

# PPST

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Honourable Prime Minister Sri Narendra Modiji,

I am sending you an Appeal, on behalf of the PPST Group, requesting full and effective use of Indian Systems of Medicine for the prevention and treatment of Covid 19. During the Covid times, several large-scale and highly successful Ayush interventions have been undertaken by the Government of India, several State Governments and numerous individual practitioners across the country. This Appeal is to request you to vastly expand the role of Ayush by making it a part of the standard health-care system of India.

The Appeal has been signed by 685 concerned individuals. The signatories include about 300 practitioners of the Indian systems of medicine, of which 46 are from the Siddha stream of Ayush. Many of the practitioners who have signed the appeal have themselves treated numerous Covid patients in their routine practice.

Among other signatories, there are 210 Ph.D.s mostly in Science, Technology and Engineering fields. There are also about 20 senior practitioners of the modern system of medicine.

As many as 11 Padma Shri and 3 Padma Bhushan awardees have signed the Appeal.

Many of the signatories are leaders in their respective fields of endeavour. Among them are retired and serving directors of major institutions, distinguished professors and several retired secretaries to the Government of India and the State Governments.

From the response we have received from different sections of professionals, it seems that there is a strong feeling in favour of urgently introducing Indian systems of medicine as part of an integrated health care system, especially during these difficult times.

The PPST Group, which has initiated this Appeal, comprises mainly scientists and technologists who came together in the early eighties to work towards making S&T in India more functional and connected with Indian needs and requirements. In the process, the Group realised that to achieve this end, it was important to study and promote the Indian knowledge and practice of S&T in various fields. Over the last four decades, members of the Group have done significant work in studying the history, epistemology, current prevalence and practical efficacy of several disciplines of the earlier Indian S&T.

I am attaching a complete list of the signatories. We shall be obliged if you could kindly consider this Appeal and accord Ayush its legitimate place in our healthcare facilities and initiatives.

With my *pranams*,

Yours respectfully,



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