

48th National Pharmacy Week Celebrations held at JSS College of Pharmacy, Mysore

48th National Pharmacy week (NPW) was inaugurated in the Rajendra auditorium of JSS Pharmacy College Mysore. National Pharmacy week (NPW) was jointly organized by Indian Pharmaceutical Association, Mysore branch; Indian pharmaceutical association-student forum and JSS College of Pharmacy with the theme “Make pharmacy your career”.

Dr.Mruthyunjay P.Kullenur, registrar JSS University, Mysore inaugurated the National Pharmacy week by lighting the lamp. He appreciated the service rendered by pharmacists in manufacturing & dispensing quality medicines.

While acknowledging the service extended by the clinical pharmacists in the JSS Hospital Dr. Basavan Goudappa Principal JSS Medical College Mysore said that pharmacist are playing an important role in providing drug information service, adverse drug reactions reporting and dose adjustment in individual patients. With help of JSS Pharmacy College Mysore, JSS Hospital is recognized for clinical studies on oral insulin and drug against H1N1 disease.



Dr.Nandlal Principal, JSS Dental College Mysore appreciated the scientific support services rendered by the JSS Pharmacy College in developing sustained release dosage form in dentistry.

Dr.B.Suresh, Vice chancellor, JSS University Mysore, President Pharmacy council of India and Indian Pharmaceutical Association in his key note address expressed the concern over the quality of graduates. He said **graduates are over qualified and under perform**. Recent graduates are not meeting the expectations of the industries. Hence graduates are required to acquire specialized skills need by the industries. He emphasized the need for restructuring of the program at undergraduate level to suit to the needs of the industries and society.

Alternately diploma course can be offered along with regular PG program. Improvement of qualification of diploma holders to graduates is under active consideration of pharmacy council of India. This program is structured only to practicing pharmacists. Expressing the concern over the GATE2010 examination for pharmacy students, Dr. Suresh said every efforts are made by the council to protect the interests of pharmacy students seeking admission to post graduate programs.

Pharmacy profession is a gold mine; by 2012 India will be the third largest manufacturer of drugs and pharmaceuticals in the world. India is a hub for Clinical trials in recent years which offers a market of 2 billion dollars. Dr.H.G.Shivakuimar, Principal JSS College of Pharmacy Mysore, welcomed the guests and Mr. Afrasim Moin proposed the Vote of Thanks.

As a part of NPW – various activities planned are

1. Pharmacy as a career – an awareness programme to 10+2 students
2. Blood donation camp
3. Literary competitions to students
4. Health campaign
5. Health Education programmes

