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### ICAAM SHAPING UP Dr. Narendra Bhatt, President, IASTAM - India

“ICAAM 2016” is shaping up well. we look forward to a meaning event. I am happy to inform of 415+ registrations so far that are yet gradually increasing. Abstracts of 150+ papers are being screened for right placement in the scientific program comprising of 4 parallel sessions spread over three and half days.

While continuing to provide opportunities for regular presentations we have come up with a high content event with a view to cover diverse and important subjects and issues.

Efforts are on to have best of the experience academic scholars and experienced researchers to address specific issues. of course, the participants will have a good opportunity to meet and interact with the best in field. ***A session or two with former awardees, well known experts & senior authorities is proposed to address policy issues.***

#### ***Inauguration - ICAAM 2016***

The ‘inauguration’ of ICAAM 2016 is now planned on Monday, 4th January 2016. we have approached Shri Sureshji Prabhu, Hon. Minister for Railways; Shri Shripadji Naik, Hon. Minister of State (Independent Charge) for AYUSH and Shri Vinod Tawdeji, Hon. Minister from Government of Maharashtra for their presence. *We eagerly await their confirmations.*

*I am happy to inform that Dr. R. A. Mashelkar, renowned scientist known for his commitment to Indian science and ethos has agreed to be with us. we are trying to reach out to renowned personalities in the field to get benefit of their experience at our meet. Amongst our former awardees Dr. Ashok Vaidya, Prof. R. H. Singh, Prof. Y. K. Gupta, Prof. Subhash Ranade, Dr. D.B. A Narayana, Dr. C. K. Katiyar, have confirmed their presence.*

*Prof. Kang (South Korea), Prof. Reinhard Bogle (Germany) and Dr. Stephan Kloos (Austria), my associate from IASTAM (International) will be there with their colleagues.*

### **THREE WORKSHOPS**

*THREE pre-conference workshops will be held on Sunday, January 3rd 2016. Each navigated by leaders in respective fields. They will be supported by team of experts working in the field for several years.*

*Girish Momaya, a renowned master and practitioner will conduct the TM workshop in person. The Yoga workshop will be at Kaivalyadham, Lonavala on first day (Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> January, 2016) and at conference venue on Sunday. Shri Subodh Tiwariji and Reinhard Bogle, both experienced leaders from India and Munich, Germany will be part of a team of experts to explain applied aspects of Yoga, not only for health maintenance but for specific clinical conditions as well. The workshop on clinical research methodology will see Mark Langweiler from UK with help from me and several experts address practical issues faced by clinical researchers in Ayurveda.*

The details of these workshops sent separately with this Communique and are on ICAAM 2016 website. I urge those interested in these subjects to take advantage of presence of these experts in Pune, while attending the main event. It will be a Sunday worth utilized.

### **THREE SYMPOSIA**

To satisfy needs of detailed discussions on specific subjects of interest three four and half hour symposia are included as a part of the scientific program. Stephan Kloos, a committed expert of Sowa Rigpa (Tibetan Medicine) from Austria will lead discussion on the system with representatives from different countries that have living traditions of the system. As the subject of 'Ethnopharmacology' has gained the status of a specialty branch the group under the banner of 'Indian Society of 'Ethnopharmacology' will deliberate on related issues. 'Bio-Diversity', a subject much debated amongst academia and Industry alike will be addressed in association with the Maharashtra Board of Bio-Diversity. I am happy that Prof. Manasi Deshpande and her team took initiative to design this discussion.

A welcome happening is involvement of reasonable numbers from Unani System of Medicine. IASTAM as a multidisciplinary organization has always thrived for interdisciplinary exchanges. I am sure this beginning will benefit such processes aimed coming together for better mutual understanding of sister systems and to search for solutions for ailing conditions.

### **PLENARIES**

The conference will offer a feast of 10 or more plenary lectures from best orators and experts in the field. The selection of IASTAM Oration & Awards is now over and results are on other pages of this 'Communique'. I am happy to inform that Pandit Shiv Sharma Oration will be given by an orator par-excellence.

