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EDITORIAL Ancient Narratives of Indian HR Models - A Review

My dear Brothers and Sisters,

Introduction

Modern science and technology over the 4 centuries have made tremendous contributions in unravelling the structure and laws of our physical universe. That everything is ultimately Energy and can be measured by the equation E=mC2 showing the tremendous energy packed in so called inert matter. Similarly Classical Mechanics contained in Newtons laws of motion and quantum mechanics for extremely high speeds of particles nearing the velocity of light have unraveled the laws of our whole physical universe. The scientific methodology of Hypothesis testing using multi centric trials have achieved great success and set the world for seeking evidence base for all dimensions of our life.HR modeling is no exception. Matterbased paradigm which assumes that everything is matter (energy governed by the laws of Classical mechanics) is governing development of Human systems as well. But science is in a turning point to go beyond the physical to discover deeper, subtler and causal dimensions of our universe. To find out the structure and laws of biological system and next those of mind, emotions, intellect and consciousness itself. While we are in this phase of Turning point, our challenges as that of Stress for example have grown multi-dimensional (Physical, mental, emotional and intellectual) and need a wholistic approach. It is in this context that we are seeking newer and Holistic HR models as well to meet the challenges of stress related health, harmony, growth, sustainability, etc. in the corporate world. Ancient Indian knowledge systems contain this total knowledge base which can meet these challenges.

Finding ancient India roots for rebuilding and expanding modern HR models has become more relevant today and we all have gathered here for the same. A brief review of those models, nay, approaches are presented here.

Modern HR Models

Among the 8 Major well-known HR models, the best-known human resources models include HR Value Chain, the Harvard Model of HRM, and the Ulrich model.

As HR and its role continue to evolve, the models of HR will develop as well. For example, technology plays an increasingly important role in HR service delivery. Agile HR is gaining popularity, and sustainable HR is also being explored. These are all elements that the future HR models will need to consider.

All these models ned further expanse in bringing the total personality in human resource development consisting of not only to gain wealth, but to develop in them Physical, mental, emotional, intellectual and Spiritual dimensions and to promote civic sense, national Awareness, Service urge and spiritual Quest. That will promote in them not only a capacity for development of the corporate GDP but also its health, harmony, peace, happiness and sustainability.

We present here Two Models which were developed in ancient India:

Model 1

Based on the diagnosis of the three Gunas Chanakya used the four-fold strategy of Saama, Dana, Bheda and Danda for HR transformation. He enunciated these as the four key principles of Chanakya (350 to 290 BCE) Neeti are

1. "Ksheeyante Sarvadaanaani Yagya homabali Kriyaah, Na Ksheeyate Paatradaanambhayam Sarvadehinaam."

Meaning: The effect of all gifts and incentives etc., disappears after some time. But, if it is given to a deserving person, it will survive forever because the worthy person passes the gifts ahead in their chain of charity and for everyone's welfare.

2. "Prastaavsadrisham Vaakkyam Prabhaavsadrisham Priyam. Aatmashaktisamam Kopam Yo Jaanaati Sa Panditah."

Meaning: The one who talks in connection with the context, knows how to influence and persuade people. Also, expressing his emotion of love and anger according to his capacity is called a pundit.

3. "Lubhhdhamurthen Grihaveeyaattstabdhamanjalikarmanaa. Moorkashchandaanurodhen Yathaarthvaaden Panditam."

Meaning: Convince greedy person by giving money, the arrogant person by behaving submissively, the fool by preaching him, and the learned by showing him the reality.

4. "Upaarjitaanaam Vittaanaam Tyaag Evahi Rakshanam, Taddagodarsansthaanaam Parivaah Ivaammassaam."

Meaning: Like, the water needs to flow as it symbolizes purity. Similarly, it is necessary to donate a part of the earned revenue as it symbolizes purity in deeds.

Based on these 4 Principles the HRM was developed by Chanakya to establish Chandragupta Empire

Model 2

Vidyaranya and Vijayanagar empire established in 1336 and was an ideal social order towards which people from all over the world came to visit and have recorded that it was selling gold, silver, diamond, etc. in streets. The society was featured by not only tremendous Wealth but with its great hospitality, transparency and highly

developed culture. The subjects manifested fine Health, Harmony, peace and happiness. There was hardly anyone who was not educated and lived a life of contentment, sharing and adhered to the law of the land.

The HR was based on the Panca-kosha model of human existence propounded in the Upanishads and brought forth by Vidyaranya in Pancadashi. He translated the concept into action; as the king maker (as Chanakya was the one who made Chandragupta) he developed the two brothers as kings Hakka and Bukka Rayas to become ideal Kings. As their Minister, Vidyaranya was not only a great philosopher but also a great administrator who set the Panca-kosha model of Reality towards total development of persons in the Kingdom.

Swami Vivekananda in 1893 in Parliament of Religions and later in his speeches in USA emphasized that we need to combine the best of the West with that of the East. It is this total approach that we need to bring out in our new emerging HR models. He established Ramakrishna mission to train persons who work for establishing ideal India again based on the wholistic Vision of Yoga-spirituality "Service to Humanity is service to Divinity" for total development of personality. So, the HR models that we develop for the corporates should not only emphasize on wealth creation, but also promote Health, harmony and happiness among the corporate community.

The Indian Knowledge base contained on the four streams of Yoga (Jnana Yoga of intellect, Bhakti Yoga for emotional mastery, Raja Yoga of will power for gaining control on mind and Karma Yoga for learning the art of working in relaxation and blissful awareness) has great promise to develop new Holistic HR models we are aiming in this conference through our interactions.

■ Dr H R Nagendra

Message from the Vice Chancellor

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Greetings from the desk of the Vice Chancellor

All of you are aware of the basics of Yoga that, Yama (Codes) comprising of Ahimsa - Nonviolence, Satya - Truthfulness, Aastheya - Nonsteeling, Brahmacharya - Celibacy/ Spiritual endeavours and Aparigraha - Non-accumulation of wealth.

And, Niyama (Conducts) comprising of Shoucha - Cleanliness, Santosha - Contentment, Tapah -Penance, Swadhyaya - Self-studies and Ishwara pranidhaana - Surender to God) are the most preliminary steps to be essentially followed by every member of the society to live with health, happiness and harmony. With out adhering to these, the universal aim and objectives (Dharma, Artha, Kama and Moksha) of the individuals cannot be persuaded. Among these ten points of the Code and Conduct, Ahimsa is the most important one to ensure harmony in the society.

Today, if you just focus on this point, you will find the total violation of Ahimsa with a hidden agenda of religion supremacy, territorial expansion, political positions, economic growth, military super power and intellectual exploitation. It may be the war between Russia and Ukraine, Israel and Palestine, disputes between Bharatha and China & Pakistan, borders issue of China with all the neighbouring countries etc. are connected to the same issues.

It has become an undeclared but followed discipline and mandatory code and conduct for the militant followers to indulge in Himsa (Violence) in the name of Jihad on all the other sects of people who practice different religions.

This is an inhumane and most uncultured attitude and preachings which should be protested and erased. This violence mission is being spread to most of the countries through pseudo regional, national and international, cultural and social organisations with different attractive service-oriented names to establish solo religion supremacy.

There have been age-old claims and fights among the three religions (Arabs, Christians and Jews) to acquire Jerusalem as the holy place of worship belonging to each of them. Due to this several rounds of struggles and wars have been happening among themselves.

Off late the Jihadis floated many groups all over the world to destabilize and destroy the other countries practicing different religions through militant activities, guerilla wars, terrorisms, extremism and border violations questioning the authenticity, integrity and solidarity of the other religions.

There has been several aggression and fights since many years between Israel and the militants of Palestinian which is known as Hamas.

It was most unfortunate that on 7th Oct 2023, Hamas militants attacked on Israeli music festival at Gaja Patti, a border town of Israel and Palestine and massacred many innocent civilians including children and elderly and p6 >>

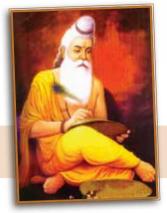
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ब्रह्मसूत्रम् (Brahmasūtram)

■ Prof. Ramachandra G. Bhat Former Vice Chancellor S-VYASA Deemed to be University, Bengaluru



तद्धिगम उत्तरपूर्वाघयोरश्लेषविनाशो तद्यपदेषात् (ब्रह्मसूत्रम्-४-१-१३)

Tadadhigama uttarapūrvāghayoraśleṣavināśau tadvyapadeṣāt (Brahmasūtram-4-1-13)

Meaning: On the attainment of this (viz., Brahman) (there takes place) the non-clinging and the destruction of later and earlier sins; because it is so declared by the scriptures.

Our journey on inquiry is on the aspect of life after death. Life may be analysed in two parts, before and after death. This is the unique feature of the Bharatiya culture that pushes forward the rationale and scientific temperamental approach for the very existence of life and its journey. The life after journey is discussed to a great extent as the Rishis could see the process of transmigration as clearly as other tangible things in life.

Purusharthas have been identified as the goals of life, and everything goes around it for a better way of leading life. It is not just while living, but things even beyond the present life is attached to Purusharthas. Amongst four Purusharthas, Moksha is known to be the ultimate liberation. After its occurrence, there is no more compulsion of coming back to the physical world; absolute freedom stands unique as a consequence of Sadhana as a Jiva. Here the question arises regarding absolute freedom after which there is no more any attachment with anything whatsoever. How is it possible to even assume a situation where there is no bondage at all for a person who is living normally and having an ordinary life? Can someone lead a life without the stain of karma, the binding factor of a human life to the physical world? The bondage of karma is too complex to comprehend, it is in

fact an accumulation of works of thousands of lives even earlier to being a human. The vicious cycle of birth and death has been repeated innumerable times leaving the impression on the Jeeva to lead a particular life in a certain manner. How is total liberation possible? One cannot lead a stainless life and every time stain keeps adding as accumulated karma of which Prarabdha Karma will be over by the end of the present life. The rest of the karma continues to come along.

In this context, the Sutra narrates and provides insights about the process of Moksha through Sakshatkara, Adhigama (internalisation of Brahmavastu, the original stuff of universe) after the steps of Shravana, Manana and Nididhyasana; listening, analysing comprehending through experience. The doubt about Sadhaka's knowledge or wisdom with stain because of Karma-lepa is addressed here. If the proper steps are followed for Jnana, if Jnana is achieved, then there is nothing to stop annihilating the Karma-lepa, stains of Karma of that Jivatma as it is an inevitable consequence. Prarabdha, Sanchita and Agami Karmas will get destroyed instantaneously for all the Sadhana done by Sadhaka. Past and future residuals of Karma will be evaporated completely. Even Bhagavan Krishna claims in Bhagavad Gita that the fire of knowledge reduces all types of Karam into ashes, and nothing remains. This is the power of knowledge to wash out karma in its entirety. If someone claims that irrespective of the kind of knowledge one has, still Karma residual remains, then Shastra says that for a truly wise, the Karma remains similar to the leaf of lotus untouched by water in a lake though floating on water!

Untouched state and destruction of Karma

happen simultaneously for a Jnani. Knower of Brahma becomes Brahma. Already being Brahma becomes Brahma, as someone unhealthy becomes healthy by purification from medication etc, similarly Nirguna Atma starts accumulating Karma from the time immemorial and one fine day it gets relieved from all bondage. One becomes Brahma by knowing, by knowledge.

