

XIV-IASTAM Award 2024 Special Function for PT. SHIV SHARMA ORATION AWARD



The **XIV-IASTAM 2024 Special Function**, organized by the Centre of Excellence in Unani Medicine, (Pharmacognosy and Pharmacology) School of Pharmaceutical Education and Research, Jamia Hamdard, in collaboration with the Society for New Age Herbals (SNAH), was held on 23th November 2024 at the Auditorium of the Centre of Excellence in Unani Medicine (Pharmacognosy & Pharmacology), Jamia Hamdar with dignity and grace to honour excellence in traditional and herbal medicine. The event featured the prestigious **Pt. Shiv Sharma Oration Award** and brought together distinguished guests, esteemed speakers, and professionals from various domains.

The program commenced with a warm welcome speech by the anchor, Ms. Ilma, who highlighted the significance of the event in celebrating the contributions of Pt. Shiv Sharma to integrative healthcare. She extended a special welcome to the distinguished guests:

Dr. Kostubh Upadhyaya: Advisor Ministry of Ayush

Mr. Shekhar Dutta: Former Governor of Chhattisgarh

Prof. Sayeed Ahmad: Director CoE UM Jamia Hamdard

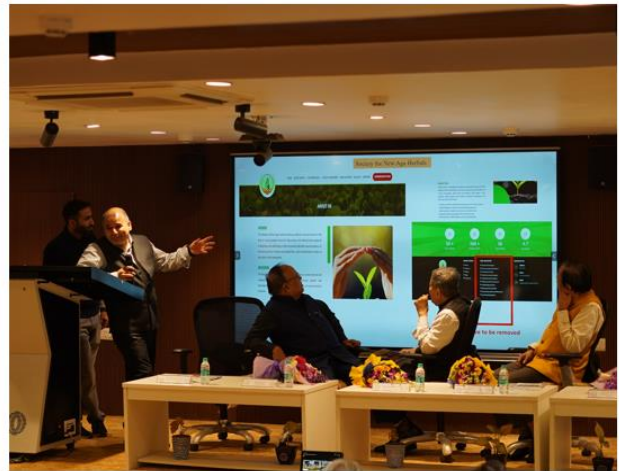
Dr. C.K. Katiyar: President IASTAM

Dr. Sanjay Sharma: President Society for New Age Herbals

Following the introduction, **Prof. Dr. Sayeed Ahmad**, Director of the Centre of Excellence in Unani Medicine, formally honored the dignitaries with flower bouquets as tokens of respect.



A newly developed website for the society was unveiled during the program, showcasing a platform for communication and collaboration in the herbal medicine community. Feedback from the audience was encouraged to enhance its utility.



Dr. Sanjay Sharma, President of SNAH, shared his vision for advancing the field of herbal sciences. His address emphasized SNAH's mission of bridging ancient wisdom with modern science to create sustainable healthcare solutions.



The **citation of recitation** was eloquently presented by **Dr. Bushra Parveen**. Her delivery emphasized the profound impact of **Mr. Shekhar Dutta's** work and his lifelong dedication to fostering innovation and advocacy for integrative healthcare. This prestigious citation detailed Mr. Shekhar Dutta's numerous achievements, including his distinguished career in the Indian Administrative Service (IAS), his tenure as a Governor and Chancellor of 11 state universities, and his leadership in various national and global advisory roles. It also highlighted his recognition with multiple awards, such as the Paul Appleby Award for Public Administration, the Sena Medal for Gallantry, and the Lifetime Achievement Award in Ethnopharmacology. The ceremony celebrated Mr. Shekhar Dutta's exemplary efforts in bridging traditional wisdom with modern science, reinforcing the role of Ayurveda and herbal sciences in contemporary healthcare. His contribution serves as an inspiration to professionals and researchers dedicated to advancing integrative medicine.



The Chief Guest, **Mr. Shekhar Dutta**, Former Governor of Chhattisgarh, was felicitated with the **Pt. Shiv Sharma Oration Award** by the dignitaries on the dais. This honor recognized his remarkable contributions for Excellence in promotion of Ayurveda.



The Chief Guest, **Mr. Shekhar Dutta**, delivered the oration lecture, sharing his experiences and vision for integrating traditional medicine into modern healthcare systems.



Guest of Honour, **Dr. Kostubh Upadhayaya**, Advisor to the Ministry of Ayush, provided a thought-provoking address on the integration of Ayurveda and herbal sciences into mainstream healthcare.



Prof. Sayeed Ahmad expressed gratitude to all the dignitaries, speakers, and participants for their contributions, emphasizing the collective effort required to advance the field of traditional medicine. The event concluded with the national anthem, followed by an invitation for high tea, offering an opportunity for attendees to network and engage in meaningful discussions.

