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**Report on  
57<sup>th</sup> National Pharmacy Week Celebrations, 5 – 8<sup>th</sup> Dec, 2018  
(Theme: Pharmacist for a Healthy India)**

Indian Pharmaceutical Association is celebrating National Pharmacy Week every year with the major focus of creating awareness amongst the public, healthcare professionals and other stakeholders of the healthcare about the pharmacy profession in general and about the specific theme identified every year. The 57<sup>th</sup> National Pharmacy Week is being celebrated on the theme, "Pharmacist for a Healthy India".

As a tradition, JSS College of Pharmacy, Ooty in association with Indian Pharmaceutical Association, Nilgiris Local Branch is celebrating the pharmacy week this year as well.

With the blessings of His Holiness Jagadguru Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Mahaswamiji of Sri Suttur Math,

the 57<sup>th</sup> National Pharmacy Week Celebrations was inaugurated on 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2018.

Mr. Ravikumar, Deputy Superintendent of Police, Human Rights and Social Justice, Ooty Town was the chief guest of the function and he congratulated the organizers for all the wonderful arrangements and contribution of pharmacists to the society.

Dr. S Sivakumar, Director, Pasteur Institute of India, Coonoor was one of the guest of honor and he had highlighted the role of pharmacists in the modern healthcare system and emphasized about the rational use of antibiotics.

Dr. P Krishnananda, Chief Operating Officer of M/s. Royal Care Super Specialty Hospital Ltd., Nilambur, Coimbatore, the second guest of honor of the inaugural function acknowledged the contribution of pharmacy professionals on the successful practice of medical fraternity. He emphasized the significance of rational use of drugs and appreciated the roles of pharmacists in the drug development process.

Sri G. Udayakumar, Chief Executive Officer, Avataa Garden Fresh Fine Tea, Billimalai Estate, Coonoor, the third guest of honor spoke about the quality of medicines and the pharmacists' role on the same. He also emphasized about the significance of tea in the management of health.

Dr. Sudeendra Bhat, Controller of Examinations, JSS Academy of Higher Education & Research, Mysuru who was also one of the guest of honor had appreciated the efforts of JSS way back in the mid of 1990s in bringing the concept of pharmacy practice for the first time in the country. He also conveyed the greetings of the University officials for the successful conduct of the 57<sup>th</sup> National Pharmacy Week Celebrations.

Sri B Balamohan Gandhi, Managing Director, KNABB Bioproducts Private Limited, Chennai who is a proud alumni of the institution delivered the key note address on the theme 'Pharmacists for a Healthy India'. During his speech, he had recalled his nostalgic moments about his student life in the institution. He emphasized the

significance of natural sources on drug discovery with various examples. 'The pharmacists should keep themselves healthy to make the country healthy', he further added in his note. He had given examples for the glory of pharmacy profession and said that every student of the institution has the potential to succeed and elevate to the greatest extents.

Professor K Chinnaswamy, President, Indian Association of Colleges of Pharmacy, Chennai pointed out the importance of the physical presence of pharmacists in the community pharmacies during his presidential address. We should no more to be identified as 'Chemists and Druggists' rather we should be known as 'Pharmacists' he emphasized during his speech.

Earlier, Dr. S. P. Dhanabal, Principal, JSS College of Pharmacy briefed about the National Pharmacy Week Celebrations and welcomed the gathering. Dr. Md. Afzal Azam, Vice Principal of the college rendered the vote of thanks.

Dr. R. Vadivelan, President, Dr. GNK Ganesh, Hon. Secretary and Dr. R. Kalirajan Treasurer and other executive committee members of the Indian Pharmaceutical Association, Nilgiris Local Branch were the other dignitaries present on the occasion.

From the same afternoon the cultural events were started and continued colorfully till this morning. A total of 40 events were conducted to bring out the talents of our students out of which 23 were the on stage events and 17 were off stage events. A total of about 400 students from I D.Pharm., I, II, III year B.Pharm. and Pharm.D., first year M.Pharm. with IV and V Pharm.D., participated in all these competitions and showcased their talents in all these events. For many events topics of social and professional interest were given to the participants.

We invited about 70 judges from in and around Ooty who were all from different heights of society like, Medical professionals, Business People, Academicians, Members of Rotary Club, Lions Club, etc. Almost all the judges had the same opinion that "it was very difficult to judge the

best performances” as every performance was very entertaining and highly meaningful. For these 40 events about 500 prizes were awarded to the participants and the same will be distributed shortly in the function.

We also had a classic entertainment by three highlight programs given by our outgoing students of final D. Pharm., B.Pharm., M.Pharm., and Pharm.D., students on two pleasant evenings.

Apart from the scheduled programs, we were also entertained by the exiting guest performances by the staff and their children.

Apart from these cultural events conducted since 5<sup>th</sup> of December, 2018, many outreach programs and professional activities were conducted to commemorate the occasion.

An awareness rally for Dengue fever in which more than 300 students participated, An awareness rally on World AIDS day in which about 100 students participated, health education awareness camps and empowerment of

school children with educational materials and stationaries at the tribal villages Nedugalcombai and Veerakombai adopted by the college, A Dental health screening, Treatment and Hygienic Awareness camp at GRG Tribal School, Valzhaitthottam was conducted in collaboration with Department of Community Dentistry, JSS Dental College and Hospital, Mysuru and Lions Club, Ooty were the important outreach programs organized in this week.

Apart from these events, a blood donation camp in association with HDFC bank, Ooty and an awareness program on menstrual hygiene for the girl students of Government Higher Secondary School, Edakad village have also been arranged.

In a nut shell, this 57<sup>th</sup> Pharmacy Week Celebrations have filled our hearts with joy, nourished our minds, stimulated our nerves and last but not the least given some valuable message to the student community and to the common society.

The students of III B.Pharm and Pharm.D. – **KRENOVIANTZ** have wonderfully organized this mega event with lots of enthusiasm and zeal