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Message from the Vice Chancellor

also held many civilians as hostages to get their imprisoned militants released from Israel.

As a retaliation to the heart breaking, cruel attack on the innocent civilians and to defend their survival, Israel declared war against Hamas militants who are being protected and supported by the neighbourhood Arab countries and off late the entire Islamic nations are in shameful and barbaric action because terrorism has no religion and cannot be allowed to progress to destroy the integrity, solidarity and basic fabric of the society the true secularism. Everyone should understand that Israel has declared war & wipe out the Hamas terrorists and neither on Palestinians nor the Islamic nations and religion.

Contrary to this destructive thinking, Bharat is embedded with the philosophy of Sanatana Dharma which promotes the concept of One earth, One family and One future (Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam). Yoga a unique science with

spirituality always upholds the concept of unity in diversity, true secularism, socialism and pluralism (Aano bhadraaha kritavo yantu vishwataha, ekam hi sat vipraaha bahudhaa vadanthi, Sarve Bhavanthu Sukhinaha and Lokaaha smasyhaaha Sukhino Bhavanthu). As yoga followers we have the responsibility of educating the society the value and divinity of every life irrespective of religion, race, region, country, class and etc. If Yoga is promoted everywhere there will be peace and harmony inherently.

The United Nations Organization which appears to be a narrative and spineless body should shatter its inertia and act dynamically to establish its objectives of international harmony.

It has lost its responsibilities and credibility due to biased decisions and actions on many issues. Every citizen in the world should Awake, Arise and Stop not till the Goal is reached.



Oct 2-16: An **Informal Yoga Course** was conducted by **Sri R Ramachandra**, Senior Faculty at S-VYASA, in the house of Smt. Poornima Raghavendra Rao in Detroit, Michigan, USA. There were five one-hour sessions and seven persons took part. Cyclic Meditation, basics of Integrated Approach to Yoga Therapy and VYASA Movement were covered.

Yoga Bhāṣya Sampat Series

Known Yogic Verse Lesser Known Traditional Insight! – 11

Insights on the Practice of Dhauti!

Introduction

Dhauti is the foremost among the six cleansing Kriyās as detailed in the Haṭhayogapradīpikā. Verse 24 of chapter 2 in the text elaborates on this practice. The insights provided by the Jyotsnā commentary are practical and noteworthy during the practice. These understandings, although they may have been empirically realized by long-term practitioners, are intriguingly already documented in the text. This underscores the fact that through a systematic study of the text along with the commentaries, one can embark on the practice well-prepared with structured guidance, eventually cultivating deeper experiential insights.

The verse

चतुरङ्गुलविस्तारं हस्तपञ्चदशायतम् । गुरूपदिष्टमार्गेण सिक्तं वस्त्रं शनैः ग्रसेत् । पुनः प्रत्याहरेचेतदुदितं धौतिकर्म तत् ॥ २ ।२४ ॥

caturangulavistārani hastapañcadaśāyatanı | gurūpadiṣṭamārgeṇa siktani vastrani śanailı graset | punalı pratyāhareccaitaduditani dhautikarma tat | | 2 | 24

Gently swallow a moist piece of cloth, measuring four fingers in width and fifteen spans in length, following the Guru's guidance.
Then, withdraw the cloth. This

■ Prof. M Jayaraman Dean, Division of Yoga - Spirituality, S-VYASA



procedure is known as Dhauti.

(Translation: Haṭhayogapradīpikā, Theosophical society, 1972)

Yoga Bhāṣya Sampat (The Wealth of Yoga (Literature) Commentary)

The Jyotsnā Commentary provides the following insights regarding the practice.

Insight 1

It's worth noting that in the English translation, the dimensions of the cloth are mentioned, but the crucial term "Siktam" has been omitted.

"Siktam" means moistened. However, is the term "moistened" adequate to fully describe the preparation of the cloth for this practice? The Jyotsnā commentary steps in to provide further insights

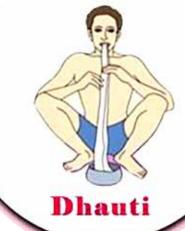
word "Siktam." It states -सिक्तं जलार्द्रं किञ्चिदुष्णम्

on the significance of the

siktanı jalārdranı kiñciduşnanı

Moistened, made wet by water which is warm.

The concept that warms water



should be used to moisten the cloth only becomes apparent in the commentary. It is likely that a cloth moistened with warm water would be easier to swallow, thereby enhancing the effect of practice of Dhauti.

Insight 2

Although the Vastram (cloth) is required to be moistened, neither the text nor the translation provides details about the type of cloth to be used. Here, the Jyotsnā commentary comes to the rescue, as it offers the following guidance regarding the cloth to be used -

वस्त्रं पटं तच सूक्ष्मं नृतनोष्णीषादेः खण्डं ग्राह्यम्

Vastranı pațanı tacca sūkşmanı nūtanoşnīşādeh khandanı grāhyam

Cloth that is subtle/ fine, which is a portion of new turban etc.

Two aspects of the cloth emerge from the commentary. A) The cloth should be fine, not coarse. B) The cloth should be new, not used.

Using a finer cloth is likely to make it easier to swallow, and a new cloth ensures freshness, free from any accumulated impurities from prior use, which could potentially lead to infection if swallowed.

Insight 3

The third insight pertains to the manner in which the cloth should be swallowed. The text employs the word "sanaiḥ" as an adjective to "graset" (should swallow), with the translator interpreting it as "slowly." However, does this adjective "śanaiḥ" convey additional meaning? According to the Jyotsnā commentary, it does, and it is explained as follows:

शनैः मन्दं मन्दं किञ्चित् किञ्चित् ग्रसेत्। द्वितीये दिने हस्तद्वयं तृतीये दिने हस्तत्रयम्। एवं दिनवृद्ध्या हस्तमात्रमधिकं ग्रसेत्।

śanailı mandanı mandanı kiñcit kiñcit graset | dvitīye

dine hastadvayanı tṛtīye dine hastatrayanı | evanı dinavrddhyā hastamātramadhikani graset | tasya prāntam rājadantamadhye

Śanaiḥ gradually little by little one should swallow. On the second day two spans long, on the third day three spans. In this manner, with every progressing day one span length of cloth has to be swallowed more.

It's fascinating to note that the Jyotsnā commentary assigns an entirely different meaning to the word "śanaiḥ" – "gradually," and this interpretation is indeed accurate. More than just the pace of swallowing, which is evident (to prevent choking), it is crucial not to attempt to swallow the entire 15 spans of cloth on the very first day. The length of the cloth ingested should be progressively increased. Attempting to swallow all 15 spans of cloth on the first day a) may prove to be impractical and b) could exert undue pressure on the esophagus, potentially causing harm to the practitioner.

Hence, to prevent yoga-related injuries, this insight holds significant importance.

Another implied insight here is that to master Dhauti, a minimum of 15 days of daily practice is required. This is because one must incrementally increase the length of the cloth by one span each day to reach the ideal length of 15 spans.

Insight 4

The gradual swallowing of the cloth was explained in great detail. Are there any insights regarding how to draw the cloth back out? Indeed, the Jyotsnā commentary does not disappoint in this regard. It offers a wealth of insights on the process of withdrawing the cloth in the practice of Dhauti. It states -

तस्य प्रान्तं राजदन्तमध्ये लग्नं कृतवा नौलीकर्मणा उदरस्थलं सम्यक् चालयित्वा । पुनः शनैः प्रत्याहरेच तद्वस्त्रमुद्गिरेत् निष्कासयेच

Tasya prāntani rājadantamadhye lagnani kṛtvā naulīkarmaṇā (2 | 33) udarasthalam samyak cālayitvā | punalı śanailı pratyāharecca tadvastramudgiret niṣkāsayecca

Holding Its (cloth's) one end by the front tooth, and by the Nauli practice the abdomen has to be moved well and the cloth has to be slowly brought out.

It's crucial to note that both the source text and translation only mention the act of swallowing the cloth and drawing it out. However, from the Jyotsnā commentary, we learn that a) the completion of the swallowing process involves holding the last end of the cloth with the front tooth, b) it mentions the practice of Nauli after completing the swallowing process, and c) it emphasizes the need to draw out the cloth 'slowly.'

As evident from these comments, complete swallowing of the cloth without holding the last end with the tooth could be harmful. Merely swallowing and withdrawing the cloth without practicing Nauli might not effectively cleanse. Drawing out the cloth hastily could also lead to injuries.

Summary & Conclusion

To summarize, the Jyotsna commentary provides insights on:

- a. Preparing the material (cloth) for the Kriyā.
- b. Meticulously documents the steps in the practice of Dhauti Kriyā
- c. Offers practical guidelines aimed at avoiding injuries.

Hence, it becomes evident that delving into commentary literature is essential to ensure that the practice of Dhauti is correct, effective, and free from injury.

In conclusion, Yoga Bhāṣya Sampat (the rich commentary literature) offers practical wisdom accumulated over centuries. As emphasized in this series, it is imperative to establish a standard text reference protocol and make its adherence mandatory to enhance the quality of practice and research in Yoga, thereby achieving better results.

Sharada Pooja in Eknath Bhavan

Bengaluru, Oct 19: Sharada Pooja exuded spiritual energy and cultural fervor. Supritha's invocation song set the tone, while the hon'ble Coordinator Dr. Suchitra Patil warmly welcomed guests. Dignitaries



from Ekanath Bhavan lit the ceremonial lamp, underscoring its significance. Faculty and students united for the Pooja, with a heartfelt rendition of "Hey Sharadhe Maa" adding to the ambience.

Mounika and Karthik shared insights on Kamala (Padma), followed by Mounika's captivating Karnatic performance. Spoorthi's enchanting Kathak dance enthralled the audience. Sanjana's discourse on goddess Saraswati deepened the spiritual context. Nandhini's emotive song and Radhika's graceful Bharatanatyam performance highlighted the richness of Indian arts. Dr. Arpita's Bhagavad Gita rendition and Dr. Shridhar's speech emphasized knowledge's value. Dr. Mohan Kishore, Deputy Director was also present as one of Guests. Ms. Namrata Chauvan spoke on importance of goddess Sarasvati.

The event concluded with recognition for outstanding extempore participants, followed by Ranjini's powerful rendition of "Aigiri Nandini" and a harmonious group performance. Dr. Madhu Nagesh's vote of thanks celebrated the collective spirit that made Sharada Pooja a resounding success.





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Significance of Navagraha Vana

Indian culture reveres plants as sacred entities and in Hinduism plants are revered for their good luck, success, and triumph over hardships. A Navagraha is a constellation of nine planets or celestial bodies that influence human life according to Hindu and Vedic astrology. According to astrological beliefs and traditions, different plants are associated with these nine celestial bodies.

Navagraha Vana:

Hindu culture

Navagraha Vanas are designated forest areas or gardens dedicated to the nine celestial bodies in Hindu astrology.

