

## World AMR Awareness Week (WAAW) – 2025 – Sensitization Programme

**Date:** 20-11-2025, 11am – 12noon

**Venue:** Second Floor Seminar Hall, Hospital Campus.

**Organised by:** Anti-Microbial Stewardship and Pre-authorisation (AMSP) Committee in co-ordination with Dept of Microbiology and Dept of Pharmacology.

The programme began with Dr Lakshmi R P, Assistant Professor, Dept of Microbiology invoking the blessings of the His Holiness and inviting all the dignitaries on the Dias.

Dr Shubha D S, Professor and Head, Dept of Microbiology welcomed the gathering along and also highlighted the importance of the event.

The programme was formally inaugurated by Watering the Plant as per the traditions of SJM, Vidyapeetha symbolising the nurturing of every efforts for Growth and Prosperity of everyone and also the institution.

Dr Sudhindra K S, Professor, Dept of Microbiology and also Nodal Officer, AMSP Committee presented the Hospital Antibiogram for the past one year and highlighted on the present Anti-Microbial Resistance (AMR) status in our institution. He also briefed about the involvement and work being done in our institution through AMSP Committee in the National AMR Surveillance Programme undertaken by National Centre for Disease Control under MoHFW, Govt of India.

Dr Lavanya. N. Professor and Head, Dept of Pharmacology gave a brief talk about the theme for WAAW-2025 “Act Now-Protect our Present, Secure our Future” highlighting the role of each and every one, every action taken counts from administrator level to the grass root workers including students and community for prevention and control of AMR.

Dr M M Kousar, Professor spoke about the Clinician’s perspective on how AMSP helps in better patient care highlighting the 5D’s of AMSP – right Diagnosis, right Drug, right Dosage, right Duration and De-escalation at the right time.

Dr Sumanta A, Professor, Dept of Microbiology and also Nodal Officer, Hospital Infection Prevention & Control Committee (HICC) spoke about the various activities of HICC Committee highlighting the continuous and all the painstaking efforts of the Infection Control Nurses to reduce the infection rates in our institution and thereby acting as a gate-keeper for all the AMSP activities.

Dr Rajesh M S, Medical Superintendent and Dr Nagendra Gowda M R, Deputy Medical Superintendent in their address to the gathering appreciated the selfless work done by AMSP Committee, HICC Committee, Dept of Microbiology and Dept of Pharmacology for prevention and control of AMR, not just in our institution but at the community level also. Both of them also appealed to all the Faculty members, Post Graduates students, Interns, Nursing staff and everyone to join hands and actively participate to Act Now in all the AMSP activities and make this programme not just a symbolic observation but a continuous process to Protect our Present, Secure our Future.

Dr Sai Priya B, Associate Professor, Dept of Microbiology delivered the Vote of Thanks.

The programme concluded with High Tea and Snacks.