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Institutional Profile of St. Joseph's College of Pharmacy

Our Motto

Love Serves

Core Values

S - SERVICE
J - JUSTICE
C - COMPASSION
P - PROFICIENCY

General Information

Year of Establishment: 2004
Management: Medical Sisters of St. Joseph (MSJ)
Location: Dharmagiri College Campus, Cherthala - 688 524, Alappuzha Dist., Kerala
Campus Area: 5 acres

Academic Programs

Undergraduate
B.Pharm (Year 2004)
Postgraduate
M.Pharm (Pharmaceutical Chemistry (Year 2012)
Pharmaceutics, Pharmacology (Year 2013)
Doctoral
Ph.D- KUHS Research Centre (Year 2018)
Diploma
D.Pharm (Year 2001- Muttom Campus)

Approvals & Affiliations

Approved by The Pharmacy Council of India, Govt. of Kerala & Affiliated to the Kerala University of Health Sciences

Recognitions & Accreditations

NAAC Accreditation : (Year 2024)
KUHS Quality Assurance System : (Year 2024)
Green Institution (Haritha Keralam Mission) : (Year 2025)

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Internal Quality Assurance Cell

IQAC

- IQAC of St. Joseph's College of Pharmacy was constituted as per NAAC guidelines on 7th June 2022.
- IQAC meetings are conducted regularly.
- IQAC ensures sustained academic and administrative excellence.
- IQAC insists on optimization and integration of modern methods of teaching-learning.
- IQAC encourages knowledge sharing and networking with other institutions around the country.

Vision of IQAC

To ensure quality culture in every deed as the prime concern of the institution through institutionalizing and monitoring all the initiatives taken with internal and external support.

Mission of IQAC

- To develop a conscious, consistent and catalytic system to improve the academic and administrative performance.
- To foster global competencies to enhance value system among students.
- To channelize and systematize the best practices and measures of the institution towards excellence

Internal Quality Assurance Cell Members (2025- 2026)

Name	Designation / Role
Dr. Sr. Daisy PA	Chairperson, Principal
Dr. Sr. Betty Carla	Management Representative, Director
Dr. Boby Johns G	IQAC Coordinator, Professor & HOD, Dept. of Pharmaceutics
Dr. Vinod B	Professor & HOD, Dept. of Pharmaceutical Chemistry
Dr. Thahimon PA	Professor & HOD, Dept. of Pharmacology
Dr. R Praveen Raj	Professor, Dept. of Pharmaceutics
Dr. Jeny Samuel	Assoc. Professor, Dept. of Pharmacy Practice
Ms. Neena Rajan	Assoc. Professor, Dept. of Pharmaceutical Chemistry
Mr. Shanoj VV	Member - Senior Administrative Officer
Ms. Fasna Nargees	Student Member
Ms. Neha Joshi	Alumni Member
Ms. Shainatha M C	Member of Local Society, Councilor, Cherthala Municipality
Sr. Divya MSJ	Employer Member, Provincial Superior, Nirmala Province
Mr. Mathew Kokad	Industry Expert, MD, Kokad Pharmaceuticals, Pala

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Director's Message

This issue of INSIGHT highlights the many academic, research, extension, and quality initiatives that have enriched our institution during this period. The successful organization of Pharmolsavam–2026, departmental academic programmes, and NSS activities reflects the enthusiasm and collaborative spirit of our faculty and students. I congratulate the IQAC and every member of the college community for their unwavering commitment to excellence and institutional growth. May this newsletter continue to inspire innovation, integrity, and a culture of quality in all our endeavours.

Best regards,
Dr. Sr. Betty Carla, Director

From the Principal's Desk

The pursuit of excellence is a continuous journey, and every milestone achieved reflects the collective commitment of our institution towards quality education and professional growth. This issue of INSIGHT captures the diverse academic, co-curricular, and extension activities that have enriched campus life during this period. The departmental seminars and academic initiatives have strengthened our students' knowledge while encouraging critical thinking and lifelong learning. Pharmolsavam–2026 stands as a testimony to our institution's ability to integrate academic excellence with leadership, teamwork, and creativity through meaningful collaborations. The commendable activities of our NSS unit further demonstrate our commitment to nurturing socially responsible healthcare professionals who are sensitive to the needs of society. I congratulate the IQAC, faculty members, students, and all stakeholders whose dedication has made these accomplishments possible. May this spirit of innovation, quality, and service continue to guide us as we strive towards greater achievements in the years ahead.

