

## **Veterinary Scientist from ICAR-NIVEDI Inspires JSS AHER Biotechnology Students with Expertise and Passion for Animal Health Research**

In a remarkable event, students from the Department of Biotechnology and Bioinformatics, JSS Academy of Higher Education & Research (JSS AHER) had the unique opportunity to interact with and learn from Dr. Shivasharanappa Nayakvadi, a distinguished veterinary scientist and leading figure in the field of veterinary medicine, who visited JSS AHER on 06<sup>th</sup> November, 2023 to share insights, experiences, and knowledge with the next generation of young researchers.

Dr. Shivasharanappa Nayakvadi is a senior scientist working in the Indian Council of Agricultural Research-National Institute of Veterinary Epidemiology and Disease Informatics (ICAR-NIVEDI), Yelahanka, Bengaluru, Karnataka. He obtained his Ph.D. in Veterinary Pathology from the Indian Veterinary Research Institute (Deemed University), Izatnagar, Bareilly, 2013. His research interests include pathology, diagnosis, and epidemiology of infectious diseases of livestock in coastal regions along with antimicrobial resistance (AMR) and its detection in livestock. He has also been awarded the prestigious Nehru-Fulbright Post-doctoral Visiting Scientist award to the College of Veterinary Medicine, North Carolina State University, North Carolina, USA.



**Dr. Shivasharanappa Nayakvadi interacting with students from JSS AHER**

During his speech, Dr. Shivasharanappa Nayakvadi emphasized the interdisciplinary nature of veterinary science, touching on areas such as disease prevention, animal behaviour, and the intersection of veterinary medicine with other scientific disciplines. He also emphasised the facilities available at ICAR-NIVEDI.

The event aimed to not only expose students to the latest advancements in veterinary science but also to ignite a passion for the profession. He motivated students from JSS AHER to take on animal-related projects so that a part of their research work could be done in ICAR-NIVEDI. He also insisted on having an MoU and exchange of students between ICAR-NIVEDI and JSS AHER. The visit by Dr. Shivasharanappa Nayakvadi not only enriched the academic experience of the students but also strengthened the JSS AHER's commitment to providing holistic education in veterinary science. Faculty members and students alike expressed gratitude for the opportunity to connect with such an influential figure in the field. The event was coordinated by Dr. Ramith Ramu, Assistant Professor, Department of Biotechnology & Bioinformatics, School of Life Sciences, JSS AHER.