

AYUSH Ministry issues advisory for Coronavirus

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Advisory based on the Indian traditional medicine practices Ayurveda, Homeopathy and Unani



The outbreak of a mysterious new Coronavirus is rapidly spreading. The whole world is going through the fear of this Coronavirus, the Research Councils under the Ministry of AYUSH, Government of India have issued advisory based on the Indian traditional medicine practices Ayurveda, Homeopathy and Unani.

As per the Ayurvedic Practices the following Preventive Management Steps are suggested-

- Maintain personal hygiene.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available.
- Drink Shadang Paniya (Musta, Parpat, Usheer, Chandan, Udeechya & Nagar) processed water (10 gm powder boiled in 1-liter water, until it reduces to half). Store it in a bottle and drink it when thirsty.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your face during cough or sneeze and wash your hands after coughing or sneezing.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- Preferably, use an N95 mask while traveling or working in public places to avoid droplet transmission
- If you suspect Corona Viral infection, wear a mask and contact your nearest hospital immediately.

Prophylactic Measures/Immunomodulatory drugs as per the Ayurvedic practices.

- Measures shall be taken to strengthen the immune system through a healthy diet and lifestyle practices.
- Agastya Harityaki 5 gm, twice a day with warm water.
- Samshamani Vati 500 mg twice a day.
- Trikatu(Pippali, Marich & Shunthi) powder 5 gm and Tulasi 3-5 leaves (boiled in 1-litre water, until it reduces to ½ liter and keeps it in a bottle) keep taking it in sips as and when required.
- Pratimarsa Nasya: Instill two drops of Anu taila/Sesame oil in each nostril daily in the morning.

(This advocacy is for information only and shall be adopted in consultation with registered Ayurveda practitioners only.)

At the instance of Ministry of AYUSH, Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy (CCRH) discussed the ways and means of prevention of Coronavirus infection through Homoeopathy in 64th meeting of its Scientific Advisory Board on 28th January 2020.

The Group of Experts inter-alia has recommended that homoeopathy medicine Arsenicum album 30 could be taken as prophylactic medicine against Coronavirus infections, which has also been advised for prevention of ILI. It has recommended one doze of Arsenicum album 30, daily in empty stomach for three days.

The dose should be repeated after one month by following the same schedule in case Coronavirus infections prevail in the community. The Expert Group has further suggested that general hygienic measures for prevention of air-borne infections suggested by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Govt. of India, for prevention of the disease should also be followed by the public.