Best wishes,
Dr. Sr. Daisy PA
(IQAC Chairperson)
Principal

IQAC Coordinator Speaks

It gives us immense pleasure to present the June 2026 issue of INSIGHT, the official newsletter of the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC). This edition reflects the institution's continued commitment to academic excellence, quality enhancement, innovation, and holistic student development.

The first half of the academic year has been marked by a series of enriching departmental seminars, expert lectures, workshops, and interactive academic sessions that have strengthened knowledge exchange and promoted interdisciplinary learning.

A major highlight of this issue is Pharmolsavam–2026, our flagship intercollegiate academic and cultural festival. Our college emerged as the runner-up.

This edition also showcases the vibrant activities of the National Service Scheme (NSS), reflecting our institution's dedication to community engagement and social responsibility. Health awareness programmes, outreach initiatives, environmental campaigns, blood donation drives, and other service-oriented activities have enabled our students to translate knowledge into meaningful societal contributions while fostering compassion and civic responsibility.

The IQAC has continued to play a pivotal role in promoting quality culture through a range of initiatives including academic audits, faculty development programmes, quality monitoring, outcome-based education practices, stakeholder feedback mechanisms, research promotion, documentation of best practices, and institutional quality enhancement activities. These efforts have strengthened the institution's journey towards continuous improvement and excellence.

As you explore this issue of INSIGHT, we hope it provides a comprehensive overview of the vibrant academic environment, institutional achievements, and collaborative efforts that define our college. I extend my sincere appreciation to the faculty members, students, administrative staff, and all stakeholders whose dedication and enthusiasm continue to inspire excellence.

Let us continue working together to strengthen a culture of quality, innovation, integrity, and service, ensuring that our institution remains a centre of excellence in pharmacy education.

Happy Reading!

Best regards,
Dr. Boby Johns G
(IQAC Coordinator)
Professor & Head-Dept. of Pharmaceutics

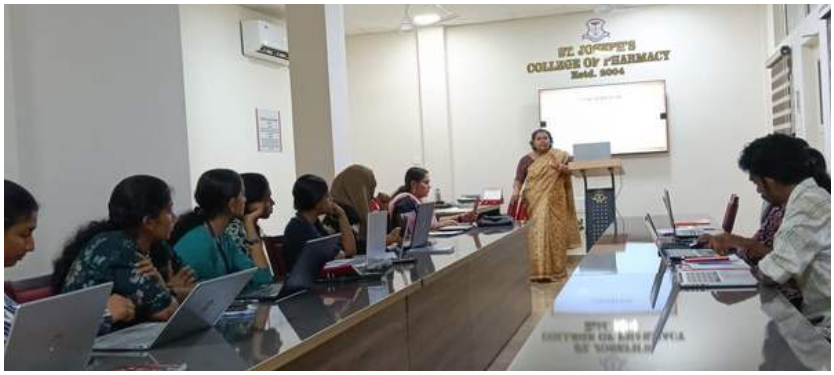
International Women's Day 2026

International Women's Day 2026

St. Joseph's College of Pharmacy celebrated International Women's Day 2026 with great enthusiasm through the programme "She-Rise March", organized under the inspiring theme "Give to Gain." The event was conducted in coordination with Sakhi – The Women's Cell, IQAC Criterion 7, and the National Service Scheme (NSS) Unit, reflecting the institution's commitment to gender equality, women's empowerment, and social responsibility. Faculty members, students, and staff actively participated in the one week celebration, making it a meaningful occasion to recognize the achievements, resilience, and invaluable contributions of women in society.

The programme emphasized the importance of empowering women through education, leadership, and equal opportunities while encouraging participants to foster a culture of respect, dignity, and inclusivity. Through awareness activities and collective participation, the event reinforced the message that empowering women contributes significantly to the progress of families, communities, and the nation. The celebration served as a platform to inspire students to become advocates of gender equity and responsible citizens, aligning with the institution's vision of holistic education and value-based learning. The active collaboration of Sakhi, IQAC, and the NSS Unit ensured the success of the programme.

From Molecules to Medicines:Hands On Training



Hands on Training on From Molecules to Medicines: Hands-On Training

The Department of Pharmaceutical Chemistry, in association with the Academic Programming Committee (M.Pharm) and IQAC, organized a hands-on workshop titled "From Molecules to Medicines: Hands-on Training in Computational Drug Design" on 24 February 2026 for M.Pharm Pharmaceutical Chemistry students. The workshop was conducted by Ms. Sneha Shenoy K. U., Ms. Reshma Jose, and Ms. Femy Maria K. M., who provided practical training in modern computational approaches employed in drug discovery and development.