Dr. B. M. Hegde, one of vocal crusader for people oriented medical care will share his suggestions on possible roadmap. Dr. Nandakumara Sarma, a well known scientist and an expert associated with regulatory authorities in USA will deliver the Zandu International Oration and Prof. V. K. Joshi, a recognized academic and chairman of Ayurvedic Pharmacopoeia Committee will deliver the Zandu International Oration Award given to Indian Citizen.

We are trying to include presentations of other awardees as well depending upon their availability. We have confirmed presentations by Dr. Shirley Telles, an internationally renowned scientist in the field of Yoga and Neurobiology; Prof. B. L. Gaur, former Vice Chancellor of Rajasthan Ayurveda University and Prof. Manoranjan Sahu, Dean, BHU.

### **ROUND TABLE**

Discussions on policy related matters are always high on IASTAM agenda. Efforts are being made for 2 – 3 round table meets comprising of senior experts including previous awardees and experts. The focus will be on one or two main issues related to (1) Mutual Acceptance of Asian Medicine or Global Reach; (2) Fast Track Research and Technology for AYUSH and (3) Industry related issues. We are in communication with industry groups to finalise the subject.

### **IASTAM BVU Awards**

As you are aware, IASTAM – BVU Awards (National Scholar Awards) are instituted for 'Best PhD Thesis' and 'Best Dissertation MD/MS' in Ayurveda. The process for finalization of these awardees is on. We plan to include presentation of these winning theses in the scientific program.

### **Mallakhamba Demo**

With support from Samarth Vyayam Mandal, Mumbai, demonstration by a group of young Mallakhamba enthusiasts under leadership of Uday Deshpande is planned on one of the days. A research paper about benefits of its practice among young children will also be presented.

### **Sponsors, Collaborators & Supporters of ICAAM 2016**

IASTAM is privileged to get support from 'All India Ayurvedic Congress' and industry associations, ADMA and AMAM. I must put on record the response that I received in the form of prime sponsorship to my meeting with Shri SureshKumarji Sharma, Shree Baidyanath Ayurveda Bhavan, Nagpur for ICAAM 2016. It is satisfying to observe that several friends from industry and academic groups have come forward to support the good cause in different ways.

## Ministry of AYUSH

*Since last several months we are in contact with Ministry of AYUSH where we have been promised support. Shri Shripadji Naik, our Hon. Minister of AYUSH has shown interest in our event and we look forward to his presence.*

### Venue for ICAAM 2016

The serene environment and facilities of Hotel Orchid / Vits, near Balewadi Sports complex will provide right atmosphere for our deliberations over 4 days. We have negotiated competitive room rates that I hope will be of interest to delegates from outside to save on time and expense of travel and enjoy stay and conference under the same roof.

We are looking to facilitate a visit to an Ayurvedic production unit and a clinic for experience of Ayurvedic therapies for our guests abroad while they are in Pune.

IASTAM has received encouraging support for their international Academic activity from the Management and Faculty in AYUSH institutes and organization in and around Pune justifying the city of 'Hub Of Learning' with support of strong shoulders of Dr. Abhijit Patil and his team at BBDU, College of Ayurved.

*We look forward to ICAAM 2016 which will be rich in content, interactive in structure and productive in outcome.*

## Remembering Stalwarts and Felicitating achievers

IASTAM India through Awards and orations has been felicitating contemporary contributors to the field of Traditional Asian Medicine. The first IASTAM oration was instituted after the memory of the founder president Pundit Shiva Sharma for promotion of indigenous systems of medicine in 1990. Since then over last 25 years IASTAM India has instituted total 12 Awards in diverse fields of interest related to the domain of Traditional Asian Medicine. Out of these 12 awards two are international awards. Zandu international award for the 'excellence in Natural product development' was instituted recently in 2015. This would be given to international personality contributing to the Ayurvedic/Natural product development whereas, from the year 2016, the earlier 'Raj Vaidya Zandu Bhattji memorial oration' has now been raised to 'Raj Vaidya Zandu Bhattji international memorial oration'. This would be awarded to an Indian for the excellence in contributions to the development of Ayurvedic Therapeutics with an international impact. Since 2016 one more award after the name of Rasavaidya Nagindas Shah will be initiated. This would be awarded to a person contributing to the Subject of Rasashastra. This is especially significant when traditional systems of medicine are being questioned for the use of minerals and metals in their therapeutics.

