
Editorial

Born out of the unique vision of the groundbreaking scholar and great visionary, Pandit Shriram Sharma Acharya, the Dev Sanskriti Vishwavidyalaya (University) conducts research in different aspects of Yagya including its architect, philosophy, medical and territorial importance of herbal mixture used for obligation in Yagya. With immense pleasure, we are introducing the second issue of Volume 5 of the Interdisciplinary Journal of Yagya Research (IJYR) of Dev Sanskriti Vishwavidyalaya, Haridwar, India.

In the first paper of this issue, author Divya Shukla et al. studied the effect of ghee lamp and oil lamp on air and found that there is a reduction in the emission of the carbon monoxide (CO) in the ghee lamp in comparison to the oil lamp. The author found that there was no significant difference in gaseous emission like Particular Matter (PM1, PM2.5, PM10), Sulfur Dioxide, Nitrogen Dioxide (NO₂), Ozone (O₃), and Carbon Dioxide (CO₂).

Ekta Chandel and Shraddha Chintalwar in the second paper studied and compare the herbal fumes extract of Yagya and powder extract of *Tinospora cordifolia* (Giloy). In their investigation, they found that there is no obvious difference in the antimicrobial activity of herbal fumes and herbal power of Giloy. In phytochemical analysis, herbal fumes of Yagya contained alkaloids, cardiac glycosides and tannin while they were absent in herbal powder extract.

Manuhaar Arya and Balwant Kumar explored the

Himalayan region and documented the botanical data of six religious plants that were mentioned in 8 collected folklores. The authors observed that in the last three decades some changes have come in the method of usage of important religious plants in the performance of various rituals and ceremonies of the region.

Vandana Kumari and Piyush Trivedi in the fourth paper describe importance of maintaining Sanskār (sacredness) in Yagya. The authors describe the Sanskār of Yagya as the etiquette, the customary code to be performed before initiation of Yagya for maintaining its spirituality and sanctity which was explained with reference to the process of Yagya. Lastly, Tanushee Pathak documented the Indian scriptural data of Yagya which is responsible for the welfare of the human life. The author studied and mentioned the Vedic references for the welfare of individuals with their importance and philosophy.

We thank and heartily congratulate the reviewers and all the contributors. We wish for our readers - may this festival season of Dipawali brings you the utmost peace and prosperity and pray may Divinity bless you all a good health. We Hope, this issue of the Journal will inspire and generate interest among researchers, educators, policymakers and professionals to understand the significance of Indigenous Knowledge in the present era. We also thank all the readers and seek feedback to make the journal more effective vehicle in the field of Indigenous knowledge. Enjoy reading and enrich yourself. Have a wonderful year ahead.