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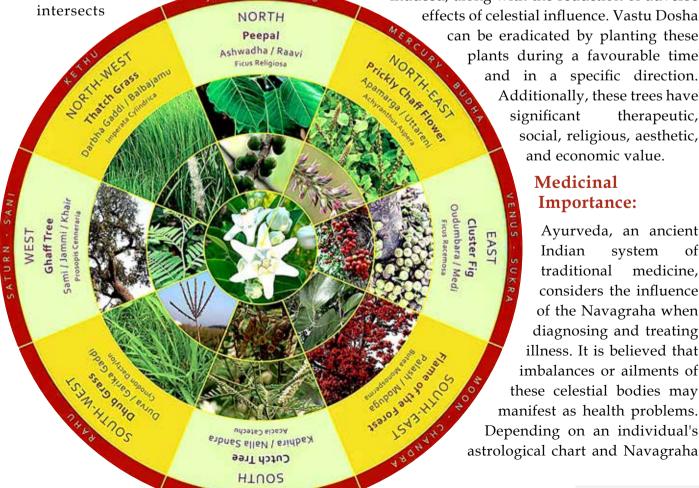


astrology and spirituality in these designated forests. A Navagraha Vana, also called navagraha vatika creates an astrologically aligned space where every tree or plant represents a Navagraha. The Nine Planets Garden, or Navagraha Vatika, corresponds to each planet's energy and influences the astrological chart of an individual (positively or negatively). As a result of this garden, a meditative and harmonizing effect is induced, along with the reduction of adverse

> can be eradicated by planting these plants during a favourable time and in a specific direction. Additionally, these trees have significant therapeutic, social, religious, aesthetic, and economic value.

Medicinal **Importance:**

Ayurveda, an ancient Indian system traditional medicine, considers the influence of the Navagraha when diagnosing and treating illness. It is believed that imbalances or ailments of these celestial bodies may manifest as health problems. Depending on an individual's astrological chart and Navagraha



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position at birth, Ayurveda practitioners may recommend specific remedies, herbs, or treatments. The purpose of these remedies is to restore balance and promote overall health.

Religious Importance:

Navagrahas play a prominent role in Hindu rituals and temple worship. Indian temples dedicated to the Navagraha can be found all over the country where these temples house idols or representations of the nine celestial bodies. These temples are visited by devotees seeking blessings, especially during challenging times or when they feel under the negative influence of celestial bodies. The Navagraha puja (ritual) is performed to appease the celestial bodies. These pujas involve offerings, mantras, and prayers specific to each celestial body. To ensure favourable outcomes, the Navagraha is also considered when timing religious ceremonies, such as weddings and other auspicious events.

An important aspect of Hindu cultural and philosophical traditions is the concept of Navagraha Vana, which combines socioreligious and medicinal elements. Here's an overview of the socio-religious and medicinal importance of Navagraha Vana:

- 1. **Surya (Sun) Planet**: Surya represents the self and ego. It influences one's confidence, Intelligence, leadership qualities, vitality, prosperity and health
 - **Botanical name**: Calotropis procera
 - Common name: Aak (Apocynaceae)
 - Day of worship: Sunday
 - **Direction of planting**: Middle
 - Religious Significance: The flowers are used in the worship of Lord Hanuman and Lord Shiva
 - Social Significance: A multipurpose tree. Known as bow string of India. Its stems yield a fibre useful for making ropes, bags, fishing nets, sewing threads and paper. It displays phytoremedy properties in contaminated soils and

- has ability to rehabilitate deserted land bringing back life once again.
- Therapeutic benefits: It has antifungal, antioxidant, anticancerous, anticoagulant and antiinflammatory property. It can be used for fever, ulcers leprosy, skin diseases malaria, menorrhagia, snakebite, diseases of abdomen, spleen, and liver.
- 2. Chandra (Moon): Chandra governs emotions and the mind. It affects one's mental and emotional well-being, as well as their receptivity to new ideas.
 - Botanical name: Butea monosperma
 - Common name: Dhak, Palash
 - Day of worship: Monday
 - **Direction of planting**: South East
 - Religious Significance: Its tri-foliate leaves represent the Holy trinity. Its wood is used for making sacred utensils, Used in sacred fire rituals and Vastu Shanti.
 - Social Significance: It is the state flower of Jharkhand and Uttar Pradesh. Considered auspicious in Vastu shastra. The largest amount of lac is produced from this tree. It is also used for timber, resin, fodder, medicine and dye.
 - Therapeutic benefits: It has antimicrobial, antifertility, antidiarrheal, antihypertensive, antitumor, antihelmintic, wound healing, hepato protective, antidiabetic, antiinflammatory, anti-malarial, and free radical scavenging activity. Useful for eye and skin problems, toothache, urinary blockages.
- 3. **Mangala (Mars):** Mangala is associated with energy, courage, and determination. It influences one's physical strength and assertiveness.



- Botanical name: Senegalia catechu
- Common name: katha
- Day of worship: Tuesday
- Direction of planting: South
- **Religious Significance**: Flowers are used to worship Lord Vishnu and Lord Kartikeva. Calms the malefic effect of Mars. Its inflorescence is used in marriage ceremonies. Its wood along with Bhojpatra when used in funeral ceremonies is believed to help attain moksha.
- Social Significance: Its Heartwood is used for the production of katha (tanning extract) provides a highly calorific firewood that also makes good quality charcoal. Its high density wood is resistant to white ants and is used for posts, agricultural implements and wheels. Its wood is highly valued for furniture and tools.
- **Therapeutic benefits**: It has antioxidant, antibacterial, antifungal, antipyretic, antiinflammatory, anticancer, antimicrobial, digestive, refrigerant expectorant and cooling properties. Useful for treating skin diseases, high blood pressure, sore throat, dental infections and cough, bronchial asthma.
- 4. **Budh (Mercury):** Budh governs communication and intellect. It affects one's ability to think, learn, and communicate effectively.
 - Botanical name : Achyranthes aspera
 - Common name: Chirchita (Amaranthaceae)
 - Day of worship: Wednesday.
 - **Direction of planting**: North -East
 - Religious Significance: Used in all religious ceremonies, considered as the ruler of all plants.
 - Social Significance: Has high medicinal

- value and is called the "Lord of all plants on earth" in Vedas. As a herbal drug this is great demand due to its extensive use by the traditional healers.
- Therapeutic benefits: It has pungent, diuretic, astringent, antiperiodic, laxative, purgative, antiseptic and expectorant and tranquillizing properties. Useful for condition such as diabetes, urinary disorders, skin diseases, ulcers.
- 5. **Brihaspati/ Guru (Jupiter):** Jupiter is associated with knowledge, wisdom, and spirituality. It influences one's beliefs, education, and moral values.
 - **Botanical name**: Ficus religiosa
 - Common name: Peepal tree
 - **Day of worship**: Thursday
 - Direction of planting: North
 - Religious Significance: known as Bodhi tree, and is sacred in all Hinduism, Buddhism and Jain religions. As per Chandogya Upanishad and Atharva veda, it is the paradise of God as it symbolizes trinity in its roots (Brahma), in its stem (Vishnu) and in its leaves (Maheshwara). Called Chaitanya tree, world tree or Vasudeva or Ashvatta. It is considered to be a symbol of longevity, wisdom, and protection.
 - **Social Significance**: It is the King of trees. It is believed that Wrapping kachha suta, a raw thread around its trunk helps solve problems and a wedding with peepal tree eliminates the manglik dosha. The Peepal tree is a natural air purifier. Its large leaves and extensive root system make it an excellent choice for urban areas plagued by pollution. Planting a Peepal tree is like installing a natural air filter in your neighbourhood. The Peepal tree often becomes a community gathering spot. It's where festivals are celebrated and community bonds are strengthened.



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- Therapeutic benefits: It has anthelminthic antibacterial, antioxidant, immunomodulatory, hypolipidemic, anticonvulsants and hypoglycaemic activity. Useful to treat digestive disorders, paralysis, vomiting, hiccups, joint swelling and pain.
- 6. **Shukra (venus):** Shukra represents love, beauty, and creativity. It influences one's romantic relationships, artistic talents, and aesthetic sense.

• Botanical name: Ficus racemosa

• Common name: Gular

• Day of worship: Friday

• Direction of planting: East

- Religious Significance: Used in most ceremonial rituals. As per Atharva veda the sacrificial ladle is made out of the Udambhara tree. As per Atharva veda and Padma purana, planting this tree is associated with wealth, prosperity, progeny destroys enemies and increases the effect of sacrifices. Believed that Vivasvan (Seat of God) is formed from this tree. Its roots reflect Brahma, leaves, the Shiva and Bark the Vishnu. This tree is considered the abode of Hindu Guru Dattatreya and leaves are used to worship Vishnu during Sri Narasimha jayanti. Believed that all gods gather on the top of this tree during Diwali. Natives of Krittika nakshatra should circumambulate around this tree 7 times every Friday.
- **Social Significance**: Indicator of Underground water.
- Therapeutic benefits: It has antiinflammatory, antifilarial, antidiuretic,
 anthelminthic antibacterial, antioxidant,
 hepatoprotective, radio protective,
 anticarcinogenic and hypolipidemic
 activity. Used to cure diabetes, urological
 disorders, dysentery, blood disorders,

burning sensation, fatigue and intestinal worms.

7. **Shani (Saturn):** Saturn is associated with discipline, responsibility, and hard work. It influences one's career, obstacles, and life lessons.

• Botanical name: Prosopis cineraria

• Common name: Shami, Khjeri

• Day of worship: Saturday

• Direction of planting: West

- Religious Significance: Shami meaning one who suppresses and removes all sins. Worshipping this tree one gains power and victory. Regarded as Home of Lord Shiva (Shamiroha), Leaves are used to worship Lord Vishnu. It is believed that Pandavas hid their weapons in Khejri tree when they entered their 14 years exile.
- Social Significance: State tree of Rajasthan and a representative of Forest, fuel, food, fodder, and fibre. It is a traditional, ethnic and historical tree of India which is associated with the Chipko movement of the Bishnoi community. In Maharashtra and Karnataka leaves are given as gift for friends and relatives on Vijayadashmi day. *Prosopis cineraria* is valued for its foliage. It is used for shade and shelter, soil improvement, and sand dune fixation. It is also used as an intercropping species. It is a N-fixing tree that improves the nitrogen status of the soil.
- Therapeutic benefits: Has antibacterial, analgesic, antihyperglycemic, antipyretic, anti-tumour activities. Helps treat leucoderma, anaemia, piles, kidney and liver disorders, dyspepsia.

Rahu and Ketu are considered shadow planets, and they are associated with karmic influences and past life connections.



