

Report

'Quality Conclave – 2026'

Date: 1st June 2026

Venue: Sri Rajendra Auditorium, JSS College of Pharmacy, Mysuru

The Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) and Quality Division of JSS Academy of Higher Education & Research (JSS AHER), Mysuru, organized **Quality Conclave–2026** on 1st June 2026 at Sri Rajendra Auditorium, JSS College of Pharmacy, JSS AHER, Mysuru. The conclave brought together academic leaders, quality experts, industry professionals and administrators to deliberate on strategies for strengthening quality culture in higher education institutions.

The programme was inaugurated in the presence of the university leadership, faculty members, administrators and stakeholders from various constituent institutions of JSS AHER.

Delivering the keynote address on **“Building a Quality Culture,”** **Dr. Suresh B, Pro-Chancellor, JSS AHER,** emphasized that quality should be viewed not merely as a technical requirement but as a moral responsibility. He highlighted the importance of understanding the causes of institutional shortcomings, fostering trust among stakeholders and nurturing a culture of continuous improvement and excellence.

Presenting the conclave overview, **Dr. Basavanagowdappa H, Vice-Chancellor, JSS AHER,** emphasized that quality is a continuous journey and a strategic imperative for excellence in education, research, healthcare and societal service. Highlighting the rapidly evolving higher education landscape he called for a culture of quality driven by innovation, stakeholder engagement, continuous improvement and collective responsibility. He noted that when quality becomes a culture, excellence becomes inevitable.

Presenting the conclave overview, **Dr. Prashant M. Vishwanath, Dean (Research), JSS AHER,** reflected on the institution’s quality journey and highlighted the pivotal role of IQAC in driving accreditation, quality assurance, strategic planning and continuous improvement initiatives. He emphasized the need to nurture a culture of quality across all institutional activities and underscored the importance of the conclave in strengthening quality driven practices and institutional excellence.

In a session on **“How Relevant are Rankings for Students?”**, **Dr. Maheshwar Peri, Founder and Chairman, Careers360,** discussed the growing significance of rankings in shaping institutional reputation, student choices and academic culture. He highlighted how ranking frameworks can serve as instruments for improving institutional systems, governance and quality benchmarks.

Addressing the theme **“Quality Vs Expansion and Growth,”** **Mr. Raghavan S., Associate Director, Government and Public Services, KPMG in India,** outlined strategic approaches for balancing institutional growth with quality assurance. He emphasized the importance of building a strong institutional brand, maintaining quality standards during expansion and strengthening collaborations with government and other stakeholders.

Speaking on **“Sustainable Quality in Higher Education: A Gap Analysis,”** **Dr. Hemamalini S, Professor and Director, RAAC, VIT Chennai,** highlighted the critical gaps that continue to exist within higher education systems. She emphasised on the need for institutions to focus on qualitative outcomes alongside quantitative achievements to ensure sustainable quality enhancement.

A panel discussion on **“Quality Frameworks Across Academics, Research and Outreach Activities”** brought together eminent academicians and experts who deliberated on several contemporary issues related to higher education quality. Discussions focused on the role of IQAC in institutional transformation, faculty participation in quality enhancement, implementation of uniform quality standards, strengthening research integrity and promoting internal quality audits across academic and administrative units.

The panel also emphasized the importance of developing a strong quality culture through active stakeholder engagement, aligning institutional activities with national and global benchmarks and integrating strategic planning at individual and institutional levels. Experts highlighted the significance of community outreach, effective communication, institutional branding and leveraging emerging technologies such as artificial intelligence to enhance healthcare delivery and societal impact.

The conclave concluded with a call for higher education institutions to create robust ecosystems that promote innovation, quality, accountability and continuous engagement with the community while advancing towards national and international standards of excellence.

The programme was compered by Dr. Deepa, Welcomed by Dr Pushpalatha K, and vote of thanks was proposed by Dr. Sumana K.



Inauguration by the dignitaries (Left to right: Dr. Pushpalatha K, Dean (IQAC), JSS AHER, Mysuru; Dr. Hemamalini S, Professor and Director, RAAC, VIT Chennai campus; Dr. Prashant M Vishwanath, Dean (Research), JSS AHER, Mysuru; Dr. Haraprasad N, Dean (IQAC), JSS Science & Technology University, Mysuru; Dr. Suresh B, Pro Chancellor, JSS AHER, Mysuru; Dr. Raghavan S, Associate Director, KPMG in India; Dr. Basavanagowdappa H, Vice Chancellor, JSS AHER, Mysuru).

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