The programme aimed to familiarize postgraduate students with the fundamentals of computational drug design and its applications in identifying and optimizing potential drug candidates. Through interactive demonstrations and hands-on sessions, participants gained practical exposure to molecular modelling, virtual screening, molecular docking, and structure-based drug design techniques. The workshop also highlighted the growing significance of computational tools in accelerating drug discovery, reducing development costs, and improving the efficiency of pharmaceutical research.

Students actively participated in the practical sessions and developed a better understanding of the integration of computational methods with medicinal chemistry and pharmaceutical research. The workshop strengthened their technical competencies and encouraged them to incorporate in silico approaches into their research projects. The programme served as a valuable platform for enhancing research skills and promoting innovation among postgraduate students.

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Hands-on Training on Design of Experiments (DoE)

Hands-on training session on Unlock the Power of Design of Experiments by Mr. Shijith KV

The Department of Pharmaceutics organized a hands-on training session on "Unlock the Power of Design of Experiments (DoE) – Mastering Smart Experimentation for Optimization" on 25 February 2026 for postgraduate students. The session was led by Mr. Shijith K.V., Assistant Professor, College of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Government Medical College, Kannur, who shared his expertise in the application of Design of Experiments for pharmaceutical research and formulation optimization.

The programme introduced participants to the fundamental principles of DoE and demonstrated how systematic experimental design can improve the efficiency, accuracy, and reliability of research while minimizing the number of experiments required. Through practical demonstrations and interactive exercises, students gained hands-on experience in planning, designing, analyzing, and interpreting experimental data using scientific approaches. The resource person also highlighted the significance of DoE in pharmaceutical product development, quality by design (QbD), process optimization, and regulatory compliance.

The training session enhanced the analytical and research skills of M.Pharm Pharmaceutics students and encouraged them to adopt data-driven methodologies in their research projects. The session also provided participants with practical insights into selecting appropriate experimental designs and interpreting statistical outputs for research applications. The interactive nature of the programme encouraged active participation, enabling students to clarify their concepts through discussions and hands-on problem-solving exercises. The programme received an enthusiastic response from the participants and served as a valuable academic initiative in strengthening research competence and promoting excellence in pharmaceutical sciences.

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Guest Lecture Series on Regulatory Affairs

Guest lecture series on Regulatory Affairs by Dr. PK Sreekumar

The Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of St. Joseph's College of Pharmacy organized a two-day Lecture Series on Regulatory Affairs on 26 & 27 February 2026 to enhance student understanding of pharmaceutical regulations and legal requirements governing the healthcare sector. The sessions were delivered by Dr. PK Sreekumar, M.Pharm., Ph.D., Former Deputy Drugs Controller, Government of Kerala, an eminent expert with extensive experience in drug regulatory affairs.

The lecture series focused on two important topics: The Drug Price Control Order (DPCO) and Schedules under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, simplifying key concepts in Pharmaceutical Jurisprudence for undergraduate and postgraduate students. Dr. Sreekumar provided detailed insights into the objectives, implementation, and practical implications of the DPCO, along with a comprehensive overview of the various schedules under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act and their significance in pharmaceutical manufacturing, dispensing, and regulatory compliance. Real-world examples and case-based discussions helped participants understand the relevance of these regulations in professional pharmacy practice.

The interactive sessions promoted active participation and provided students with an opportunity to clarify concepts through meaningful discussions. The programme enhanced awareness of ethical and legal responsibilities while strengthening knowledge of the regulatory framework and preparing participants for academic pursuits and professional practice. The lecture series received an excellent response from the audience. The programme also encouraged students to appreciate the importance of regulatory compliance in ensuring the quality, safety, and efficacy of pharmaceutical products. The knowledge gained through the lecture series is expected to strengthen their academic foundation and support their future roles as responsible pharmacy professionals.

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Research Day Celebration-2026

Ideathon Certificate Distribution

The Research and Development (R&D) Cell of St. Joseph's College of Pharmacy organized Research Day Celebration 2026 on 03 March 2026 at Dr. Joseph C. Panjikaran Hall with the objective of fostering a culture of research, innovation, and entrepreneurship among students. The highlight of the event was an inspiring experience-sharing session titled "From Idea to Innovation" by Ms. Mariya Meenu, Seventh Semester B.Pharm student and Winner of the 74th IPC Pharmathon 2025. She shared her journey from conceptualizing an innovative idea to achieving national-level recognition, motivating students to pursue research with confidence, creativity, and perseverance.