- 8. **Rahu (North lunar node):** Rahu brings obsession and desire.
 - Botanical name : Cynodon dactylon
 - **Common name**: Dhub grass, Dhurva grass
 - **Day of worship**: Saturday
 - Direction of planting: South West
 - Religious Significance: Second most sacred plant next to Tulsi, and used in most of the religious ceremonies. Offered to Lord Ganesha who helps remove blockages in life,
 - **Social Significance**: Symbol of renewal, rebirth, fertility and prosperity. This acts as a soil binder and hence used for soil conservation. Its dense root system improves soil structure and recycles nutrients. Used as lawn and turf grass.
 - Therapeutic benefits: Has antimicrobial, antioxidant, antidiabetic, antiinflammatory and wound healing activity. Used to cure dysentery, cough, headache, epilepsy, hypertension and controls nose bleeding.
- 9. **Ketu (South Lunar node):** Ketu brings spiritual insights.
 - Botanical name: Desmostachya bipinnata
 - Common name: Kusha, Daab.
 - **Day of worship**: Tuesday and Sunday
 - **Direction of planting**: North West
 - Religious Significance: Used in traditional and religious rituals, is also used during the death of a person for preparing the funeral bed
 - Social Significance: Grass is used for making meditation mats, the Kusha asan for meditation. A natural disinfectant and helps ward of harmful radiations of an eclipse
 - Therapeutic benefits: It has analgesic,

wound healing, antipyretic, antiinflammatory, antimicrobial and diuretic property. A detoxifying herb, It increases concentration power and promotes intellect. Helps treat diarrhoea, menorrhagia, dysentery, kidney stone, asthma, itching and diseases of the blood

Conclusion:

In summary, Navagraha Vana is an integral part of Hindu temples and astrological remedies with great socio-cultural, religious environmental and medicinal significance. These 9 plants provide health, prosperity, and planetary protection representing a unique combination of religious devotion and natural healing. According to ancient Hindu customs, the Navagraha vana layout aligned with astrological beliefs honors the navagrahas. As a result, rare medicinal plants with therapeutic properties can be preserved.

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Little about homemade medicine: **Indian Borage**

Indian Borage (Plectranthus amboinicus Benth) belongs to the Lamiaceae family of semisucculent, aromatic, perennial shrubs native to the part of Africa, the Arabian Peninsula, and India. In Southern India, there is a proverb -"One should grow Indian Borage at home if they have children". The Indian system of medicine has traditionally used its leaves in traditional folk treatment and cooking. This herb is "hot" in nature, alleviating vata-kapha dosha and aggravating pitta dosha. Borage leaves possess a wide range of therapeutic potential, especially for treating coughs, sore throats, and nasal congestion. In addition, it is also used to treat stomach disorders, flatulence, malarial fever, hepatopathy, asthma, epilepsy, renal diseases, rheumatism, etc.

Introduction

Indian Borage, also known as Mexican Mint, Cuban Oregano, Spanish Thyme, Country Borage, French Thyme, and others, is a widely used multipurpose herb in Unani, Ayurveda, Siddha, folk, and other traditional practices. It is one of the most cited species in the Lamiaceae family, especially for its medicinal properties. Indian Borage is a tiny plant that may grow a maximum height of 1-2 feet. The stem of this



Figure 1. Indian Borage Plant

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plant is weak and spongy in nature. Its leaves are simple, alternate, and fibrous in nature, and its flowers are purple-bluish in colour and possess five flags with other near each other. A brownish, wrinkly, oval-shaped nutlet is produced by Indian Borage. In the traditional system of medicine, leaves, roots, and stems are used as carminative, digestive, stomachic, anthelmintic, expectorant, diuretic, otalgia, anorexia, diarrhoea, and cholera, especially in children, convulsions epilepsy, chronic asthma, bronchitis, renal and vesical calculi, and malarial fever. Leaves of Indian Borage showed antimutagenic, antitumorigenic, antigenotoxic, and antimicrobial effects. They contain essential oils, flavonoids, and terpenes, which possess an inhibitory effect against Gram-positive and Gram-negative bacteria and fungi. The leaves of this plant are frequently utilized in whole or powdered form. They can be consumed raw, used as flavouring ingredients, incorporated into the preparation of traditional foods, or used topically to address skin problems. The ethanolic extract of the stem was found to contain appreciable quantities of antioxidant molecules like rosmarinic acid, caffeic acid, coumaric acid, gallic acid, quercetin, and rutin, and showed antioxidant, antiplatelet, antibacterial, and anticancer properties in different in-vitro models indicate its potential as nutraceuticals and functional food ingredients [1]. The oil component of its leaves has a high concentration of beneficial chemicals, including Thymol β-Caryophyllene, α-Humulene, γ-Terpinene, p-Cymene, α -Terpineol, and β -Selinene. These



biochemical compounds have diverse biological characteristics and are commonly employed in traditional medicine to treat various diseases.

Cultivation

Indian Borage is a rapidly growing plant that is often can be propagated by stem cuttings (Fig.1). It seldom lays seed; therefore, this vegetative propagation is preferable. Semi-shaded, welldrained soil is highly beneficial to grow this herb. It thrives in Tropical and subtropical climates. It can adapt well to colder temperatures if cultivated in a pot and transported indoors or to a warm, protected location during winter. Watering the plant sparingly as too much water can destroy its roots. Its luscious flesh stores water to survive severe droughts. It thrives in partial shade but can resist extreme heat and sun. For those reasons, it is easy to grow inside and is becoming more popular as a house plant in northern Europe. This plant cannot tolerate temperatures below 0 °C and is stressed even at 10 °C.

Health Benefits of Indian Borage

Immunity Builder to Keep COVID-19 Away

In the current situation of the COVID-19 pandemic, the functionality and efficiency of the immune response is the critical factor against viral infections. defence Several nutrients, especially vitamins and microelements, are crucial for the immune system to function normally. Moreover, dietary supplementations of such nutrients benefit the immune responses to combat viral infections. The strong antimicrobial potential and high amount of Vitamin C empower Indian Borage as an excellent herb for boosting our immunity. Indian Borage leaves have traditionally been used to build immunity and can defend against the coronavirus family as well as other pathogens. The bioactive substances in herbs work as a potent expectorant to clear the sinuses and clear out mucus and phlegm from our respiratory tract. If a person has a common cold, a sore throat, a congested nose, or unpleasant sinuses, just washing the leaves and chewing them or preparing Indian Borage herbal tea will be equally beneficial.

Antioxidant Potentiality & Cardiovascular Health

Research has proven that the essential oil of Indian Borage possesses antioxidant properties against stress-induced lung cancer in both in vitro and in vivo models. They also mentioned phytochemicals like Carvacrol Thymol are responsible for these antioxidant capabilities. Non-enzymatic antioxidantreduced glutathione has been found to be increased in experimental mice treated with this herb's essential oil. This leaf extract is capable of scavenging the superoxide, nitric oxide, and ferrous ions. According to recent research, the solvent extract of these herb leaves had the greatest polyphenolic content, total antioxidant and DPPH free radical-scavenging capabilities [2]. Indian Borage is also used to treat congestive heart failure. The aqueous extracts from the fresh leaves of Indian Borage showed a dosedependent positive inotropic activity in the isolated frog heart without affecting the heart rate [3]. This could be due to the increase in sodium influx, resulting in greater intracellular availability of calcium.

Respiratory Problems

Bioactive compounds such as Carvacrol and Thymol present in this herb act as a powerful expectorant to remove mucus and phlegm from respiratory tracts and clear out sinuses. This can help fight against cold, a sore throat, congestion, a stuffy nose, or irritated sinuses by chewing the leaves alone or consuming tea from the leaves. Being antimicrobial in nature, helps to boost our immune system by preventing bacteria or other pathogens from lodging and developing in respiratory tracts. Decoction or juice made from leaves together with other medicinal herbs can also be taken orally to control asthma and as well as for the management of influenza, cough,



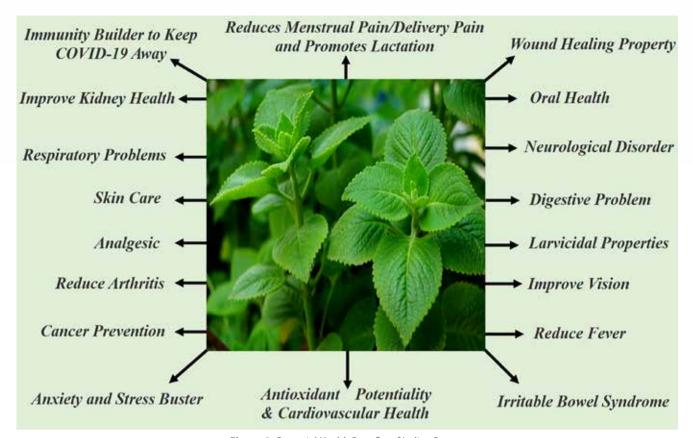


Figure 2. Potential Health Benefits of Indian Borage

bronchitis, and throat problems [4].

Skin Care

Indian Borage has several purposes, but one of its most well-known is topical application. In India, the juice of the leaves is used to treat skin allergies. Indian Borage possesses antiinflammatory compounds that may quickly reduce the redness and swelling of bug bites and stings to eczema and psoriasis and may also eliminate itchiness and irritation. When baked Indian Borage leaf paste is applied to cuts or burns, it acts as an antiseptic and promotes healing. Essential oil extracted from this herb also inhibits dandruff-causing fungus Malassezia furfur growth compared with standard antifungal Ketaconazole-based shampoo [5].

Reduce Arthritis

Extract of Indian Borage is rich in omega-6 fatty acids, such as gamma-linolenic acid. This fatty acid is known to reduce arthritis by increasing joint regeneration. In addition, athletes and persons with osteoporosis who often experience impact stress on their joints and bones are encouraged to consume these leaves [6].

Anxiety and Stress Buster

Despite its lesser-known benefits, a number of the organic components and minerals in this plant have been found to be mildly sedative in nature, so this herbal remedy is commonly prescribed to those with anxiety or chronic stress in tea form to promote relaxation, peace of mind, and restful sleep.

Cancer Prevention

While several studies have demonstrated that stress may cause cancer to originate and expand in rodents, no definitive relationship has been established between stress and cancer outcomes in humans. However, we must all admit that cancer is the deadliest disease ever to have existed in the history of mankind. Interestingly, Indian Borage has recently returned to the news because of research showing its positive effect on treating



breast cancer, although the studies are still in progress [7]. Early reports indicate that the herb antioxidant can scavenge free radicals, as well as the omega-6 gamma-linoleic acids, which are effective in slowing the spread of breast cancer. The herb's effect on prostatitis, one of the early indicators of prostate cancer, is also being studied. Moreover, this herb also displayed a promising impact on antiplatelet accumulation ability.

Improve Kidney Health

On the other hand, Indian Borage is a highly powerful diuretic, meaning that it may cleanse the body of toxins by promoting urination. Additionally, this herb keeps the kidneys and lymphatic system healthy and functioning properly by reducing the body's excess amounts of salt, fat, and water [2]. Urolithiasis is a disorder in which the bladder or urinary system develops stone-like concretions. Several treatments have been utilized for the treatment of urinary stones. In ancient India, the juice of Indian borage was employed as a natural cure to disperse crystals in the urinary system.

Irritable Bowel Syndrome

Indian Borage has been traditionally used to soothe troubled stomachs and provide relief from irritable bowel syndrome by controlling digestion and reducing stomach inflammation since ancient times. The best method to enjoy this health benefit is to make tea from Indian Borage leaves. It is recommended that fresh juice of this herb be given together with a decoction of another herb, kutaja (*Holarrhena antidysenterica*), to treat irritable bowel syndrome.

Reduce Fever

A fever is a typical symptom of the common cold and influenza. Indian Borage is considered sudorific, which may increase sweating, help eliminate toxins through the skin and accelerate the recovery process [8].

Improve vision

Indian Borage is also used to cure conjunctivitis

and enhance vision. Vitamin A in the plant can lessen oxidative stress on the eyes and protect from macular degeneration. In traditional medicine, juice extracted from leaves is used to apply on the orbit to relieve the pain [2].

