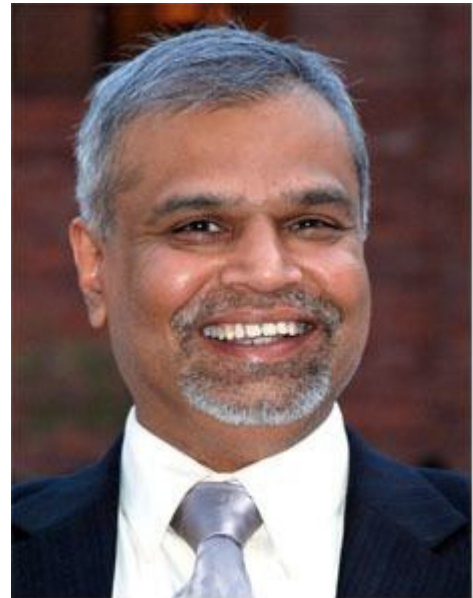




NICM Health Research Institute, in collaboration with the Australasian Association with Ayurveda, presents Professor Bhushan Patwardhan

Presentation title: Traditional Medicine in Covid-19 Times: A story from India

BIO: Professor Bhushan Patwardhan, PhD, FNASc, FNAMS is a distinguished biomedical scientist and academician with over 40 years of experience in higher education, scientific research, and institutional governance. He currently serves as a National Research Professor at the Ministry of AYUSH, Government of India, Distinguished Professor at the Interdisciplinary School of Health Sciences, Savitribai Phule Pune University and Adjunct Professor at Western Sydney University. He is a former Vice Chairman of the University Grants Commission and Chairman of the National Assessment and Accreditation Council, Government of India, and Co-chair of the WHO Expert Group for the Global Centre for Traditional Medicine. Patwardhan is recognized as one of the most influential biomedical scientists globally with over 175 scientific publications, 14,000+ citations, 20 supervised PhDs, and multiple patents, Professor Patwardhan continues to be a leading voice in the integration of traditional and conventional medicine. He will share his insights on India's experience with traditional medicine during the COVID-19 pandemic at the Western Sydney University Seminar on September 23, 2024. Professor, with and inclusion in Stanford University's list of the top 2% of scientists worldwide.



Brief Abstract:

The COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted the importance of an integrative approach to public health, bringing strengths of traditional medicine (TM) and conventional medicine as a complementary strategy in global healthcare. In India, the rich traditions of Ayurveda, Yoga, and other indigenous systems played a crucial role in enhancing resilience and providing supportive care during this unprecedented crisis. This talk will explore India's strategic integration of traditional medicine into its COVID-19 response through key initiatives, research collaborations, and policy measures instrumental in preventing and managing the disease. Focusing on scientific research, the talk will address the contributions of TM in boosting immunity, managing comorbidities, and offering holistic care. Challenges such as evidence generation, quality control, and the need for integration into mainstream healthcare will also be discussed. The Indian experience provides valuable insights into how traditional medicine can be effectively leveraged in public health emergencies, offering lessons for future global health strategies.

In addition to the seminar, Professor Patwardhan will discuss his latest book *Genome to Om: Evolving Journey of Modern Science to Meta-science*. A timely endeavour in a world torn apart by wars, disease, and distrust. It explores the frontiers where science meets spirituality for the desired transition to meta-science, blending ethical, moral, and spiritual insights while recognizing the interconnectedness of all aspects of life. *Genome to Om* challenges our assumptions and pushes the boundaries of knowledge by introducing an interesting concept of the Omcene, the future epoch, as a feasible goal of a global meta-society focused on universal well-being.

WHEN: 23rd September 2024

TIME: 12pm

LOCATION: Judy Jacka Symposium Room (WE-J.2.12), lev NICM Health Research Institute, Building J – Marcus Blackmore Building, Western Sydney University, 158-160 Hawkesbury Road, Westmead NSW 2145, Australia

COST: Free and open to all

RSVP: Registration for this event is via the accompanying outlook invite.

