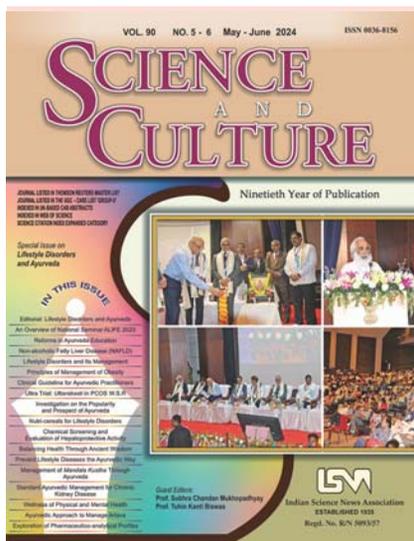


Notes and News

Release of Special issue of Science and Culture

A special issue of the journal *Science and Culture*, Vol. 90, No. 5-6, May 2024 released in a unique occasion on June 8, 2024 at Meghnad Saha Auditorium, University of Calcutta, Rashbehari Siksha Prangan,

Rajabazar Campus. The programme was organized by Paschimbanga Ayurved Chikitsak Samity, Government Ayurveda Doctors' Association and Indian Science News Association (ISNA). The special issue was released as proceedings with 18 selected articles on the speeches delivered in the national seminar on 'Lifestyle Disorders and Ayurveda (ALIFE 2023)' held during 26-27 November



Release of Science and Culture



2023 at Bhasha Bhavan, National Library, Kolkata organized jointly by Paschimbanga Ayurved Chikitsak Samity and Government Ayurveda Doctors' Association.

The programme regarding release of the special issue of *Science and Culture* was started at 04:30 pm with opening song sung by Professor Achyut Bhattacharyya. Welcome address was delivered by Dr. Nilratan Mahapatra, General Secretary, Paschimbanga Ayurved Chikitsak Samity. In his speech, Dr. Mahapatra narrated in detail about the activities of their organization and background regarding organization of the national seminar with involvement of more than 600 delegates and guests from 21 institutes of Ayurveda and related sciences from India and abroad.

He had also invited all the interested persons for submitting research articles on Ayurveda and natural products for publishing in their journal AYURESHANA. Professor Manas Chakrabarty, Hony. Secretary, ISNA elaborated in detail about the activities of the ISNA and conduction of various training programme on Science journalism. Professor Tuhin Kanti Biswas, one of the guest editors of the special issue and Chairman, Scientific committee, ALIFE 2023 presented glimpses of the seminar ALIFE 2023 with power point and videography. He has emphasised on eight award session presented by young presenters out of 102 presentations, who were awarded with Ayureshana gold medals. Importance of pre-conference workshop on diagnosis of diseases and their management through Ayurveda as well as Agnikarma and Viddhakarma along with pavilion on 'Bengal School of Ayurveda' was explained by Professor Biswas. Two Guests of Honour Dr. G. Babu, Director, Central Ayurveda Research Institute and Professor (Dr.) Bhallamudi V. Sharma, Director, Anthropological Survey of India praised about current and future perspective of Ayurvedic research. Professor Sudhendu Mandal, Editor-in-Chief, *Science and Culture* in his speech nicely described about the ninetieth year glorious journey of the journal with its high esteem and proficiency. The special issue of *Science and Culture* was released by Professor Abichal Chattopadhyay and Professor Sudhendu Mandal. Professor Abichal Chattopadhyay, Chairman, Organizing Committee of ALIFE 2023 expressed cordial thanks to ISNA for considering the articles of various authors from the speeches of the seminar as a special issue. He had also explained about the importance of the theme of the speech for betterment

of life. Vote of thanks was proposed by Professor Subhrachandan Mukhopadhyay, Organizing Secretary, ALIFE 2023. The inaugural part was followed by scientific seminar under the chairmanship of Dr. Amit Krishna De, Hony. Secretary, ISNA. Professor Pulok Kumar Mukherjee Director, Institute of Bioresources and Sustainable Development, Imphal delivered a special speech on, "Recent development of natural products research with special reference to Ayurveda". A cultural –cum-scientific event like application of Bharatnatyam with Marma chikitsa was delivered by Smt. Debjani Samanata. In addition, Dr. Piu Hasnda delivered Rabindra Sangeet in Santali language in a lovely manner. More than 200 delegates and guests participated the programme. □

