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Director's Message

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In the present Special Issue of IJTK devoted to Traditional Knowledge in combating war against COVID-19, many reputed scientists of the country have contributed their experiences in mitigating the pandemic through Ayurveda & Unani medicine systems. This issue represents 5 sections viz., Ayush, Pharmacology/Ethnomedicine, Food Science & Nutrition, Agriculture and Others containing 20 research and review articles from various experts of the country.

A crusader for science communication in the country, CSIR-NISCAIR embraces a wide spectrum of stakeholders ranging from students and teachers to scientists and professionals, from civic and statutory bodies to decision-makers and policymakers, from industries and research institutions to even farmers and laymen. Since India has exhibited high recovery rate and low mortality rate as compared to other nations therefore India may play a very pivotal role in highlighting the importance of Traditional Knowledge in enhanced immunity to combat COVID-19. I believe that with this Special Issue once again CSIR-NISCAIR shows the importance of Indian pharmacopeia and traditional knowledge in combating COVID-19.

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