Digestive Problem

Indian Borage has carminative and digestive properties and is the most popular remedy for digestive conditions such as diarrhoea, indigestion, and dyspepsia. To treat pathogensinduced diarrhea, the leaves of the plant are taken along with any probiotic sources such as buttermilk or yoghurt [2]. Metabolic enzymes produced by the phytoconstituents of the leaves are responsible for the carminative properties. There is also evidence of the traditional use of these leaves to alleviate diarrhoea by accelerating microbial gut balance during infection. In addition, the juice obtained from pounded leaves is used to cure constipation and gastrointestinal complaints. For indigestion problems and to increase appetite, fresh herb juice with ginger extract can be an excellent remedy.

Neurological Disorder

Indian Borage is seen to be effective in curing nervous disorders like convulsions and epilepsy [9]. It is reported that alkaloids, flavonoids, and saponins are responsible for anti-convulsions and anti-epileptic activities.

Wound Healing Property

This plant is renowned for its potential to reduce the risk of infection in diabetic people. They lower blood glucose levels. The application of a paste of these leaves can heal wounds [10]. They enhance wound contraction collagen deposition, thereby reducing the wound's epithelialization period. To treat wounds, crushed herb leaves mixed with coconut can benefit the affected parts.

Oral Health

Disorders of the oral cavity are becoming a huge concern these days, and natural remedies



Table 1: Nutritional Value of Indian Borage

Nutrients, raw	Value	
Water (g)	93	
Energy (kcal)	21	
Protein (g)	88	
Total lipid (fat) (g)	0.7	
Carbohydrate, by a difference (g)	3.06	
Calcium, Ca (mg)	93	
Iron, Fe (mg)		
Magnesium, Mg (mg)	52	
Phosphorus, P (mg)		
Potassium, K (mg)	470	
Sodium, Na (mg)	80	
Zinc, Zn (mg)	0.2	
Copper, Cu (mg)	0.13	
Manganese, Mn (mg)	0.349	
Selenium, Se (mg)	0.9	
Vitamin C, total ascorbic acid (mg)	35	
Thiamin (mg)	0.06	
Riboflavin (mg)	0.15	
Niacin (mg)	0.9	
Pantothenic acid (mg)	0.041	
Vitamin B-6 (mg)	0.084	
Folate, total (µg)		
Folic acid (µg)	0	
Folate, food (µg)		
Folate, DFE (µg)		
Vitamin B-12 (μg)	0	
Vitamin A, RAE (μg)	210	
Retinol (µg)	0	
Vitamin A, IU	4200	
Vitamin D (D2 +D3), International Units	0	
Vitamin D (D2 +D3)	0	
Fatty acids, total saturated (g)	0.17	
SFA 16:0 (g)	0.06	
SFA 18:0 (g)	0.021	
Fatty acids, total monounsaturated (g)	0.211	
MUFA 16:1 (g)	0.191	
MUFA 22:1 (g)	0.02	
Fatty acids, total polyunsaturated (g)	0.109	
PUFA 18:2 (g)	0.109	
Fatty acids, total trans (g)	0	
Cholesterol (mg)	0	

Source: USDA Agricultural Research Service database, FDC ID: 170481, NDB Number:11613. for them are gaining public attention. The phytoconstituents of the Indian Borage are known to inhibit bacterial growth in the oral cavity, thereby preventing periodontal diseases and dental caries [11]. Moreover, they can be used along with commercially available mouthwash to increase the benefits.

Analgesic

The herb's leaf extract showed analgesic and antiinflammatory properties, which were primarily controlled by inhibiting proinflammatory mediators. The analgesic property of this herb is used to cure neuromuscular conditions such as backache, neck pain or stiff neck, headache, musculoskeletal problems, etc [2]. The paste of Indian Borage leaves can be applied to affected parts to relieve the pain.

Reduces Menstrual Pain/ Delivery Pain and Promotes Lactation

This herb also helps to reduce menstrual pains and delivery pain. In some parts of the Indian and other countries, this herb is given to mothers to promote lactation [12]. The high nutritional content of this plant's leaves, particularly iron and β-carotene, is considered to stimulate the formation of breast milk. Consumption of leaves significantly increases minerals such as iron, potassium, zinc, and magnesium in milk, thus improving the infant's weight and health holistically.

Larvicidal Properties

The essential oils present in this herb have reported larvicidal activity. They are seen to be effective against Aedes aegypti, Anopheles stephensi, and Culex quinquefasciatus, thereby preventing chances of dengue fever, haemorrhagic fever, and yellow fever. Recent research has shown that they are also effective against Anopheles mosquitoes even after 48 h [13]. This is the most eco-friendly, long-lasting, and economical prevention for disease spread by mosquitoes and other larval vectors. Various potential health benefits of Indian Borage are

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Figure 3. Some of the Common Recipes Prepared from Indian Borage

represented in Fig.2.

Ways of Consuming Indian Borage

Besides the medicinal properties, Indian Borage leaves are also used as a food additive or condiment in soups, stews, tea, salads and local homemade beverages. Herb leaves have a strong aromatic oregano-like smell and mask the pungent Odours of non-vegetarian foods. The fresh leaves are used during marinating food, food stuffing, and flavouring agents to prepare non-vegetarian and sea dishes. Dried leaves are used to prepare, marinate, stuffing, or it can also be used as a potherb. It can be eaten raw with bread and butter, fried in batter, or can be chopped and made into fritters. In preparation of some of the south Indian dishes such as kashayam, rasam, thambuli, chutney, and Indian pancake etc. (Fig.3).

Nutritional Value of Indian Borage

Indian Borage is one of the most widely used dietary herbs in an Indian home. It enhances the flavour and taste of your dishes, rich in nutritional compounds such as calcium, sodium, potassium, iron, zinc, copper, other minerals, vitamins, and lipids. They are also rich in bioactive compounds such as polyphenols, flavonoids, carotenes, alkaloids, etc. (**Table.1**).

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Mr. Suresh Babu, (Section-C) from Bangalore. He is in a comfortable job zone. He looks very normal. Though his life is going on smoothly, after the sudden death of his mother started feeling loneliness, and cultivated the habit of taking off Alcohol. As a result suffering from a feeling of guilt for his addiction and to face people around him. The only thing is that he has imaginary fear feelings for everything. For example, if he hears about his transfer, he feels scared to go to a new place. It is happening in most cases because of lack of proper awareness and understanding about the circumstances. He needs a strong mind. He may get the same by regular practice of IAY Module, and little bit of lifestyle changes. He has to develop Will-Power & Commitment. Suggested adhere to follow up Advice given by Doctors at the time of his discharge. Also advised a disciplined life.

MAINTAIN DIARY

Mr. Vaidyanathan, (Section-G) From Chennai suffering from hernia for 6 months and burping on and off. He has a lot of job experience in various institutions. During discussions it is understood that he is here mainly for the sake of his Mother. He is working with a spiritual NGO. Advised him to cultivate and continue the

Lifestyle that he experienced in the campus and explained the importance to adhere to Advice given by Doctors at the time of discharge. Also advised to maintain diary where he will note all things (karmas) that he has done during that day including his likes and dislikes. So that after a month's time if he goes through his diary, he can recognise what to eliminate and what to continue.

LACK OF WILL-POWER

Mr. Vivek Reddy, (Section-C) a student from Bengaluru, is suffering from overweight, stress and shoulder problems. I observed him smoking secretly near the main entrance area in his early days of his admission. Also, one day I noticed during the pranayama session, not responding properly to instructions. He used to Move around the fruit stall. He is fond of cool drinks. One day I advised him in a friendly manner saying that it is not good for health. He has an easy-going attitude. Of course, within a week he has given up his habits. At the time of discharge advised him to develop seriousness in his life style and strictly adhere to the Follow up Advice given by Doctors.

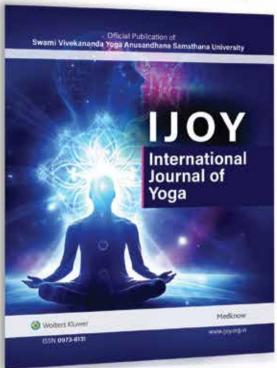
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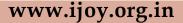
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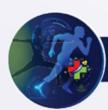
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Organised by: S-VYASA, Deemed to be University Bengaluru, India



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My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Greetings from Swami Vivekananda Yoga Anusandhana Samsthana (S-VYASA)!

We are pleased that S-VYASA is organizing its 25th International Conference on Frontiers in Yoga Research and its Applications (INCOFYRA), with the theme Integrative Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation. We welcome you to the 25th INCOFYRA in Bengaluru, India, 3rd - 6th January 2024.

Driven by the legacy and expertise to promote international research collaborations, INCOFYRA is the branded conference of S-VYASA. It continues to provide magnificent opportunities for the development of Yoga and Integrative medicine-based research disciplines. Every alternate year, an appropriate theme is chosen, and critical scientists and clinicians are invited to disseminate the latest research updates.

The theme for the 25th INCOFYRA is "Integrative Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation", with a critical focus on optimal performance, prevention of injuries, and successful rehabilitation". It will address the practice and future of complementary, or non-traditional, medical care to address the broad scope of Sports Medicine that produces outcomes conducive to prevention, therapy, and rehabilitation and beneficial for the athletes".

This conference is tailored to physical therapists, integrative and conventional medicine-based sports rehabilitators, athletic trainers, primary care physicians, and concerned researchers interested in a more current and advanced understanding of sports medicine science, diagnosis, and treatment. The 25th INCOFYRA aims to achieve high levels of confidence and competence in these areas, optimizing the care of the athletes. The conference will also provide an adequate ground to explore the opportunities to work in scarce resources versus high-income settings and how we can share best practices across locations worldwide. We believe that continued multidisciplinary (international) collaboration will stimulate the development of sports medicine and rehabilitation. We request all colleagues and thought leaders to join us from across the globe for learning, sharing, and networking.

At our Congress, you will find a memorable reception, informed scientific discussions, excellent networking prospects, and enjoyable cultural events.



With Love. Dr H R Nagendra President, 25th INCOFYRA - 2024 and Chancellor, S-VYASA, Bengaluru

Main Conference Highlights

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Dates to Remember

Pre-Conference Workshops: 28th Dec, 2023 - 02nd Jan, 2024 Himalaya Yoga Olympiad Finals: 30th Dec, 2023 - 1st Jan, 2024

Main Conference: 3rd - 06th Jan. 2024

Last Date for Abstract Submission: 30th Nov. 2023

The Abstracts will be peer reviewed and acceptance or otherwise will be intimated by 10th Dec, 2023.

Scientific research papers and Concept papers on the theme and related topics in Integrative Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation are invited for oral and poster presentations. Please note, you need to register for the conference before submitting the abstract. Please visit the conference webpage for details. For any queries please write to incofyra@syyasa.edu.in

Conference Objectives

- To bring researchers, physicians, academicians, and therapists from various disciplines of medicine under one platform.
- To provide information on the latest research and clinical practices in integrative sports medicine and rehabilitation.

To offer opportunities for networking and collaboration among professionals from conventional medicine and complementary therapies in the field of integrative sports medicine and rehabilitation.

