

Medicinal plants exhibition (17 – 21st May 2019) – A Report

The department of Pharmacognosy, JSS College of pharmacy conducted the medicinal plants exhibition at the Govt. Botanical garden, Ooty on the event of 123rd flowers show. The exhibition has the intension of creating awareness to the public about the utilization and importance of medicinal plants growing in this biosphere and elsewhere.

The medicinal plants exhibition stall was inaugurated by Hon. Governor, His Excellency Sri Banwarilal Purohit. Smt. J. Innocent Divya, Collector of Nilgiris District, Gagandeep Singh Bedi, Secretary to Government, Department of Agriculture, were few of the important personalities visited the stall.

The main attraction of the exhibition was exhibiting nearby 100 rare medicinal species, and explaining their use and the important phytoconstituents present in them. The nutritive value of common fruits, pulses, cereals were also displayed. A Snap of Lord Dhanvantari, the God of life, Medicine & Ayurveda, had given an extra professional look to the stall, which was well appreciated by the visitors.

Pamphlets on diabetes, cancer were freely distributed to the public. A booklet on “Engal Kudumba Maruthuvam”, consists of extensive information about 79 medicinal plants, authored by Dr APJM Naseema begham, published by TIFAC CORE HD has been exhibited.

In association with the Nilgiris medicinal plants promoters’ society, a booklet on “Medicinal Plants & Home Remedies Information Hand Book” was also sold at a minimum price. The innovative booklet talks about the medicinal plants of the Nilgiri district. It gives extensive information about 312 numbers of medicinal plants along with natural remedies, Siddha and Ayurveda home remedies, detail on tribal medicines, a note on Aromothereaphy and a glossary on medical terms.

We were also honored on the valedictory day of the annual function, by receiving prizes for the exhibition

On the valedictory day, His Excellency Sri Banwarilal Purohit, Hon. Governor of Tamilnadu participated as the Chief guest and distributed the prizes to the winners of various events. On behalf of the JSS College of Pharmacy, Ooty, Dr. B. Duraiswamy, Professor received the cup for the medicinal plants exhibition from the Agricultural Secretary of Tamilnadu Government.

Staff members namely Dr. S.P. Dhanabal, Principal, Prof. P. Dhamodharan, Ms. Priyadharshini, Dr. S. Rajendran, Dr. K. Senthil, Mr. J.S.K. Nagarajan, Dr. M.R. Jeyaprakash, Mr. R. Divyashankar, Lab technician, Mr. S. Madappa, Mr. Siddharaju, Mr. S.N. Mahadevaswamy, Gardener’s Mr. Jayakumar and Mr. Afzal, Ph.D. Scholars and M.Pharm students of this department have participated all the days to make this exhibition a grand success.