A Guest lecture on

“ROLE OF PHARMACOGNOSY AS A VITAL BRANCH IN FORMULATION AND EVALUATION OF INDIAN MEDICINE”

Dr. N. Narayanan, Joint Director of Medical Examination, Tamil Nadu and Member of Pharmacy Council of India, delivered a guest lecture on “ROLE OF PHARMACOGNOSY AS A VITAL BRANCH IN FORMULATION AND EVALUATION OF INDIAN MEDICINE” on 9th Jan, 2012, Organized by the Department of Pharmacognosy.

Chairman, Padmasree Dr. M. Mohan Babu, Special Officer, Prof. T. Gopala Rao, Principal, Dr. C. K. Ashok Kumar, Dr. Prasanna Raju, Professor and Mr. Rahul Nair, Associate professor, welcomed the day’s guest, Dr. N. Narayanan. The program started with an invocation song by Ms. Sai Saranya, M.Pharm (Pharmacognosy).
**Introductory speech**

Ms. S. Neelufar Shama, Assistant Professor, introduced the guest to the audience. She highlighted the academic records and achievements of Dr. N. Narayanan. She admired the guest requesting the audience to give a standing ovation.

**Speech by the guest**

Dr. N. Narayanan, opened his speech, thanking our Beloved Chairman, Padmasree Dr. M. Mohan Babu, Special Officer, Prof. T. Gopala Rao, Principal, Dr. C. K. Ashok Kumar, other dignitaries and wishing the audience. He showed a great zeal in explaining the current scenario of the allopathic drugs that is prevailing in market and its role in human health compared to traditional medicine.

He described the importance of Indian systems of medicine and the need to standardize its formulations. He wished and assured for a great future of a young pharmacist. He stated **Discipline, Dedication, Determination and Development** for successful career abbreviating as
‘4D’ principle. He applauded the efforts of Sree Vidyanikethan College of Pharmacy in developing technically efficient pharmacists. The conclusion of the speech concentrated in illustrative descriptions on careers in pharmacy.

**Question session**

**Dr. S. Mohana Lakshmi,** Vice-Principal, have raised some questions which were later clarified by the guest. The students and faculty have actively participated in the questions session to clarify their doubts.

**Principal’s word**

Thanking the guest Principal, Dr. C.K. Ashok Kumar addressed the students about their career in pharmacy. He supported the guest’s view of equality of all the specializations unless or until a student gains command on the subject. He clarifies that a student who succeeds in gaining expertise in depth over a particular area of pharmacy will become successful.

**Vote of thanks**

The vote of thanks is proposed by **Mrs. P. Latha,** Assistant Professor. She thanked the guest for his informative and motivating speech and also conveyed her regards to the guest on behalf of the Chairman, **Padmasree Dr. M. Mohan Babu,** Special Officer, **Prof. T. Gopala Rao,** Management, faculty and the students. She appraised the time spared by the guest and the gracious presence of the audience all through the speech.

**Felicitations**

**Dr. N. Narayanan** had been felicitated by **Dr. C. K. Ashok Kumar** and **Dr. Arun Rasheed,** Professor, Dept. of Pharmaceutical Chemistry. The session ended with national anthem.