As part of the celebration, an Ideathon Competition was conducted to encourage innovative thinking and problem-solving skills among students. Participants enthusiastically presented a wide range of novel ideas addressing contemporary challenges in healthcare, pharmacy practice, pharmaceutical technology, and patient care. The competition provided an excellent platform for students to demonstrate creativity, scientific reasoning, and entrepreneurial potential while receiving constructive feedback from the evaluators. The programme witnessed active participation from students and faculty members.

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World Anemia Awareness Day

Observing World Anemia Awareness Day

The Department of Pharmacy Practice, in collaboration with the National Service Scheme (NSS) Unit, observed World Anemia Awareness Day on 27 February 2026 with the active participation of the 2022–28 Pharm.D Batch. The programme aimed to create awareness about anemia, its causes, prevention, early diagnosis, and the importance of maintaining adequate nutritional status. A series of awareness activities were organized both within the institution and in the community to educate participants about the public health burden of anemia and the need for timely intervention.

Pharmolsavam-2026

Inauguration of Pharmolsavam by the former Agriculture Minister and Cherthala MLA Mr. P. Prasad

Pharmolsavam–2026, the flagship intercollegiate cultural festival of the Kerala State Self-Financing Pharmacy College Management Association (KSSPCMA), was hosted by St. Joseph's College of Pharmacy, Cherthala, from 14th to 16th May 2026. The three-day event brought together pharmacy students from across Kerala, providing a vibrant platform to showcase their artistic talents, creativity, cultural heritage, and team spirit. The festival successfully fulfilled its objective of promoting holistic development among pharmacy students by encouraging participation in a wide spectrum of literary, fine arts, music, dance, and stage events. The event was organized through the coordinated efforts of various committees constituted by the organizing institution, ensuring smooth conduct of every aspect of the programme.

The event was inaugurated by the former Agriculture Minister and present MLA of Cherthala Mr. P. Prasad. The inaugural ceremony witnessed the participation of distinguished dignitaries, faculty members, students, and representatives of KSSPCMA. The campus was transformed into a vibrant cultural arena, welcoming participants with meticulous arrangements for registration, accommodation, transportation, hospitality, food, stage management, publicity, and grievance redressal. A dedicated organizing committee, along with programme, reception, volunteer, media, transportation, food, judging, and other committees, worked tirelessly to ensure that every participant experienced a memorable and well-coordinated event.

A total of 32 pharmacy colleges from different regions of the State of Kerala actively participated in Pharmolsavam–2026. The festival witnessed enthusiastic participation from undergraduate, postgraduate, Pharm.D., and Diploma in Pharmacy students, reflecting the growing spirit of cultural excellence among pharmacy institutions in Kerala. Participants competed in a wide range of individual and group events that included classical music, light music, recitation, elocution, Bharatanatyam, Mohiniyattam, folk dance, mimicry, mono act, painting, essay writing, story writing, poem writing, group song, Oppana,

Pharmolsavam-2026

Moments of Triumph - The Runner-up Team from St. Joseph's College of Pharmacy rejoices after an impressive performance

Thiruvathirakali, Margam Kali, skit, mime, and several other literary and performing arts competitions conducted in accordance with the rules and regulations framed by KSSPCMA. Throughout the three days, the competitions showcased remarkable talent, creativity, discipline, and sportsmanship among the participating students. The performances reflected Kerala's rich cultural traditions while also encouraging innovation and contemporary artistic expression. The judging process was carried out by eminent experts from various fields, ensuring transparency, fairness, and adherence to the prescribed evaluation criteria.

The organizing institution successfully managed the event with efficient scheduling, timely conduct of competitions, systematic registration procedures, and excellent logistical support. Volunteers and faculty members worked in close coordination to guide participants, assist judges, and facilitate smooth movement between various venues. Accommodation and transportation arrangements for outstation participants were efficiently coordinated, while the hospitality and food committees ensured the comfort and well-being of all delegates throughout the programme. The seamless coordination among various committees significantly contributed to the overall success of the festival.

The much-awaited overall championship results reflected the consistent excellence displayed by the participating institutions throughout the festival. Devakiamma Memorial College of Pharmacy emerged as the Overall Champions, securing the coveted Overall Trophy through exceptional performances across multiple events. St. Joseph's College of Pharmacy, Cherthala, the host institution, delivered an outstanding performance and was declared the Overall Runners-up, a remarkable achievement that reflected the

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Pharmolsavam-2026

Team St. Joseph's during Pharmolsavam-2026

dedication, talent, and hard work of its students. Pharmolsavam–2026 concluded on a memorable note with appreciation extended to KSSPCMA, the management of St. Joseph's College of Pharmacy, organizing committees, faculty members, volunteers, judges, sponsors, and all participating institutions for their wholehearted support and cooperation. The overwhelming participation of 32 colleges from across Kerala and the enthusiastic response from students made Pharmolsavam–2026 a grand success, leaving lasting memories and setting a high benchmark for future editions of the festival.

