

REPORT OF STE PRERNA SAMMAN SAMAROH 2024

Theme: Invest in women: Accelerate progress

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(Pharmacognosy & Pharmacology)
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Awardee Citations

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Dr. Jayashree Bhattacharjee retired as the Additional Director General of Health Services at Lady Hardinge Medical College. She is also the Lead Assessor and Committee Member of National Accreditation Board for Laboratories. She completed her MD in Biochemistry from Banaras Hindu University (BHU) in 1980. Throughout her career, she has held esteemed administrative positions including Additional Director General of Health Services at LHMC & associated hospitals in New Delhi, Director Professor and Principal at Vardhman Mahavir Medical College & Safdarjung Hospital, New Delhi, and Director Professor & Head of Department at LHMC, among others. Dr. Bhattacharjee brings with her extensive experience in hospital laboratory services from her tenure at Kalawati Saran Hospital, LHMC, GB Pant Multi-Specialty Hospital, and Maulana Azad Medical College.

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Sandhya Kaushik, who holds an MSc from Mumbai University. Her remarkable journey includes collaborating with Dr. B. B. Joshi in the development of the JESS system since its conceptualization in 1985. Awarded the UGC Fellowship in 1998, she has dedicated the past 15 years to JESS research, overseeing its management and continuous development. She serves as the coordinator for all JESS-related workshops and educational activities. She has played a pivotal role in digitalizing and documenting 50 years of Dr. B. B. Joshi's innovative ideas and experiences, making them accessible to future generations of surgeons through books and CDs. As a co-author, she has contributed to many books like "Step by Step Management of Clubfoot by JESS" and "TRAUMA Management by JESS". Committed to spreading the JESS technique globally, actively involved in "Vidya Daan," a project initiated by Dr. B. B. Joshi, aiming to make JESS accessible to surgeons worldwide.

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Dr. Shahana Iqbal Khan is a principal scientist and professor in the Department of Pharmacognosy at the National Center for Natural Products Research at the University of Mississippi. She is a Postdoctoral fellow at the Institute of Clinical Chemistry, University of Zurich, Switzerland. She completed her Ph.D. in Biochemistry in 1990 from Aligarh Muslim University, India. Dr. Khan has received the Col. Haider Khan Medal for obtaining the first position in B. Sc. (Hons) in 1982. University Gold Medal for obtaining the first position in B. Sc. (Hons) 1982. University Gold Medal for obtaining the first position in M. Sc. (Biochem) 1984. She has received research fellowships by University Grants Commission (UGC), New Delhi and Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), New Delhi, India.

She plays a pivotal role in the biological screening program at the National Center for Natural Products (NCNPR). Her research involves discovering natural products that can be useful for humans in diabetes, inflammation, and Malaria. Dr. Khan's effort has been valuable in bringing over 30 million dollars in grants from different funding agencies, including USFDA, USDA, and NIH. She has published around 200 scientific publications and is listed among the top 2 percent of scientists by Stanford University ranking.

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Ms. Anuja Mohanty has conducted independent research amongst the drug abused children in the slums of Bhubaneswar for the NGO - SOGH (Society for Children). The NGO has now been invited to tie-up with the Government and start the first ever de-addiction shelter meant specifically for children in Odisha.

The report was presented in the Secretariat to the Commissioner of Child and Women Development and declared as the winning report for The Community Program 2023. An annual event organised by the Market Research Society of India amongst young researchers across the country. The report represented India at the Research Got Talent, an annual event organised by ESOMAR - European Society for Opinion and Marketing Research.

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Professor of Pharmacognosy at National Centre for Natural Products Research, University of Mississippi, USA, **Ms Anuja Mohanty**, CMI HIVE-Assistant Manager, Hindustan Unilever, **Prof SH Ansari**, Professor Emeritus, at MVN University, Faridabad, **Prof Farhan Jalees Ahmad**, Dean, SPER, Jamia Hamdard, **Prof Javed Ali**, Head Department of Pharmaceutics, **Prof Mahmood-uz Zafar** Director, SODL, Jamia Hamdard, **Prof Sayeed Ahmad**, Director Centre of Excellence and **Dr Kshipra Misra**, **President STE (Save The Environment)**, many research scholars, faculty members and students of Department of Food Technology, Jamia Hamdard New Delhi.

The ceremony featured a symbolic planter presentation, symbolizing growth, and empowerment and welcome note by **Prof Sayeed Ahmad**, Director Centre of Excellence followed by the introduction of the STE organization by **Dr. Kshipra Misra**, highlighting its commitment to scientific research, innovation, and environmental preservation.

The highlight of the event was the presentation of the **STE Prerna Samman awards 2024** to four exceptional women achievers. **Dr. Jayashree Bhattacharjee**, a distinguished healthcare professional, was recognized for her leadership in healthcare administration and laboratory services. **Ms. Sandhya Kaushik**, a pivotal force in the development of the JESS system, was commended for her dedication to medical innovation. **Prof (Dr) Shabana Iqrar Khan**, professor of Pharmacognosy at University of Mississippi and principal scientist at the National Centre for Natural Products Research, USA was honoured for her contribution in research specially for in vitro pharmacology of medicinal plants and botanicals. **Ms. Anuja Mohanty**, a dedicated advocate for drug-abused children, received recognition for her impactful work in establishing de-addiction shelters for children in Odisha. Each award recipient's journey and contributions were highlighted, showcasing their expertise, dedication, and significant impact in their respective fields.

The function concluded with address from **Chief Guest, Prof M Afshar Alam, Vice Chancellor, Jamia Hamdard** followed by a vote of thanks by **Dr. Rabea Parveen**, expressing gratitude to all participants and guests for their presence and contributions. The ceremony served as a beacon of empowerment and inspiration, celebrating the achievements of these exceptional women and emphasizing the importance of resilience, determination, and commitment to excellence in shaping a more inclusive and equitable world.

