

International Conference on "Genetics and Epigenetics of Cancer" (ICGEC-2023)" on October 30th and 31st, 2023.

The Division of Biochemistry, School of Life Sciences, Mysuru at JSS Academy of Higher Education & Research (JSS AHER), Mysuru, organised an International Conference on **"Genetics and Epigenetics of Cancer" (ICGEC-2023)"** on October 30th and 31st, 2023. The conference was inaugurated by the Dr. Suresh Bhojraj, Pro-Chancellor of JSS AHER, mentioned in his opening remarks that our Chief Guest, Dr. Murugesan Manoharan is one of the renowned doctors representing India in the United States. Dr. Murugesan Manoharan, Chief of Urologic Oncology and Director of Robotic Urologic Surgery at Miami Cancer Institute, Baptist Health South Florida, Miami, USA, addressed the audience and emphasized the importance of such forums for discussing cancer genetics and epigenetics. Understanding the underlying molecular pathways is crucial for early cancer diagnosis, detection, prevention, and cure. Dr. Surinder Singh, Vice Chancellor, JSS AHER, urged young researchers to take advantage of the opportunity to network with the greatest experts in cancer research. Dr.C.G. Betsurmath, Executive Secretary of JSS Mahavidyapeetha, stated that collaborations across health science and life science fields are critical to making significant discoveries in the field of cancer. Dr. Jamboor K Vishwanatha, Regents Professor and Vice President, Institute of Health Disparities, University of North Texas Health Science Centre, USA, delivered the keynote address. He highlighted JSS AHER's history and present infrastructural developments and stated that outstanding research is one of the institution's significant successes. Dr. K. A. Raveesha, the Convenor of ICGEC-2023 and the Dean of the Faculty of Life Sciences, delivered a formal welcome address, providing an insightful overview of the conference attendees' demographics.

The conference has attracted over 600 delegates from 13 different states within the country, with active participation from 18 esteemed resource persons representing prestigious institutions around the globe. Dr. D. Guru Kumar, Organizing Secretary of ICGEC-2023, provided an overview of the conference's theme and scope, and requested active participation of delegates. Dr. H. Basavanagowdappa, Principal, JSS Medical College, introduced the keynote speaker, and Dr. J R Kumar, Coordinator, Division of Biochemistry, School of Life Sciences, Mysuru, extended the vote of appreciation. During the ceremony, Dr. M.V.S.S.T. SubbaRao, Co-convenor of ICGEC-2023 and Professor at JSS Medical College, was present.

The valedictory session of the DST SERB-sponsored International Conference, **"Genetics and Epigenetics of Cancer" (ICGEC-2023)** was held on 31st October 2023 at School of Life Sciences, Mysuru marking the culmination of two days of insightful discussions and collaborations in the field of cancer biology. Commencing with a respectful acknowledgment of His Holiness Jagadguru Dr. Sri Shivarathri Rajendra Mahaswamiji and seeking blessings from His Holiness Jagadguru Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Mahaswamiji, the session welcomed participants to reflect on the conference's achievements. Dr. Rana Pratap Singh, Professor of Cancer Biology, School of Life Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India was the chief guest of the event. Speaking on this occasion, Dr. Rana Pratap Singh concluded that the conference served as a convergence point for brilliant minds, fostering the exchange of cutting-edge knowledge in cancer biology. Dr. Rana Pratap Singh has also distributed the mementoes to the winners of best oral presentation and poster presentations

The DST-SERB-sponsored International Conference on "Genetics and Epigenetics of Cancer" (ICGEC-2023) was inaugurated on October 30th, 2023, at 10 A.M. in the Sri Rajendra Auditorium of JSS Medical College, JSS AHER, Mysuru.



(L-R) Dr. D. Guru Kumar, Dr. JR Kumar, Dr. K.A. Raveesha, Dr. Surinder Singh, Dr. C.G. Betsurmah, Dr. Murugesan Manoharan (lighting the lamp), Dr. B Suresh, Dr. Jamboor K Viswanatha, Dr. H. Basavanagowdappa.

