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Report on Visit of Mr. Hemant Patel, Past President, Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain

Date of Visit: 5–7 September 2026

Venue: JSS College of Pharmacy, Ooty

Organized by: Department of Pharmacy Practice, JSS College of Pharmacy, Ooty

Strengthening Three Decades of International Academic and Professional Partnership

JSS College of Pharmacy, Ooty, had the distinct privilege of hosting **Mr. Hemant Patel, Past President of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain (RPS) and Past Member of the English Pharmacy Board, RPS, London, Great Britain**, from **5–7 September 2026**.

The visit was particularly significant in view of Mr. Patel's **nearly three-decade-long association with the institution as a collaborator, preceptor, mentor, and well-wisher**. Over the years, this enduring professional relationship has contributed to the exchange of knowledge, expertise, and global perspectives in pharmacy education and practice and has served as a valuable foundation for international academic engagement.

During his visit, Mr. Patel interacted with the **Heads of Departments and faculty members**, with discussions focusing on contemporary developments in pharmacy practice education, professional development, and potential avenues for strengthening international academic collaboration. The interactions provided an opportunity to explore future initiatives aimed at promoting global exposure and professional competencies among pharmacy students and faculty.

A key academic highlight of the visit was an invited lecture entitled **“Lessons in Leadership, Practice and Service,”** delivered by Mr. Patel for the **Pharm D and M Pharm (Pharmacy Practice) students**. Drawing from his extensive professional experience and leadership journey, he provided valuable insights into the importance of leadership, professional responsibility, service, and lifelong learning in the pharmacy profession. His perspectives on the evolving role of pharmacists, particularly in areas such as **geriatric care and pain management**, were highly relevant and enriching for the students.

Mr. Patel also engaged with **research scholars**, providing an opportunity to discuss academic and research activities and to exchange perspectives on contemporary pharmacy practice research. His interaction with the research community further

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strengthened the academic dimension of the visit and encouraged greater engagement with international professional perspectives.

The visit also provided an important platform for discussing **future international academic and professional collaborations**, including opportunities in pharmacy practice education, faculty and student exchange, professional development, academic engagement, and collaborative initiatives. These discussions are expected to contribute towards strengthening the international outlook of pharmacy education and creating meaningful opportunities for students and faculty.

The longstanding association with Mr. Hemant Patel reflects the importance of **sustained international professional relationships in advancing pharmacy education and practice**. The nearly 30-year journey demonstrates how professional connections can develop into enduring academic partnerships based on mutual respect, trust, mentorship, and a shared commitment to the advancement of the profession.

On behalf of the Department of Pharmacy Practice and the institution, sincere appreciation is extended to **Mr. Hemant Patel** for his valuable time, continued encouragement, mentorship, and longstanding association with JSS College of Pharmacy, Ooty. His contribution and continued engagement have been a source of inspiration to faculty members and students and have enriched the institution's international academic and professional linkages.

The institution looks forward to **further strengthening this valued international partnership** and exploring new avenues for academic collaboration, student and faculty exchange, professional development, research engagement, and global learning opportunities in pharmacy practice.

Key Outcomes

- Strengthened a **nearly 30-year international academic and professional association**.
- Facilitated interaction between an internationally recognized pharmacy professional and **students, faculty, Heads of Departments, and research scholars**.
- Provided students with valuable perspectives on **leadership, professional practice, and service**.
- Enhanced awareness of the expanding role of pharmacists in **geriatric care and pain management**.
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- Promoted international perspectives in **pharmacy practice education and professional development.**
- Explored opportunities for **future student and faculty exchange and academic collaboration.**
- Reinforced the institution's commitment to **global engagement and internationalization of pharmacy education.**

Conclusion

The visit of Mr. Hemant Patel was an academically enriching and professionally significant event that strengthened an **international association spanning nearly three decades.** His engagement with the academic community provided valuable opportunities for learning, mentorship, and collaboration and reaffirmed the importance of sustained international partnerships in shaping the future of pharmacy education and practice.

Three decades of association, shared learning, and professional commitment continue to provide a strong foundation for the next generation of international collaboration in pharmacy.

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Glimpses of the event of the visit of Mr Hemant Patel