- To educate healthcare providers on the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of sports injuries using Complementary and Alternative Medical (CAM) practices.
- To promote the importance of integrative sports medicine and rehabilitation for the physical and mental well-being of athletes.
- To get acquainted with the use of acupuncture, massage therapy, and other CAM practices in the treatment of sports injuries.
- To identify strategic actions towards an effective and efficient inclusion of Yoga and Allied Systems of Traditional Medicine in an Integrative Health care Delivery System.
- To create awareness of integrated medical policies from a global perspective.

Who should Participate

- Medical professionals
- Practitioners of Indian medicine (AYUSH)
- Yoga researchers and yoga therapists
- Wellness and health industry persons
- Sports Psychologists and Sports Nutritionists
- Physiotherapists, Coaches and Sports Scientists
- Researchers, Occupational therapists and Policymakers



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Main Conference Program Highlights

3 rd Jan 2024: Inaugural Ceremony				
6 th Jan 2024: Valedictory Programme				
4 th - 6 th Jan 2024: Morning Yoga Session				
5:30 – 6:30 am	General Yoga Session, Disease Specific Yoga Session (8 Modules), Advanced Yoga Techniques			
Common Morning Session: Maitri Milan				
7:00 – 8:00 am	Bhagavad Gita Chanting			
4 th Jan 2024: Scientific Sessions				
9:00 – 10:30 am	Plenary Talk: Keynote Address 1 & 2			
11:00 am – 1:00 pm	Parallel Symposia in three tracks: Invited Talk 1, 2 & 3			
2:00 – 5:00 pm	Poster/ Oral Presentation Sessions			
4:00 – 5:00 pm	Panel Discussion			
5 th Jan 2024: Scientific Sessions				
9:00 – 10:30 am	Plenary Talk: Keynote Address 1 & 2			
11:00 am – 1:00 pm	Parallel Symposia in three tracks: Invited Talk 1, 2 & 3			
2:00 – 5:00 pm	Poster Presentations			
6 th Jan 2024: Scientific Sessions				
9:00 – 10:30 am	Plenary Talk: Keynote Address 1 & 2			
11:00 am – 1:00 pm	Parallel Symposia in three tracks: Invited Talk 1, 2 & 3			
Refreshments				
8:00 am - Breakfast 10:30 am - Tea Break 1:00 pm - Lunch 3:30 pm - Tea Break 7:30 pm - Dinner				

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Where is the Conference - Bengaluru

Bengaluru, the capital of Karnataka, is the fifth largest city in India. It is also known as the 'Garden City of India'. The beautiful parks and gardens and tree-lined streets of Bengaluru make travel to the city a pure pleasure. The year 2000 saw the introduction of Information Technology in Bengaluru and since then, the city has not looked back. It has reaped the most out of the IT Boom in India and boasts of the highest concentration of IT companies in the country. Today, Bengaluru is known as 'The IT Capital of India' and "The Silicon Valley of India'. There are a number of places in Bengaluru that are worth visiting, including gardens, museums, palaces, temples, etc. One of the major attractions of the city is the Vidhana Soudha, the State Secretariat, adorned with delicate Dravidian architecture. For the nature lovers, there is the famous Cubbon Park, stretching over an area of 250 acres. Bannerghatta National Park, 65,127.5 acres a wide range of diverse wildlife to the explorers. Not to be missed are the amazing museums in the city, especially the Visvesvaraya Technological and Industrial Museum. The Ulsoor Lake of Bengaluru is also quite known for its beautiful locales and boating facilities. Even from an education point of view, Bengaluru is very popular. A large number of students come to Bengaluru every year to enroll in the various undergraduate as well as postgraduate programs. The city also boasts of two excellent institutions, namely Indian Institute of Management and Indian Institute of Science.

Welcome home to experience Bengaluru!

Conference Venue: Prashanti Kutiram, Jigani, Bengaluru

Prashanti Kutiram is the residential headquarters of Swami Vivekananda Yoga Anusandhana Samsthana. It is located 32 kms away from Bengaluru city. The serene atmosphere, Gurukula lifestyle, modern technology, top-notch research facilities are the unique features of this campus. In its nearly 100-acre spacious campus it houses the following:

S-VYASA is a Deemed to be University recognized by the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Govt. of India. It offers Bachelors, Masters, Post Graduate and Doctoral programs in Yoga.

- The School of Yoga and Naturopathic Medicine It offers Bachelor in Naturopathy and Yogic Sciences (BNYS), a 5 1/2 year medical graduation program
- Arogyadhama A 600 bedded Integrative Medicine Hospital
- Anvesana State-of-the-art research facility for yoga research. The laboratory includes Molecular biosciences, Psychophysiology, Cognitive neuroscience, Sleep medicine, Psychology and Subtle energy labs.
- VYASA is a registered charitable institution (1986) working for making Yoga a socially relevant Science. It is recognized as a Scientific & Industrial Research Organization (SIRO) from the Department of Scientific & Industrial Research, Ministry of Science & Technology, Gol.
- VYASA Health Care Pvt Ltd VYASA Health Care Pvt. Ltd. is an outreach partner of VYASA and industry partner of S-VYASA University, aims at establishing wellness and holistic healing centers globally under the brand names Vivekananda Health Global (VHG)™ and Vivekananda Yoga Global (VYG)™ with trade names (VH)TM & (VY)™
- Sushruta Ayurvedic Medical College and Hospital It offers Bachelor in Ayurveda, Medicine, and Surgery (BAMS), a 5 1/2 year medical graduation program.





Research Journals of S-VYASA

- International Journal of Yoga (Impact Factor 1.6)
- Journal of Applied Consciousness Studies



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Pre-conference Program

What is HIMALAYA Yoga Olympiad?

It is not the usual yoga competition run throughout the country attracting thousands of youths. Swami Vivekananda said "yoga should not be a competition but should be based on cooperation" With this in mind HIMALAYA has been conceptualized & concretized as a team assessment program. Each team consisting of yoga practitioners are formed. They will be assessed first at the Taluk level. The winners will go for district level HIMALAYA and so on till they reach International HIMALAYA. Participants from abroad can apply. After selection by the selection committee, they will be allowed to participate in the National and International HIMALAYA.

Finals: 30th Dec, 2023 - 1st Jan, 2024 at Prashanti Kutiram

The objectives of Himalaya (A Yoga Olympiad) are to promote awareness of yoga and build up a network of yoga students, practitioners, teachers and sadhakas at the national and international levels. We hope to spread the message of yoga as a science of Holistic living to be achieved through Jnána Yoga, Rája Yoga, Bhakti Yoga and Karma Yoga, as proclaimed by Swami Vivekananda. The syllabus, therefore, cannot end with a physical demonstration of yogasanas only. It also assesses knowledge and grasp of the concept and definition of yoga and its various techniques, for total growth of the individual, including physical, mental, emotional and intellectual development and their spiritual basis. HIMÁLAYA thus aims at helping the youth of our country grow together, and expand their vision, so they leave behind the mad rush of cut throat competition and selfishness and engage in cooperative, harmonious pro-active living.

Pre-Conference Workshops

During the pre-conference workshop, three independent workshop tracks are offered, CME, CRE, and CYE. Participants can attend any one of the track, as all these sessions will be happening in parallel.

28th Dec, 2023 - 2nd Jan, 2024 at Prashanti Kutiram (Last Date for Registration is 10th Dec, 2023)

Continuing Medical Education (CME)

CME on holistic healing includes 6 different diseases (Oncology, Cardiology, Pulmonology, Diabetes, Mental Health, Musculoskeletal disorders). The basic principles of Integrated Approach of Yoga Therapy (IAYT) and latest approaches towards Holistic Healing will be addressed. Both theory and practice will be covered in this CME.

Who can participate? Yoga therapists, Yoga teachers and doctors

Coordinators: Dr. Amith Singh, Dr. Champa Panth & Dr. Remitha | Email: argd.sft@svyasa.edu.in

Continuing Research Education (CRE)

In order to promote more researchers in the field of AYUSH, this pre-conference workshop focusing on research is being offered. The content of the course will enable research enthusiasts to grasp basic to intermediary level of research methodology and statistics concepts. Clinicians who would like to incorporate research in their practice; masters and PhD level students who wish to learn basics of research; teachers who desire to learn various techniques and tools used in research will find this workshop useful. It is a five-days workshop, 5 hours per day with theory and practical sessions.

Course syllabus (25 hours)

Introduction of research in AYUSH – Need & Scope, Research process, Visit of research facility, Developing good research question, Literature review, Softwares for organizing literature - Mendeley, Docear,

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Key concepts of research methodology (NHST, Sampling, Controlling bias, research design, validity & reliability), Introduction to R for statistical analysis – Installation, descriptive stats, assumption tests, Choice of assessment tools and data collection methods, Statistical analysis using R (JASP) – Correlation, t-tests, One way ANOVA, interpretation of results and reporting, Statistical analysis using R (JASP) – chi square test, non-parametric tests, interpretation of results and reporting, Documentation of clinical information for research purpose, applying for grants.

Who can participate? Clinical practitioners, Academicians, MSc, MD & PhD scholars

Coordinator: Dr Apar Saoji | Email: aparsaoji@svyasa.edu.in

Continuing Yoga Education (CYE)

S-VYASA has developed several advanced yoga techniques based on traditional yoga texts. These advanced yoga techniques are very much useful in the management of NCDs and also promote positive health. Cyclic Meditation, Mind Sound Resonance Technique, Pranic Energisation Technique, Mind Imagery Technique, Mastering the Emotion Technique, Vijnana Sadhana Kausal Technique, Ananda Amruta Sincana. These advanced yoga techniques theory and practice will be conducted.

Who can participate? Yoga therapists and Yoga teachers

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Brief about the Broad Areas

Optimal Performance is determined by an athlete's physical health, mental well-being, training and other external factors. Aspects such as agility, speed, endurance, balance, strength, flexibility, coordination, mindfulness, and decision-making are major determinants of performance. Achieving and maintaining optimal sporting performance is a key factor for determining the longevity of the sporting career and well-being of athletes.

Injury Prevention is a crucial aspect of an athlete's career. Injuries are caused by either intrinsic or extrinsic factors. Mapping the pattern of injuries particular to the sport can provide valid information for the coach and trainers to help the athletes train in a certain way, by inculcating new and researchoriented modules for injury prevention. It is vital to include injury preventive models in an athlete's training for their well-being.

Sports Rehabilitation is the restoration of sporting abilities to a pre-injury state. Sporting injuries are of various intensities and can be detrimental in many cases. The ultimate goal of rehabilitation is to prevent the extent of injury, reduce or reverse the functional loss and impairment, and prevent reoccurrence. Rehabilitation is a highly individualized and sport-specific procedure to restore holistic well-being and the sporting abilities of the athlete.



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	Pre-conference		Main Conference	
Туре	SAARC Countries (INR)	Non-SAARC Countries (USD)	SAARC Countries (INR)	Non-SAARC Countries (USD)
Category 1	13500	490	9500	345
Category 2	10000	365	7500	275
Category 3	7000	NA	5500	NA
Category 4	5500	NA	4000	NA
Day Delegates	1500/ day	NA	1500/ day	NA

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Yogi Vivekananda - 29

Swami Vivekananda, right from childhood has been a sincere devotee of God. He has a strong desire to know about God and to see God. As and when he finds a solitary place and he sits in meditation to see God. Also, he spends a longtime worshiping Sri Ram in his room of worship but he does not have enough satisfaction either in the worship or in meditation. He has been literally in search of God.

