Ayurveda Everyday, Ayurveda Everywhere

23rd October, 2022

Celebration
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1. Social Media promotion.
2. Messages from iconic cultural personalities.
3. Campaign on mobile.
4. Publicity material on Ayurveda.
5. Radio Jingles/TV spots/ Amplification through Community Radio
9. E-folders on week long campaigns
10. Utilization of Ayush Virtual Convention Centre (AVCC) and Ayush Campaign Portal.
1. Programmes at ASI sites. Wellness camps.
2. Prakriti Parikashna at 75 iconic sites.
3. Nukkad Natak & LED display at Heritage Sites. Contents to be provided by MoA.
4. School outreach programmes
5. Involvement of Aanganvadi
6. NSS students & College volunteers / NYKS involvement
7. Alignment of Ayurveda Poshan with International Year of Millets
8. Quiz/ Competition on Mygov and Ayush Campaign Portal.
9. Mera ayurrehsya (recipe) - National & International Level competition.
10. Ayurveda food festival.
11. Music Concerts.
12. Engaging Community Service Centres (CSCs)/ Community Health Centres (CHCs)/ Health and Wellness Centres (HWCs)
Weekly events for **Jan Bhagidari**

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Activities For General Public

1. Preparation of healthy sweets
2. Prakriti Assessment
3. Following Ayurveda navaratna
4. Slow food for health
5. Video competition through My gov on five themes:
   - *Ayurveda in my day*
   - *Ayurveda in my kitchen*
   - *Ayurveda in my garden*
   - *Ayurveda in my farm*
   - *Ayurveda in my food/ diet*

(Three prizes in each category: 75K, 50K, 25K)
Jan Aandolan

1. Ayurbijam – Giving every State one Ayurveda Practice.
2. Ayurnavratna (9) posters at every village Panchayat through Indian Post.
3. Promotion of Ayurveda Food Festivals at 75 iconic sites.
4. Lifestyle advisories at 75 iconic sites
5. Selfie points

Weekly events for institutions and Ayurveda Professionals
1. Historical Legacy of Ayurveda.
2. Ayurveda research, status & future.
3. Innovations & start-up ecosystem.
4. Digitization & technology for Ayurveda.
5. Ayurveda Aahar and Poshan Abhiyan.
6. Ayurveda for millennials.
7. Road map for Ayurveda Ka Amrit Kaal 2022-2047
Ayurveda: Knowledge System of Healthy and Happy Life

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The concepts and practices of Ayurveda are deeply rooted in our community viz the kitchen remedies, making use of spices, rituals and traditions observed in India at various seasons and places. This is the nerve of our traditions. However, it is not merely a Folklore or Home Remedies Science, as it is scientific and provides an insight to our beliefs as truth. For instance, observing the rituals of eating Sesame seeds and jiggery on Makar Sankranti falling in the winter season will enhance the robustness of health and closely matches with the Ritucharya described for this season in Ayurveda literatures. Similarly, lighting a common fire as ritual of Holi, falling in Vasant Ritu is a reflection of Public Swedana to be advised in this season to mitigate the Kapha prakopa as is depicted in Ayurveda. Thus, as explained through customs, traditions or rituals or as a part of kitchen herbs, Ayurveda is tightly woven in Indian community, which makes it all the more acceptable to meet the health and wellness for all. Ayurveda is the binding science which advocates scientific parameters to give insight to those belief system of Indian community. In present covid situation also use of Kitchen remedies like Haldi, Ardrak, Tulasi, Marich, Jeera in the form of Ayushkwath or Haldi milk helped to prevent the disease by modulating the immunity. Thus, what is needed is to touch the roots and transform the lives of the people.
**Strengths of Ayurveda:**

Ayurveda science has certain salient characteristic features which make it unique. First of all, it is Time tested. It has the legacy of thousands of years well documented in form of texts and practiced till today. As it has its roots in the community and as it is our genetic knowledge, it becomes Cost effective. Many of the remedies mentioned are readily available in the Kitchen and known to a common man. Since, these remedies are part and parcel of our routine life in form of spices, herbs, vegetables etc., it Quality, Safety & Efficacy assured. Further, this system has separate governing body, Ministry of AYUSH to ensure the optimal development and propagation of AYUSH systems of health care, regulating the rules pertaining to the Quality, Safety & Efficacy of the drugs and procedures.

Ayurveda has Rasayana herbs like Amla, Guduchi, Shatavari, Ashwagnadha etc. which are known to the common public and can be easily grown in the kitchen garden. These drugs bring about the immune modulation, Restoration and Rejuvenation of the body tissues. For the treatment of various ailments, we have vast choices of treatment based on the condition of the patient, condition and stages of diseases, environment, time and place; in terms of Shamana (Palliation), Shodhana (Bio purification), Nidana Parivarjana (Avoiding the causes), Antah Parimarjana, Bahir Parimarjana, Shastra Pranidhana and so on. In the vast flora and fauna in the biodiversity of India, thousands of drugs are available to choose for treatment. More than 10,000 herbal & Herbo-mineral formulations are documented in the texts for the purpose. The Panchakarma in an unique modality of treatment wherein the toxin are removed from the natural orifices through Emesis (Vamana), Purgation (Virechana), Enema (Basti), Nasal Errhines (Nasya) or Blood letting (RaktaMokshana). These modalities of detoxification is applicable in various pathological conditions as well as for the maintenance of health in terms of seasonal Panchakarma. Apart from the treatment modalities, a Holistic integrated approach is imbibed incorporating the guidelines to Ahara, Vihara & Achara. Ayurveda also makes a synergy with Yoga system and brings about Mental & Spiritual healing.
Ayurveda science tends to consider the individual as a whole: a soul /mind/senses /body thinking and interacting with its environment. It is thus a matter of adjusting a treatment according to the individual characteristics of each patient. The approach of P5 medicine as Predictive, Preventive, Promotive, Personalized & Participatory is well incorporated in Ayurveda principles and not merely curative alone.

**Personalised:** everyone is unique, we are interested in the personal profile of the individual (genetic, environmental, etc.).

**Preventive:** health education aims to reduce the risk of disease (primary prevention), promote early detection (secondary prevention) and improve the quality of life of the sick (tertiary prevention). “Wellness” is at the centre of these different processes.

**Promotive:** The immune modulators in form of Rasayana drugs like Amalaki, Ashwagandha, Shatavari etc. the health status is enhanced to its optimum in the desired way.

**Predictive:** by establishing a personalised mapping of the risk factors and protective elements of a person's health, the risk of developing a disease can be assessed and the most appropriate drug and other treatments proposed.

**Participatory:** patients are the actors of their own health and care. They are now considered “expert patients”, with theoretical knowledge and subjective knowledge derived from experience of their disorders. Further, during COVID it is once again proved that 'health is an individual responsibility” by following the proper prophylaxis, diet and regimen.

Further, it also imparts the Universal approach of looking to the individual being as a reflection of the universe, through “Loka Purusha Samya Siddhanta” which says that whatever is present outside is present inside.
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