IASTAM India provides platform for the contributors who are engaged in the growth and development of Asian systems of medicine from the different streams of knowledge. It is committed for encouraging the trans-disciplinary interface for ultimate benefit in healthcare delivery. With such an inspirational ethos IASTAM India instituted eight different awards over two decades. These ranged from the field of research in indigenous systems of medicine, contemporary application of Ayurvedic principles, development of herbal pharmaceuticals, clinical profession, teaching in traditional medicine, shalyatantra, drug development, and contributions to the field of yoga.

It is interesting to note that recipients of these awards are truly the eminent personalities from their respective disciplines. Besides Ayurveda and Yoga they belonged to diverse domains of knowledge streams such as clinical pharmacology, drug discovery science, pharmaceutical sciences, bacteriology, immunology, biochemistry, phytochemistry, pharmacy, surgery, endocrinology, gastroenterology, plant sciences and so on.

The selection process for these awards is independent and impartial. It follows structured guidelines which includes invitations for nominations from IASTAM India members, a special format of nomination form is circulated in advance, then all the nominations go through primary screening process, subsequently these nominations are sent to the high independent selection committee of eleven members. After having independent and unbiased inputs from all these members a collective decision is taken for selecting the awardees, and final announcement is made only after confirming with the awardees for receiving the award in person.

**Dr. Ashwinikumar Raut**  
 Secretary General, IASTAM India

# Obituary

## Vd. R. B. Gogate



**Prof. Vd. R. B. Gogate passed away on 28 September 2015 at the age of 82 in Pune.** In sad demise of Vd. R. B. Gogate IASTAM India has lost a dedicated supporter and advisor.

**Vd. Gogate** was a member of National Advisory Council and a recipient of IASTAM – India **Vaidya Haribhau Paranjape Award For Excellence in Shalya Tantra** in 2012.

Prof. Gogate was associated with Tilak Ayurved Mahavidyalaya and Seth Tarachand Ramnath Charitable Ayurvedic Hospital, Pune for throughout his career and was its Principal. He had prolonged first-hand experience of handling surgical emergencies in an Ayurvedic set up. A passionate teacher he was loved by students and faculty. He was always available to a learner. His depth of Ayurvedic principles with practical clinical experience finds favors with learners, new or old.

## Prof. Ranjit Roy Chaudhury



**Prof. Dr. Ranjit Roy Chaudhury passed away on 27 October 2015.** In sad demise of Prof. Ranjit Roy Chaudhury IASTAM India has lost an eminent leader, and ardent supporter.

**Prof. Chaudhury** a great supporter of IASTAM – India and a recipient of IASTAM – India **Prof. K.N. Udupa Award for Biomedical Research** in 2003. He was a clinical [pharmacologist](#), medical academic and health planner who headed the National Committee for formulating the policy and guidelines on drugs and clinical trials in India. He was the chairman of the joint programme of [World Health Organization](#) and Government of India on *Rational Use of Drugs in India*. He was the founder president of the [Delhi Medical Council](#) and the president of the Delhi Society for Promotion of Rational Use of Drugs.

### A personal tribute

## Prof. Ranjit Roy Chaudhury

Like many involved with research and issues related with Health Care Delivery, I knew Prof. Ranjit Roy Chaudhary since late 80's. Impressed with his views with profound experience, my first personal encounter with him was for a review of the collaborative research project on Bronchial Asthma and Rheumatoid Arthritis between K. G. Mittal Ayurvedic College and Hinduja Hospital where he was invited as an expert. To my surprise he not only supported the arguments that I put forward but encouraged me to move forward on similar lines. Since then there have been multiple occasions to meet him, discuss issues mainly related to research, get his guidance and share views. He was very kind to be an honoured guest at the Seminar on "Ayurved and Infectious Diseases" to celebrate Centenary year of my father Vaidya Someshwar Bhatt. Throughout this period, on every occasion and even incidental meetings at airports, I had benefit of an inquiring mind, words of wisdom and practical guidance. He was happy at the happenings at Haffkine's as he had guided & promised all support for HRIC NAP (Haffkine Research Innovation Centre Natural Ayurved Products).