Once, a Pauranic came to his place to speak about the great epic Ramayana. In his discourses he described Hanuman Ji in his words; pictures. Swami Vivekananda as a boy was very much impressed by this description. During this discourse, the Pauranic told jokingly that Hanuman Ji is very fond of bananas. Therefore, he will be visiting the banana grows at night. Swami Vivekananda believed it and went in the night to all the banana grows in Calcutta to see Hanuman Ji. He was not able to see Hanuman Ji. After his vain attempts, he went to the Pauranic and said that the Pauranic was only telling lies. Since then, Swami Ji became a little sceptical about the description of gods and goddesses.

Theism is faith in the existence of God, Atheism is faithlessness in the existence of God. Now, Swami



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Vivekananda was neither a theist nor an atheist. He was unable to believe in the existence of God because he was not able to see God anywhere, nor was he able to disbelief in the existence of God because many God men and the scriptures spoke about God. All these books and persons of the past could not be wrong. Therefore, Swami ji becomes agnostic, neither a believer nor a disbelieve. Now he aimed to prove or disprove the existence of God. His research became very sincere and vigorous. He approached all elderly persons to know about God. He went to all the libraries and read all the religious books to learn about God. His efforts were useless.

Without any answer to his quest he grew to be a youth. He was now in college studying BA. One day his principal professor Hastie while teaching a poem of Wordsworth tried to explain the meaning of the word trance. He tried his best to explain the meaning and finally referred to Sri Ramakrishna Paramahamsa of Dakshineswar to understand the significance of trance. Sri Ramakrishna was a godman.

Swami Vivekananda wanted to meet this great person to know about God. Therefore, he proceeded to Dakshineshwer to ask Sri Ramakrishna Paramahamsa if he had seen God

The great meeting between Sri Ramakrishna Paramahamsa and Swami Vivekananda took place at the earliest opportunity. Swami Ji immediately asked the question "Have you seen god"? Sri Ramakrishna answered with confidence "yes" then Swamiji requested Sri Ramakrishna to show him God. Sri





Ramakrishna asked if Vivekananda was ready to see God. Sri Ramakrishna instantly touched Swami Vivekananda and Swami Vivekananda experienced a thrill that was unbearable to him. He pleaded with his master to stop.

It was now evident that Vivekananda was not ripe enough for the God experience, therefore Sri Ramakrishna decided to train him for the highest experience. Initially God has to be worshiped with form and name, slowly gradually and steadily one would improve to be able to experience divinity everywhere. Swami Vivekananda meticulously practiced religion and was able to rise to the heights steadily. He was able to see God in the idols and then in the people and the entire nature. By the time he reached certain heights, his father Vishwanath

Datta passed away. Swami Ji's education in law college came to a stop. The entire family was buried in poverty. Swami Vivekananda, unable to put up with the difficulties, proceed to Sri Ramakrishna for a way out. The master directed him to the temple of Bhavatarini.

Swami ji for the first time in the temple was able to experience godhood everywhere since then he proceeded to rise in the spiritual pursuit and gradually, he reached the pinnacle. Later in the temple of Ksheerbhavani he had grown further and was able to realise all-pervading divinity. Step by step God from form to formless divinity he expanded. He became one with the highest expression and experience of godhood and that is yoga.



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Workshop on Medical Astrology



Swami Vivekananda Yoga Anusandhana Samsthana (S-VYASA) organized a Workshop on Medical Astrology, in collaboration with the Institute of Indian Knowledge (IIK), Apex Professional University, Arunachal Pradesh. This workshop aimed to explore the intricate connection between astrology and medical blending ancient science, wisdom contemporary healthcare practices.

Inaugural Session:

The inaugural session commenced with a reverential invocation, setting a spiritually charged atmosphere. The lighting of the lamp followed, symbolizing the illumination of knowledge in the realm of medical astrology. Prof. S Siva Sankara Sai, Registrar of S-VYASA, delivered a warm and inspiring welcome speech. The Dignitaries were honoured by revered Guruji & Dr. B R Ramakrishna, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor of S-VYASA, including Acharya Dhjanwant Singh, Hon'ble Chancellor of Apex Professional University (APU), Arunachal Pradesh, Dr. P Ajith Kumar, Hon'ble Pro-Chancellor of APU, Prof. Kuldeep Kumar Rana, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor of Ramaiah University of Applied Sciences, Bangalore. All of them gave inspiring & elevating speeches for all the students of S-VYASA, Sushrutha Ayurvedic Medical College & Hospital. Prof. Ramachandra G. Bhat, Director of VMAC-VTR, S-VYASA,

shared his expertise through an enlightening speech. Dr. H R Nagendra ji, Hon'ble Chancellor of S-VYASA, conveyed his blessings and insights. The session concluded with a heartfelt vote of thanks expressing gratitude to all attendees and contributors by the Master of Ceremony, Prof. Jayaraman, Dean, Division of Yoga & Spirituality.

Scientific Session:

The scientific session began with an introduction to Acharya Dhjanwant Singh, Hon'ble Chancellor of Apex Professional University, Arunachal Pradesh. Acharya Dhjanwant Singh's discourse provided a profound understanding of the core principles of medical astrology. Following this, a technical session was conducted, delving into the practical applications of medical astrology. Participants actively engaged in a stimulating question & answer session, where experts addressed queries, enhancing participants' knowledge.

The Workshop on Medical Astrology proved to be a stimulating platform for participants to explore the ancient wisdom of astrology within the context of modern medical science. The event not only deepened the understanding of medical astrology but also encouraged the integration of this knowledge into contemporary healthcare practices.



C-DAC Induction Programme

Prashanti Kutiram, Oct 13 & 14: S-VYASA conducted a two-day wellness programme for a team of 97 newly joined employees of C-DAC, Bangalore (Centre for Development of Advanced Computing), a Govt. of India undertaking, as part of their induction programme in Prashanti Kutiram campus.

The team was accompanied by the human resource and senior executives of C-DAC for their orientationsessions. The programme involved lectures on various topics in the theory and practice of yoga for enhancing the wellness of body and mind in the challenging times of industrial settings of modern era. Lectures were delivered by Dr. HR Nagendra (Guruji), Dr. Rajesh Nair and Dr. Vidyashree. Along with the lectures there were multiple yoga practice sessions, yoga games and talent show by employees. Ms. Sasikala, Mrs. Ashwini H R, Mr. Arun from School of Yoga and CODE, helped in organizing the events. The programme was also supported by Mr. Gyanprakash, PhD scholar and a team of MSc students (3rd semester). Many of the C-DAC employees participated in the sessions felt better and their happiness expressed learning something new that is good for their body and mind.









Swachhata Hi Seva









Prashanti, Oct 1: S-VYASA organized successful "Swachhata highly Seva" (SHS) campaign, drawing active participation from senior officers, faculties, staff, and enthusiastic students. The event exemplified unity and commitment toward a cleaner, healthier environment. Under the banner of SHS, participants engaged in a range of activities, including cleanliness drives, awareness sessions, in & around the campus and in the nearby village "Manchenahalli".

The senior officers led by example, inspiring everyone with their dedication. Faculties and staff actively mentored students, fostering a sense of responsibility. Together, they cleaned the campus, spreading the message of cleanliness and hygiene. The event not only enhanced the physical environment but also nurtured a spirit of collective responsibility among the participants.

The campaign's success can be attributed to the collaborative efforts of all involved, showcasing the institution's commitment social welfare and environmental stewardship. S-VYASA remains resolute in its pursuit of a cleaner and greener future, embodying the ideals of the Swachhata Hi Seva movement.



Successful Completion of Intensive Communicative Samskrita Courseby Division of Yoga Spirituality, S-VYASA



Prashanti, Oct 13-22: An intensive communicative Samskrita course was organized by Division of Yoga spirituality for all the inmates of Prashanti.

Three parallel batches of the classes were held where put together over 100 students, PhD research scholars and actively participated and imbibed of basics of Communicative Samskrita class for 20 hours.

Three volunteers from Samskrita Bharati conducted the free classes for the participants. All the participants learnt the basic skills of word knowledge, formation of short sentences, basic grammer through enactive practical methods. Everyone enjoyed by actively participating in it.

The valedictory function was held on the 21st Oct at Shruti Mandir, Prashanti Kutiram.

Dr. Sachin Kathale, Deputy Editor of Sambhashana Sandesha, a widely circulated Samskrita Monthly Magazine of Samskrita Bharati was the Chief Guest of the occasion. His inspiring talk further motivated the participants the continue studies in Samskrtam.

The Division of Yoga Spirituality is also further planning activities for continued Samskrita education of the students of the division and also for the interested participants in Prashanti Kutiram.







Navaratri celebration in Prashanti



Prashanti Kutiram, Oct 15: The embark of Mother Goddess Devi Durga - 'Devi Paksha' started at S-VYASA by the chantings of Aigiri-Nandini at Maitri Milan. On the holy morning of 20th Oct the Staffs and Students of The School of Yoga with a hearty enthusiasm went to bring Devi Durga in the campus. The inauguration or the 'Boron' was done by our respected Dr. R Nagarathna didi and Mr. Dhanuka ji. The welcome of the Goddess was followed by a pompous Bhajan Session in the evening. The next day - Mahasaptami, the students and faculty went barefoot to fill water with pomp in 'Dhaker tale' and do the 'Ghat Sthapna', followed by the Sandhi puja in the evening, and an exciting cultural programme ending with Garba night which was performed

On Mahaastami, the Bengali clan encouraged the traditional wear with all the girl students draped in saree and boys showcasing sheer

on all the days respectively after the culturals.



ethnicity. The Puja started from 11 am in the morning lasting till 6 pm with an offering to Maa Durga. The 'Dhunuchi Dance' was performed on that evening in the campus.

The Maha Navami Puja started at 11 am and the Arati was given at 6 pm followed by a grand garba dance. On the auspicious morning of Vijayadashami, the 'Ghat-Visarjan' was done by the students followed by a Cultural program showcasing the folk culture of West Bengal.

Ekadashi (25th Oct) was the day, that bring tears to the eyes of the Bhaktas where Maa returns back to the Devilok - In the Visarjan, ceremony, Durga Maa leaves leaving a pang in the hearts of the devotees who engrossed themselves day and night and pray for her to come back after one year. The tears were washed away with the chore mania of the crowd and again bringing hope and wait for next year. Till then- 'Asche Bochor Abar Hobe', 'Bocho Bocho Agiya Jaba'.















Prashanti, Oct 5-6: In collaboration with Vision Tech Eye Hospital, S-VYASA organized a successful Free Eye Check and Ophthalmologist Consultation Camp. The event proved highly beneficial, offering essential eye care services to approximately 200 individuals. The presence and support of Mr. Raghavendra of Vision Tech Eye and his team greatly enhanced the camp's effectiveness. This initiative underscored the commitment of both organizations to promoting community eye health and ensuring accessible healthcare services for all.



