

<p>Special Issue of Journal of Siddha on "Siddha Preventive and Clinical Management for COVID-19"</p>	<p><u>EDITORIAL</u></p>
<p>Editorial Team COVID-19 Special Edition</p>	<p>Dear Friends,</p> <p>First of all, on behalf of the National Institute of Siddha I would like to express my hearty 4th Siddha day (02.01.2020) wishes to all the Siddha students, Physicians, and Scholars and which is observed on the star birthday of the Siddhar <i>Agathiyar</i>, the founder and father of Siddha system of medicine. The COVID-19 pandemic has been setting up a new normal in life of people who live all over world. The health care professional and scientific community is wearisome to address the new challenges raised upon the pandemic to achieve better healthcare. An ancient Indian system of medicine -Siddha, the Siddha physicians, and other stakeholders of Siddha has responsibility to provide good public health care in this pandemic situation. The role of Siddha medical system in the management of</p>
<p>Editor in-Chief Prof. Dr. R. Meenakumari</p>	<p>various contagious viral diseases such as HIV, swine flu is well known. In the year 2015, during the dengue outbreak in Tamil Nadu, Siddha medicine played a vital role in treating the fever and mitigating the severity of the viral infection among the affected population. Various Siddha herbal and herbo-mineral medicines are found to be effective in controlling the viral disease. In this COVID-19 pandemic, under the supervision of Interdisciplinary AYUSH Research & Development Task Force guidelines for AYUSH clinical studies in COVID-19, National Institute of Siddha (NIS) have undertaken various types of clinical studies to document and prove the effectiveness of Siddha medicine in the management of corona virus outbreak. The studies have proven effectiveness of Siddha treatment protocol in COVID-19 in the terms of decreased hospital stay, mitigation of the symptoms of the disease, severity of disease progression and improved quality of life. This Special Issue of Journal of Siddha, an official journal of NIS on "Siddha preventive and clinical management for COVID-19" is aimed to explore the role of Siddha medicines as prophylaxis and effective management tools to mitigate COVID-19 disease as well as provide an up-to-date overview of strategies that can improve the prevention and boosting the immunity to the population. I congratulate the authors and editorial team to bring out this Special issue with more information in an excellent way. I hope that this may open new avenues of research in Siddha on COVID-19.</p>
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