A Guest lecture on

“ROLE OF MEDICINAL PLANTS IN HUMAN HEALTH CARE”

Dr. K. Madhava Chetty, Assistant Professor, Sri Venkateswara University, Tirupati, delivered a guest lecture on “ROLE OF MEDICINAL PLANTS IN HUMAN HEALTH CARE” on 3rd Jan, 2011, Organized by the Department of Pharmacognosy.

Dr. C. K. Ashok Kumar, Principal and Dr. S. Mohana Lakshmi, Vice-Principal, Sree Vidyanikethan College of Pharmacy, welcomed the day’s guest, Dr. K. Madhava Chetty. The program started with an invocation song by Ms. Sai Saranya, M.Pharm (Pharmacognosy).

Introductory speech

Mr. G. Avinash Kumar, Assistant Professor in Pharmacognosy, introduced the guest to the audience. He listed the academic records, awards and other achievements of Dr. K. Madhava Chetty. He quoted some of the contributions made by the guest to the filed of botany, phytomedicine, taxonomy and ethnopharmacology. He addressed all the participants to share their ideas and views and conveyed his regards for the chief guest.

Speech by the guest

Dr. K. Madhava Chetty in his introduction to topic explained the role of plants in serving humans since his evolution and also stated that humans are the sole cause for pollution and loss of plant wealth on earth. He exemplified the use of natural drugs in treating commonly occurring diseases. He also suggested the application of herbs for some dreadful diseases like cancer, jaundice etc. He supported Indian traditional medicines as the best treatments available for any disease. He introduced his own formulations like
poly herbal memory booster, herbal shampoo, herbal tooth powder, herbal hair oil, herbal rejuvenator etc..

He stated that the plants have been serving humankind since their origin and are the best sources of medicines. He recommended his own formulations Swasamrutham and Rheumassap for complications like cough and rheumatic pains respectively. Concluding the speech he elaborated the principles of treatment of ayurveda and homeopathy and mechanisms of drugs used in those systems.

**Question session**

In response to the invitation of questions by the guest, students and faculty have actively taken part in clarifying their doubts and received good suggestions from the speaker. The students and members of faculty were richly benefited by the lecture.

**Vote of thanks**

The vote of thanks is proposed by Ms. Jyothi M Joy, Assistant Professor in Pharmacognosy. She also conveyed her regards to the guest on behalf the Chairman, Padmasree Dr. M. Mohan Babu, Prof. T. Gopala
Rao, management, faculty and the students. She shared her idea of utilizing plants as medicines and standardizing them in a proper way to get good and effective formulations is utmost important. She thanked Dr. C. K. Ashok Kumar and Mr. Rahul Nair, Associate Professor in Pharmaceutics, for arranging such an interesting program for enriching the knowledge base of the students and faculty as well.

Felicitations

The chief guest, Dr. K. Madhava Chetty had been felicitated by Dr. C. K. Ashok Kumar and Mr. Rahul Nair. The session ended with national anthem.