector, Municipal Commissioner & Similar Officials to update them about the smart campus initiatives of the college so that they may include this information in the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan scheme which they would be submitting soon to the Government.
- ❖ Dr.Rasool congratulated Dr.S.Jubie and her student for publishing a paper in a top impact journal "Cytokine & Growth factor reviews (IF:11.8)". He appreciated their effort and noted that it is a significant achievement and a challenging task even for his research team.
- ❖ The Pro-Chancellor advised that the departmental and research scholar presentations should be circulated prior to the meeting, so that the meeting time can be utilized mainly for discussions.
- ❖ The Member Secretary thanked all the members for their valuable comments and suggestions and assured that all the assigned tasks will be completed before the next meeting.
- ❖ After concluding his presentation, the Member Secretary requested the leaderships to kindly consider the request of the college submitted to consider the HRA on par with the constituent colleges of JSS AHER at Mysuru. As the HRA for Ooty college is a fixed amount (which is very minimum) and for other colleges it is in terms of percentage of the salary.
- ❖ The Executive Secretary informed that it is as per the state Government norms that the allowances have been fixed. The Pro-Chancellor has given his opinion in remarks in this matter that as long as the institutions were independent, following the respective State Government norms for the allowances was fine, but when all the institutions are functioning under the ambit of the University system, the salary structure and the allowances must be same.
- ❖ Finally, with an official vote of thanks proposed by Dr Arun KP, Vice Principal, the 35th GB meeting was concluded. He remarked that GB meetings are like semester examinations for administrators and faculty members. Just as teachers constantly encourage students to perform better in their examinations, the leadership of the institution motivates the college to strive for higher standards that inspires the institution to progress continuously and achieve new milestones. He also assured the leadership that the college would rise to their expectations and continue working towards greater achievements in the coming days.

Dr S P Dhanabal, Member Secretary

Date: 13.3.2026

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