

## ASSOCIATION NEWS



Association of Pharmacy Professionals (APP) Tamilnadu State Branch organized **6th Indo-Gulf International Conference on "Global Aspects of Artificial Intelligence Pharmaceutical Sciences and Technology"** on August 12, 2024 at School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Vels Institute of Science, Technology and Advanced Studies (VISTAS), Pallavaram, Chennai (TN) in collaboration with APP Gulf International Branch and APP Molecular Pharmacology Division, in the commemoration of "International Youth Day 2024", which is an international day to recognize efforts of the world's youth in enhancing global society. During this scientific conference, **Dr. Ishari K Ganesh**, Founder Chancellor, VISTAS acted as 'Chief Patron'; **Dr. A. Jothi Murugan**, **Dr. Arthi K Ganesh**, Pro-Chancellors, VISTAS; **Dr. S. Sriman Narayanan**, Vice Chancellor, VISTAS and **Dr. P. Saravanan**, Registrar, VISTAS as 'Patrons'; **Dr. Sunita Dahiya**, General Secretary APP from School of Pharmacy, University of Puerto Rico, San Juan, Puerto Rico, United States as 'Organizing Chairman'; **Prof. P. Shanmugasundaram**, Dean, School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, VISTAS as 'Convener'; **Prof. Suresh V. Chennupati**, HOD, Department of Pharmaceutical Analysis, Nalanda College of Pharmacy, Cherlapally, Nalgonda, Telangana; **Prof. Ronald Darwin C**, **Prof. T. S. Shanmugarajan**, **Prof. K. Kathickeyan**, **Prof. M. Velraj** and **Prof. M. Sumithra**, HODs, School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, VISTAS as 'Co-Conveners'; **Prof. Rajiv Dahiya**, Founder President APP & Former Director, School of Pharmacy, Faculty of Medical Sciences, The University of the West Indies, St. Augustine, Trinidad & Tobago as 'Scientific Committee Chairman'; **Prof. Somnath De**, Head, APP Hyderabad Local Branch from St Pauls College of Pharmacy Turkayamjal, Ranga Reddy, Telangana & **Prof. Palanisamy Selvamani**, Secretary, APP Tamilnadu State Branch from Anna University, BIT Campus,

Trichy, Tamilnadu as 'Scientific Committee Co-Chairmans'. Scientific session of the conference was initiated with online keynote lecture of **Prof. Gaurav Gupta**, President, APP Gulf International Branch & Adjunct Research Professor, Centre of Medical and Bio-allied Health Sciences Research, Ajman University, Ajman, United Arab Emirates who addressed the gathering on the topic "Artificial Intelligence in Drug Discovery: Speeding Up the Journey from Lab to Clinic". Other two lectures were delivered by **Prof. Amiyakanta Mishra**, Principal, College of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Puri, Odisha and **Prof. Kuntal Das**, Research Director, Mallige College of Pharmacy, Silvepura, Chikkabanavara, Bangalore, Karnataka, on topics 'Industry Institute Interaction for the Development of Pharmaceutical Skill' and 'Discovery of Phytochemicals from Plant Sources through Systemic Standardization Approaches'. **Prof. Ronald Darwin C** & **Prof. K. Kathickeyan** involved in chairing the scientific lecture sessions.

During the valedictory function, **Prof. Amiyakanta Mishra**, President, APP Odisha State Branch from College of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Puri, Odisha, was honored with 'APP Fellow Membership Award 2024' by **Dr. S. Sriman Narayanan**, Vice Chancellor, VISTAS and **Prof. P. Shanmugasundaram**, President, APP Tamilnadu State Branch. Also appreciation awards were extended to chairman and principal of hosting institution. Moreover, **Prof. Balaji.P**, **Prof. Vijayalakshmi.A**, **Dr. Sundar Sri. M.K**, **Mr. M. Immanuel Jebastine**, **Mrs. Afroz Patan**, **Dr. Ramya. A**, **Mrs. Monisha. J**, **Dr. Dheenadhayalan. M**, **Mrs. Indhumathy. P**, **Mrs. Prasadha. R**, **Mr. Martin. S**, **Ms. Latha. S**, from SPS, VISTAS, honored with 'APP Awards' for their outstanding performances in teaching and research. Furthermore, in student category, different B.Pharm, M.Pharm and Pharm.D students were honored with 'Best Student Awards' for their outstanding academic performance. A variety of posters were presented during scientific session of the Indo-Gulf International Conference and best poster winners were rewarded. At last, the scientific event ended with 'Vote of thanks' by the **Prof. P. Shanmugasundaram**, Convener & Dean, School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, VISTAS, Chennai, Tamilnadu.

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