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International Journal of Yagya Research, published by Dev Sanskriti Vishwavidyalaya, Haridwar, upholds its mission to advance scholarly inquiry into Yagya as a holistic science, integrating Vedic wisdom with modern scientific validation for health, environment, and spiritual well-being. Drawing inspiration from Yugrishi Pandit Shriram Sharma Acharya, the journal fosters research that bridges ancient rituals with contemporary applications, promoting harmony between humanity, nature, and the divine.

This issue showcases diverse explorations of Yagya, from scriptural guidelines and temple practices to physicochemical analyses and therapeutic potentials, highlighting its multifaceted role in Vedic traditions and modern contexts.

The first article, by Jahgir Ritambhara, Rathor Khushbu, Kamlesh Kumar, and Dinesh Kumar presents a comparative physicochemical characterization of particulate matter emitted from Diyas fueled by kerosene, vegetable oils, and ghee. Using FTIR, UV-Visible, TGA, and DLS analyses, the study reveals that ghee-based PM is less hazardous, with lower PAH concentrations and thermal stability, compared to kerosene.

The second article by Ekta Chandel investigates scriptural aspects for selecting land for Yagya. Referencing texts like Smṛtakunḍa Saṁkṣa and Śāradātilaka, it outlines parameters such as soil quality, slope, and sanctification using cow products, integrating Vastu principles to harmonize ritual spaces with environmental and spiritual energies.

The third research article, by Shraddha Gupta and

Ipsit Pratap Singh explores the history, deity, worship, and Yagya system at Shri Kali Devi Temple in Patiala, India. Through ethnographic observations, it details the temple's Śākta-Tantric rituals, including daily pūjā and major mahāyagyas during Navarātri, highlighting its role as a living center for protection, liberation, and community devotion.

The fourth research article, a perspective written in Hindi by Manisha Bharadwaj delves into Yagya as described in the Agni Purana. Despite the Purana's concise style, it positions Yagya as a key element in daily life and samsaric knowledge, underscoring its significance within the broader encyclopedic content of this ancient text.

The fifth article, a review by Pravesh Tomar and Vandana Srivastava, examines Yagya and Dhupana karma in managing disorders of the female reproductive system. It draws from Vedic and Ayurvedic principles to propose integrative approaches for striroga and prasuti roga, emphasizing Yagya's potential in preserving life cycles and women's health through ritualistic and therapeutic interventions.

We express our profound appreciation to all contributors and reviewers for their scholarly commitment. We hope this issue stimulates further investigation into Yagya's scientific, cultural, and therapeutic dimensions.

We welcome reader feedback to strengthen the journal as a premier platform for Yagya research rooted in Vedic heritage.

Enjoy reading and enrich yourself. Have a wonderful year ahead!