

**57thNational Pharmacy Week Celebrations, 5 – 8thDec, 2018
(Theme: Pharmacist for a Healthy India) - Report**

Indian Pharmaceutical Association celebrates 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 57thNational Pharmacy Week was 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 celebrated the National pharmacy week 2018 with the blessings of His Holiness Jagadguru Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Mahaswamiji of Sri Suttur Math. The 57thNational Pharmacy Week Celebrations was inaugurated on 5th December, 2018.

Mr. Ravikumar, Deputy Superintendent of Police, Human Rights and Social Justice, Ooty Town was the chief guest of the function. Dr. S Sivakumar, Director, Pasteur Institute of India, Coonoor was among the guest of honor . Dr. P Krishnananda, Chief Operating Officer of M/s. Royal Care Super Specialty Hospital Ltd., of both Nilambur and Coimbatore was the second guest of honor of the inaugural function. Sri G. Udayakumar, Chief Executive Officer, Avataa Garden Fresh Fine Tea, Billimalai Estate, Coonoor was the third guest of honor.

Dr. Sudeendra Bhat, Controllor of Examinations, JSS Academy of Higher Education & Research, Mysuru was also one among the guest of honor for the inaugural function. 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'.

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.

Dr. S. P. Dhanabal, Principal, JSS College of Pharmacy briefed about the National Pharmacy Week Celebrations and welcomed the gathering.

From the same day afternoon the cultural events were started and continued colorfully for four days. 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. 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, for these 40 events about 500 prizes were awarded to the participants in the valedictory 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., studentson 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 5th of December, 2018, many outreach programs and professional activities were conducted to commemorate the occasion.The students of III B.Pharm and Pharm.D. –**KRENOVIANTZ'**have wonderfully organized the mega event with lots of enthusiasm and zeal
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