

Standardization of Herbal Products

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Good Morning. It is an honor to be here.

Prof. Suresh, Prof. Nanjan, Prof. Chinnaswamy Thank you, for inviting me .

INDIA STANDS AT THE THRESHOLD OF A MAJOR CHANGE TODAY. With India joining WTO, we are certain to face some interesting challenges.

With the advances in telecommunications, the world has become a small place. Our ability to communicate to far away and nearby places have become very easy.

The advances in sciences are happening at mind -boggling speed. Today, words like biotechnology, Genomics, Pharmacogenomics, Bioinformatics are very common among life sciences areas. India is also racing to raise to the occasion and prepare for a world of change.

While these changes are happening, we are missing out on some of the fundamentals. I would like to point out one major area.

India is home to the oldest medical system in the world called Ayurveda. Regrettably, it is now an alternate system of Medicine here. How is that possible? When more than

80% of our population depends on this system of medicine, how dare we call it an alternate system? Hopefully we will look at our system of medicine and revise to adopt it for the masses.

We have an immense wealth of information from our traditional medicine. We lack standardization and subsequent clinical documentation to bring it to modern standards.

While Allopathic system, which evolved in the last 50years has a place in modern medical practice. Herbal medicine as done by the Germans, will have a larger role to play for the future health care of India.

I am delighted to join all of you in the pioneering effort by JSS College in introducing standardization techniques for herbal formulation.

While congratulating the organization for this event, I do take into account the brilliant group of professionals they have assembled to educate the teachers. My congratulations to the organizers.

It gives me great pleasure to inaugurate this pioneering effort in standardization techniques for herbal formulation at JSS College of pharmacy. I wish the organizers and teachers a great learning experience.

Thank you

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