For ICAAM 2016 when I sent a personal request to all previous awardees Prof. Ranjit Roy Chaudhary was the first to confirm his presence from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> January 2016. ICAAM 2016 will miss him.. Personally this will be a great loss to look for someone who gave subtle guidelines.

## Vd. R. B. Gogate

I came to know Prof. R. B. Gogate much later in my life. He was highly appreciative of IASTAM proceedings of 2005 and always interested in our deliberations.

To me he was a true example of an integrative approach in patient care, who was open to modern viewpoints having feet grounded in Ayurvedic principles. Above all his easy reachability, eagerness to learn, teach and simplicity in behavior were astounding. I had a unique experience of such a senior and former Awardee and even at that age who insisted to come to meet me at a coffee shop on his own taking lift on a two wheeler for IASTAM - India work rather than asking me to go over. He was kind to hand over his compiled articles for possibility of publishing through IASTAM - India. Later it was informed that such initiative has been taken. If not, we should take over this unfulfilled task.

**- Dr. Narendra Bhatt**



# Appeal for active participation in ICAAM 2016

As you aware that IASTAM India is organizing **1st International conference on Advances in Asian Medicine- ICAAM 2016**, on 3-7 January 2016 at Pune.

This 5-day Conference will consist of high level intellectuals interacts, learned discussion and debates on Advances in Asian medicine. Three specific pre workshops on opening/closing ceremonies, panel discussion, scientific session and four symposiums will be conducted during this conference.

Appeal for institutes, researchers, faculties, students participate in this conference through following ways-

## Workshops-

Full day three pre workshops on Yoga, Clinical research methodology; Transcendental Meditation are part of ICAAM 2016.

## Pre defined Panel discussion-

Panel discussion will be for 90 minutes. Participants are 4-5 subject experts, plus moderator or coordinator. The role of panellist is to give their opinions regarding their expertise of the subject/ area they represent. Idea behind the panel discussion is to collect as many different area of the same question through healthy discussion. [Tadvidha *sambhasha*]

## Symposia-

Symposium means intellectuals interact through discussion of a particular topic and a collection of opinions. Through symposium our goal is to facilitate a gathering where researchers from a variety of disciplines, at all levels of training, will be able to share their work, have the benefit of new view of information, get new directions that enhance their abilities and knowledge.

ICAAM 2016 organizes three symposiums on Ethanopharmacology, Bio diversity, and Sowa Rigpa.

## Scientific session [oral and poster presentations]-.

Scientific Sessions will give an opportunity to present research results, new technical developments, interesting project presentations, and future expectations. In this session faculty, Ph. D. scholars and PG students welcome to present their research work as oral presentation or poster presentation. 10 minutes will be given for presentation.

**Come with your ideas, register, participate and be a part of this mega event.**

**Visit website- [www.icaam2016.com](http://www.icaam2016.com)**

**Prof. Dr. Manasi Deshpande**  
**Organising Secretary - ICAAM 2016**  
 Joint Secretary, IASTAM India  
 HOD, Dravyaguna Vigyan, BVDU, Pune



# Appeal for Ayurvedic Industry

Dear Friends...

We at IASTAM-India once again look forward to meet you at ICAAM (International Conference for Advances in Asian Medicine) 2016 organised under the dynamic leadership of Our president; many of you know him for his passion for Ayurved and his un-biased views to take Ayurveda at next Gen!