Agreement between Uddaraju Ananda Raju Foundation (UARF) & S-VYASA regarding starting of collaborative yoga programs at Amalapuram, West Godavari District of Andhra Pradesh.

Garvit Dubey & Dheeraj Rewatkar, BSc-YT students of the School of Yogic Sciences participated in the Madhya Pradesh State Yoga Competition, affiliated to Yogasana Bharat in which Garvit won the Rhythmic Pair - Gold Medal and in Traditional - Silver Medal, Dheeraj won the Artistic Pair - Gold Medal.





Prashanti, Oct 21: The 57th Academic Council Meeting was conducted in the SMET Hall, Sheshadri Bhavan.

7th Miryang International Conference







The 2nd East Asia Yoga Therapy Conference and the 7th Miryang International Conference were held on 5th and 7th October respectively at South Korea. Dr H R Nagendra ji, Chancellor, S-VYASA Deemed to be University, Manjunath Sharma, Pro-Vice Chancellor, S-VYASA Deemed to be University, Dr Vasudha Sharma, Founder & Chief Medical Director, Vivekananda Health Global were invited as the International Speakers from India.

The 2nd East Asia Yoga Therapy Conference was organized at the Choonhae College of Health Sciences, Korea. The conference was inaugurated by Dr Heejin Kim, President, Choonhae College of Health Sciences and greeted by Ms Kanika, Director of Vivekananda Centre in Japan. Guruji's presentation was on the topic "Meditation as per Traditional Texts of Yoga by

Patanjali". Dr Manjunath presented on the topic "Trends in Yoga Research". Their presentations were followed by experts such as Dr Kieshin Kimura, Japan, Prof Mija Kwak, Prof Qi Xin, China, Dr Tsetsegee Jadamba, Mongolia, Ms Aryong Choi- Hantke, Korea and many others. This day also marks the day where S-VYASA University and Choonhae University signed an MoU establishing the official associations with respect to Academics, Research and Yoga Therapy.

On 6th October, Dr Manjunath Sharma and the team of Miryang Yoga Conference were invited to the City Office for an official meeting with the respected mayor- Mr Park Ho. The establishment of the Yoga Culture Town was proposed by Guruji and Dr Manjunath ji 7 years ago and the same has been supported

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since then by honourable Mayor - Mr Park Ho which has resulted in the construction of the Yoga Culture Town within the Miryang Rural Tourism Resort Complex. This is a new type of wellness cultural space where one can directly experience authentic yoga, meditation and Ayurveda which are steeped in India's history and values. Miryang City is now known as the Yoga City. The project was led by Ms Viveka Kim, Director of Viveka Yoga, Korea. The tour of Yoga Wellness town was given on the evening which was followed by an Official Dinner with the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Chairman and many other officials of Miryang City.

The Inauguration of the Yoga Wellness Town and the 7th Miryang International Conference was held on the 7th October. The event was inaugurated by Dr Manjunath Sharma, Pro Vice Chancellor, S-VYASA Deemed to be University and Mr Park II Ho, honourable Mayor, Miryang City along with other officials. Guruji blessed the occasion through





his video message from India. The keynoted lecture was given by Dr Manjunath Sharma ji on the topic "Neuroscience behind Yoga Meditation". This was followed by various experts from many countries such as Dr Kausthubh Deshikachar, Dr Vasudha Sharma, Ms Viveka Kim, Prof Mija Kwak and many more.

The cultural session in the evening was arranged magnificently. The artists from many countries performed for the evening. Ms Manasa B R, PhD Scholar, S-VYASA University was invited as an International Artist who presented a Bharatanatyam recital. The conference was successfully completed with more than 1000 delegates from across Korea and other countries.

On the 8th October, a tour was arranged for the international guests to Busan City. The group visited a 2000-year-old Buddhist Temple situated on the rocks of Yellow Sea and returned to India on 9th October.



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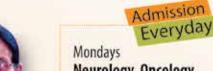


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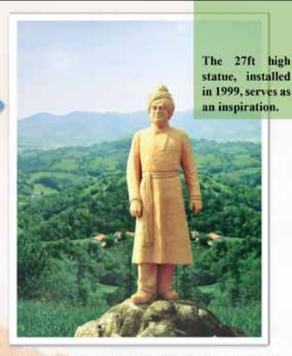
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Protocol of 30 minutes for International Yoga Day on June 21, 2015, organized by the Ministry of AYUSH. S-VYASA also played a supportive and leadership role in framing syllabuses for NCTE, NCERT, and UGC at the undergraduate and postgraduate levels, coordinating with major yoga institutional experts in the country.

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सर्वेषामेव <mark>दानानामन्नदानं वि</mark>शिष्यते । अन्नाद्भवन्ति भूतानि अन्नेनैव च वर्द्धते ॥

sarveşāmeva dānānāmannadānam višişyate II annādbhavanti bhūtāni annenaiva ca varddhate II Among all charitable acts, providing food holds a special place. It is through food that all beings manifest and grow from food.

Particulars	Description	Amount
One Day Food	One day, food served to 1200 residents at Prashanti Kutiram on any given day of the year (birthday).	₹7,00,000/- (INR Seven Lakhs Only)
One Meal	Lunch or Dinner served to 1200 residents at Prashanti Kutiram on any one day!	₹ 30,000/- (INR Thirty Thousand Only)
One Breakfast/Snacks	Breakfast / Snacks served to 1200 residents at Prashanti Kutiram on any one day!	₹15,000/- (INR Fifteen Only)
Other	According to the donor's wishes.	As you wish

Swasthya Dāna

स्वास्थ्येन लभते कान्तिं दीर्घायुष्यं बलं सुखम्।
स्वास्थ्येन लोककल्याणं
तस्मात् स्वास्थ्याय दीयताम्॥
svāsthyena labhate kāntiṃ
dīrghāyuṣyaṃ balaṃ sukham
svāsthyena lokalyāṇaṃ
tasmāt svāsthyāya dīyatām||
"Good health bestows radiance, strength, and happiness. Health fosters well-being in society.
Therefore, contribute to the cause of health."



Particulars	Description	Amount
One-Year Rehabilitation	Funds will be collected and utilized to provide one bed in Arogyadhama for a duration of one year!	
One-Month Rehabilitation	Funds will be collected and utilized to provide one bed in Arogyadhama for a duration of one month!	
Other	For a Specific purpose	As you desire

Vidya Dāna

अन्नदानं महादानं विद्यादानं महत्तरम् । अन्नेन क्षणिका तृप्तिर यावज्जीवं तु विद्यया ।। annadānam mahādānam vidvādānam mahattaram I annena kşanikā tṛptir yāvajjīvam tu vidyayā II

Anna-dana is great. But Charity for education is greater. By charity for food temporary contentment is achieved. By charity for education contentment for a lifetime is achieved.



Particulars	Description	Amount
One-Year Rehabilitation	Funds will be pooled and used for students who are needy and deserving	₹ 5,00,000/- (INR Five Lakhs Only)
Other	For enrichment of library, lab etc.	As you desire

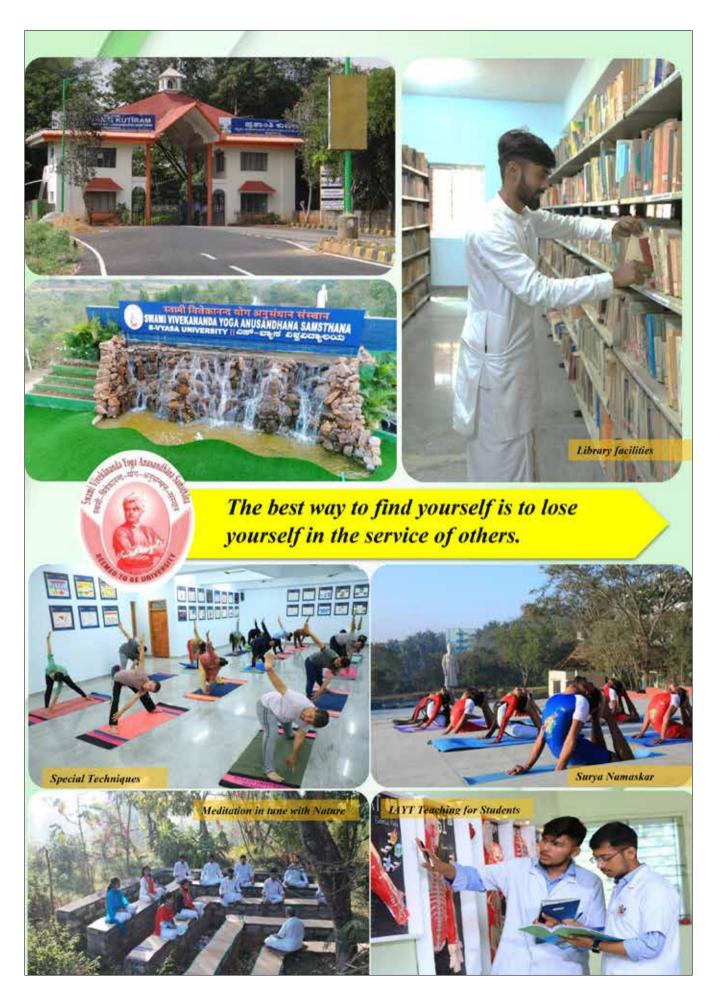


Gou Dāna

दातास्याः स्वर्गमाप्रोति वत्सरान लोमसम्मतान । कपिला चेत्तारियति भूयश्व सप्तमाकुलम् ॥ dātāsyāh svargamāpnoti vatsarān lomasammatān | kapilā cettārayiti bhūyasca saptamākulam|

By donating a cow, a person stays in heaven for the number of years equal to the hairs on the cow's body. If one were to give a Kapila cow in charity, it helps in conferring salvation on seven generations.

Particulars	Description	Amount
Cow	Funds will be pooled and used to purchase of Indian Desi Cow	₹ 60,000/- (INR Sixty thousand Only)
Calf	Funds will be pooled and used to purchase of Indian Desi Calf	₹ 25,000/- (INR Twenty-five Thousand Only)
Food for One Cow/Month	Funds will be used for the feed of Indian Desi Cow	₹ 5,000/- (INR Five Thousand Only)
Other	For the enrichment of the library, lab etc.	As you desire





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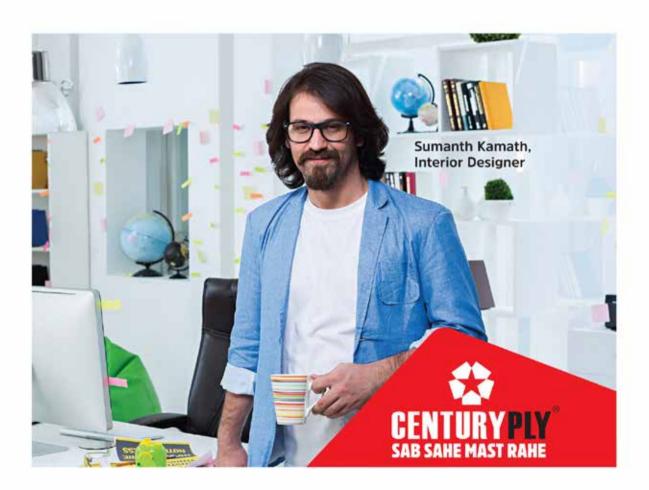


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