MOMENTS OF PRIDE

Celebrating Excellence, Inspiring Excellence.

Congratulations!

Ms. Hafsa

M.Pharm (Pharmaceutical Chemistry)

2023–2025 Batch

KUHS SECOND RANK

Heartiest congratulations to Ms. Hafsa on securing KUHS Second Rank in M.Pharm (Pharmaceutical Chemistry). This remarkable achievement reflects her dedication, perseverance, and academic excellence.

The entire St. Joseph's College of Pharmacy family takes immense pride in this accomplishment and wishes her continued success in all future academic and professional endeavors.

Congratulations!

Ms. Amala Maty John

Fifth Semester B.Pharm

KUHS MERIT SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

Heartiest congratulations to Ms. Amala Maty John on being awarded the Merit Scholarship of Kerala University of Health Sciences (KUHS). This prestigious recognition is a testament to her outstanding academic performance, dedication, and commitment to excellence.

Her achievement brings pride to the institution and serves as an inspiration to fellow students. We wish her continued success and many more accomplishments in her academic and professional journey.

Congratulations to Our Young Innovators! 🎉

St. Joseph's College of Pharmacy, Cherthala, proudly congratulates our talented 8th Semester B.Pharm (2026) students on their outstanding achievement as YIP 8.0 State Level Winners (Kerala),with Rs.50,000/- Cash prize from K-DISC, Government of Kerala.

Your creativity, innovation, perseverance, and commitment to solving real-world challenges have brought immense pride to our institution. This remarkable accomplishment reflects your hard work, teamwork, and passion for innovation.

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to Sandra Catherine Prince, Avanthika A, Amala Jose, Aarya Sajeev, and Anupriya Sekhar C. May this success inspire you to continue creating impactful innovations and achieve even greater milestones in the future.

Congratulations once again, and best wishes for your continued success!

St. Joseph's College of Pharmacy, Cherthala, proudly congratulates Gouri Mithra G, Kavitha Mol PR, and Aneeta Mary Thomas on being recognized as District Level Winners in the Young Innovators Programme (YIP) 8.0 – Category 2–4, Alappuzha, bagging INR 25,000/- from K-DISC, Govt. of Kerala.

Your creativity, dedication, and innovative spirit have brought great pride to the institution. May this remarkable achievement inspire you to continue innovating and making meaningful contributions to society.

Wishing you continued success in all your future endeavors!

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New Memorandum of Understanding Signed

Signing of MoU between SN College and St. Joseph's College of Pharmacy

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed on 26 March 2026 between the PG Department of Chemistry, S.N. College, Cherthala, and the Department of Pharmaceutical Chemistry, St. Joseph's College of Pharmacy, Cherthala. The MoU was established to promote collaborative research, facilitate academic interactions, and encourage the exchange of knowledge and expertise between the two departments. This partnership aims to strengthen interdisciplinary research, foster innovation, and create opportunities for joint research projects, faculty collaboration, and student engagement in scientific activities.

The collaboration will encourage the sharing of research facilities and laboratory resources to support quality scientific investigations. It will also facilitate the organization of joint seminars, workshops, conferences, and faculty development programmes in areas of mutual interest.

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Academic Connect & Participation

Prime Pharma Conclave 2026

Our M.Pharm graduates actively participated in Prime Pharma Conclave 2026, a two-day International Conference held on 2nd and 3rd February 2026 on the theme **"Frontiers in Drug Discovery & Pharmaceutical Research."** The conference brought together eminent academicians, researchers, and industry experts to deliberate on the latest advancements in pharmaceutical sciences and innovative approaches to drug discovery. Through insightful keynote lectures, scientific discussions, and interactive sessions, the event provided an excellent platform for knowledge exchange and professional networking.

The participation of our graduates enriched their academic perspective, strengthened their research outlook, and inspired them to contribute meaningfully to the future of pharmacy and pharmaceutical research. The conference also offered valuable opportunities to present research findings, engage in scholarly discussions, and receive constructive feedback from experts in the field.

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QAS Surveillance Visit Visit on 16/02/2026

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