IASTAM India has always received support from the Industry at Symposia or Workshops issues of subject of significance to the sector. It has been a symbiotic relationship. Regardless of the issues related to profession or academia or industry; IASTAM has brought together experts and prepared a platform to discuss the issues. We all have come together and expressed our views on the same platform. I am sure the memories of the seminar on Medical Pluralism to face challenges of a Supreme Court judgment or the Intellectual Conclave in collaboration with ADMA in Delhi must be ingrained in the minds of our Industry partners.

Our symbiotic relationship has a common agenda and commitment to work for growth of our sector is the thread that bounds us together. Ayurveda has a treasure of medicine. Only we need to comprise them for its world wide use. We need to come together for a common social cause leading to better healthcare of people. Propagation of Asian Medicine for global reach is an important thought and could become most significant step for global acceptance. We need to team up to take a firm steps forward that could help in spreading Asian systems worldwide. Industry has probably the most important role to plan in present times.

IASTAM is known for its scientific and policy output. We are making sincere efforts to make the event productive and beneficial to everyone. Our sponsorship details must have reached you by now some have already supported the event and we look forward to you for further support.

We also request you to encourage your colleagues and friends from allied sciences to join us and share their views. Join hands, the circle would not complete without you!

**Dr. Vandana Kozarekar**  
Trasurer, IASTAM

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## APPEAL

IASTAM appeals for contributions and donations from individuals or groups or such bodies to institute Awards to encourage its interdisciplinary mission. IASTAM desires to have an independent Annual Oration Award Function so as to invite the inventive minds together to listen to their views and share experiences.

*Join &  
Support  
ICAAM  
2016*

## IASTAM Awardees 2016

We are proud to announce  
the awardees for IASTAM  
Oration & Awards 2016

IASTAM ORATION & AWARD  
Function will be held along with  
ICAAM 2016

<i><u>IASTAM Oration &amp; Awards</u></i>	<i><u>IASTAM Awardees 2016</u></i>
<i>Pandit Shiv Sharma Oration For Contribution to Promotion of Ayurveda</i>	<i>Prof. Dr. B. M. Hegde</i>
<i>Zandu International Award for 'Excellence in Research Contribution to Ayurvedic and / or Natural Products'.</i>	<i>Dr. Nandakumara Sarma</i>
<i>Zandu International Oration (Indian Citizen) for 'Excellence in Research Contribution to Ayurvedic and / or Natural Products'.</i>	<i>Prof. Dr. V. K. Joshi</i>
<i>Prof. K. N. Udupa Award For Contributions in Research in Indigenous Systems of Medicine</i>	<i>Prof. Dr. Urmila Thatte</i>
<i>Dr. K. M. Parikh Memorial Award For Contribution to Development of Ayurvedic / Herbal Pharmaceuticals</i>	<i>Prof. Dr. Pulok Mukherjee</i>
<i>Shri Jugatram Vaidya Award For Excellence in the Profession</i>	<i>Prof. B. L. Gaur</i>
<i>Shri Mathurdas Parikh Award For Excellence in Teaching</i>	<i>Vaidya S. P. Sardeshmukh</i>
<i>Vaidya Haribhau Paranjape Award For Excellence in Shalya Tantra</i>	<i>Prof. Dr. Manoranjan Sahu</i>
<i>Yoga Forum Manchen Patanjali IASTAM award For Contributions to Yoga</i>	<i>Dr. Shirley Telles</i>
<i>Shri Gopaldas Parikh Award For Drug Development</i>	<i>Dr. Amit Agarwal</i>
<i>Raj Vaidya Nagindas Shah Award for Excellence in Rasashastra</i>	<i>Prof. Vd. Siddhinandan Mishra</i>

### IASTAM ORATION AND AWARDS 2016

The Nomination and selection procedure for  
**IASTAM ORATION & AWARDS** is completed  
and the function will take place during **ICAAM 2016**

# ANNOUNCEMENT

Visit Our Website-  
[www.iastamindia.org](http://www.iastamindia.org)

*“ICAAM 2016 along with  
IASTAM ORATION AND  
AWARD FUNCTION”  
will be held at Pune, India  
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to Thursday 7th January 2016  
with Pre Conference, Symposia,  
Plenary, Round Table*

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