World Pharmacist Day 2020 celebrated at Department of Pharmacy, BITS Pilani, Pilani campus

Amidst the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, Department of Pharmacy, BITS Pilani, Pilani Campus celebrated the World Pharmacist Day 2020 on 25th September 2020 to imbibe a positive attitude and confidence among the budding pharmacists. On this occasion, Dr. Anjaneyulu Muragundla, Assistant Vice President, Drug Discovery, BioXcelInveniAI, US & India delivered the Pharmacist Day Lecture entitled, 'Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Drug Discovery and Development: An Overview'. The proceedings began with a welcome address by Prof. Hemant Jadhay, Head, Department of Pharmacy. He appraised the attendees about the vital role that the pharmacists play in ensuring best health practices across the globe and teaching and research based contribution by Pharmacy department at BITS Pilani towards achieving this goal. After a brief introduction of the Speaker of the day by Prof. Jadhav, Dr. Anjaneyulu enlightened the audience with the growing industrial applications and advances in Artificial Intelligence. He also discussed the academic applications of machine learning and deep learning in drug discovery and development research. He emphasized the importance of applying the AI concepts to reduce time, cost and efforts involved in drug discovery research by citing some case studies. The lecture was followed by a lively discussion and informative interventions by both the speaker and the participants. The celebrations witnessed active participation by around 100 participants including undergraduate, postgraduate, Ph.D. scholars and faculty members of the various departments and colleges.