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Celebration of World Health Day

World Health Day 2024 was observed on April 8, 2024 by the Prof. J.J. Ghosh Foundation in collaboration with the Birla Industrial and Technological Museum. The theme was 'My Health, My Right'. The invited speaker was Dr. (Prof.) Sujoy Ghosh, Department of Endocrinology, IPGME &R and SSKM, Kolkata. In the beginning, Dr. Aditi Nag Chaudhuri, Former Head of the Department, Department of Microbiology, Lady Brabourne College and Secretary, Prof. J.J. Ghosh Foundation delivered her welcome address. She introduced Prof. J.J. Ghosh before the august gatherings and revealed the aims and objectives of the Foundation. Then, Sri Subabrata Sengupta, Director of BITM delivered his welcome address. His speech motivated the students in the audience. Dr. Amit Krishna De, Honorary Secretary of the Indian Science News Association, Guest Faculty of the Department of Applied Nutrition and Dietetics, Sister Nivedita University and Executive Committee member of Prof. J.J. Ghosh Foundation introduced the invited speaker Dr. (Prof.) Sujoy Ghosh, Department of Endocrinology, IPGME &R and SSKM, Kolkata. Dr Ghosh delivered his lecture on the topic: 'Towards a healthier future'. His spectacular lecture immensely enriched the students.. He explained that 60% of all deaths in India are because of Non-communicable

diseases like obesity, diabetes, hypertension, cardiovascular disease, chronic respiratory disease etc. He researched the weighted prevalence of diabetes and prediabetes as well as the prevalence of lipid abnormalities in the urban and rural study population. He emphasized health awareness regarding diabetes, the silent killer disease.

There was an arrangement for live streaming of the lecture in a separate auditorium. Five questions were invited from the students of the schools present from which one question was selected by the invited speaker and was awarded. Dr. (Prof.) Sujoy Ghosh very nicely answered all the questions asked of him by the students. The award went to Piu Pohelan, Beltala Girls' High School. Her question was related to mental and physical health. Other questions were asked by students of PM SHRI KV Ballygunge, Birla High School, Mukundapur, Techno India Group Academia- South Kolkata, Techno India Group Public School-Konnagar and Bidya Bharati Girls' High School.

Dr. (Prof.) Sujoy Ghosh was felicitated by Dr. Sumantra Das, Retired Scientist, CSIR, IICB and Treasurer, Prof. J.J. Ghosh Foundation with a memento, bearing the emblem of Prof. J.J. Ghosh Foundation. The Vote of Thanks

was delivered by Dr. Rini Roy, Assistant Professor, Bidhannagar College and life member of Prof. J.J. Ghosh Foundation. She also coordinated the whole programme.

Ms. Aditi Ghosh, BITM along with Sri Abhik Banerjee, BITM conducted an open house quiz on the topic 'My health, My right'. The prize for the winners of the contest was given by BITM from the dais. It was a very interesting and interactive session. There were students from 12 different schools in and around Kolkata. All total there were 270 participants. The participating schools were Nabajatak Vidyabhaban for Girls, Behala Girls' High School (H. S.), Birla High School, Mukundapur, Children's Welfare Association High School for Girls' (H. S.), Bidya Bharati Girls' High School, Modernland Girls' High School, Agrasain Balika Vidyalaya, PM SHRI KV Ballygunge, Techno India Group Academia- South Kolkata, Techno India Group Public School- Konnagar, Khalsa Model Sr. Sec. School and Delhi Public School, Ruby Park. The two-hour programme was a grand success. □

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