

Dream projects of our Correspondent



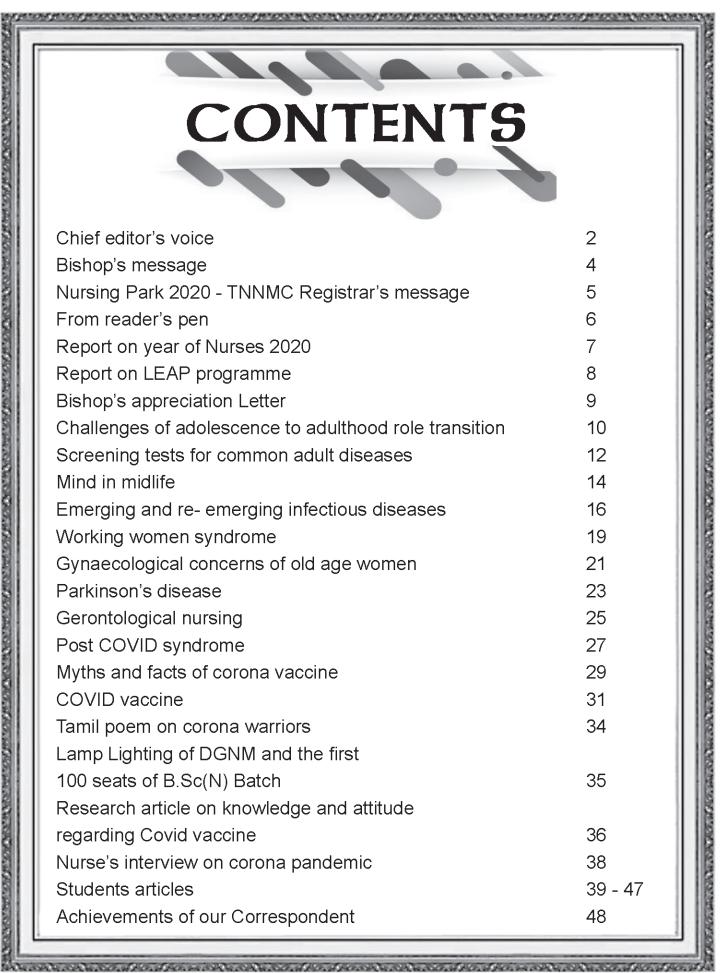
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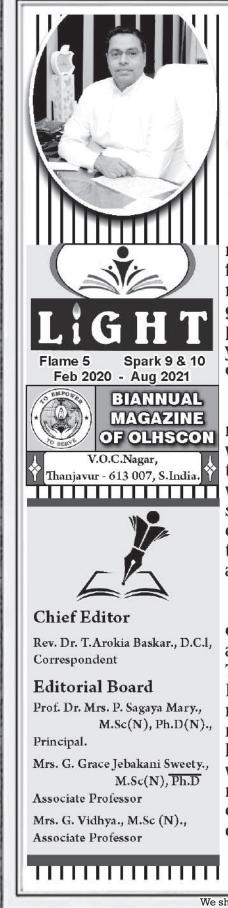
ACHIEVEMENTS OF OUR CORRESPONDENT Rev. Fr. T. Arokia Baskar., DCL (2015-2021)

Academic

- Enhancement of 100 seats for B.Sc (Nursing).
- TMCH/RMH tie up for clinical practice of students.
- English academy.
- **Journal club.**
- ▶ LIGHT magazine.
- Faculty development programme.
- College Anthem.
- **Exam Song.**
- Diploma in Nursing students farewell.
- College diary.
- Carrier orientation programme.
- Exam orientation programme.

- Students counseling service.
- Showcase placement for medals & prizes.
- **Digital board.**
- **LCD** in classrooms.
- 📄 Alumni OLAA
- New Bus.
- Audio system for assembly and morning prayer.
- Audio system separately for auditorium and outdoor programmes.
- **Nursing Park.**
- Prayer pilgrimage before examto Carmel convent Adaikala Madha Church and Infant Jesus Shrine.
- 150 coloured Uniforms for sports groups.





Chief editor's voice

"A Nurse is an Angel who opens the eyes of a new born and gently closes the eyes a dying person"

Nursing is a Holy and Noble profession. A nurse travels along with the life of a human being from womb to tomb. Nurse becomes a caring mother, a loving sister, a supporting friend and a guardian angel throughout the night when the patients are in critical situation. 2020 being a year dedicated to Nurses, Light magazine concentrated on Health: Womb to Tomb.

A doctor remains with the patient just for few minutes, evaluating the patient's condition and writing orders. But nurses are the ones who bear the brunt of the patient's anger, or clean them up when they vomit or soil themselves. They act as a surrogate family to patients and often get to know details of a patient's life simply because they are the ones spending the time and energy to explore and to save that life.

Being noble is defined as having, showing or coming from personal qualities that people admire such as honesty, generosity, courage, etc. There are a few noble professions in this world. Practicing medicine is one of them. And being a nurse is perhaps the noblest in the house of medicine. That is why the profession of nursing is honoured as heart of medical field. I take this wonderful opportunity to appreciate all the nurses in the world. Especially in this pandemic crisis, the nurses are admired very much for their dedicated and sacrificial service.

We shed an average of 600,000 particles of skin every hour.

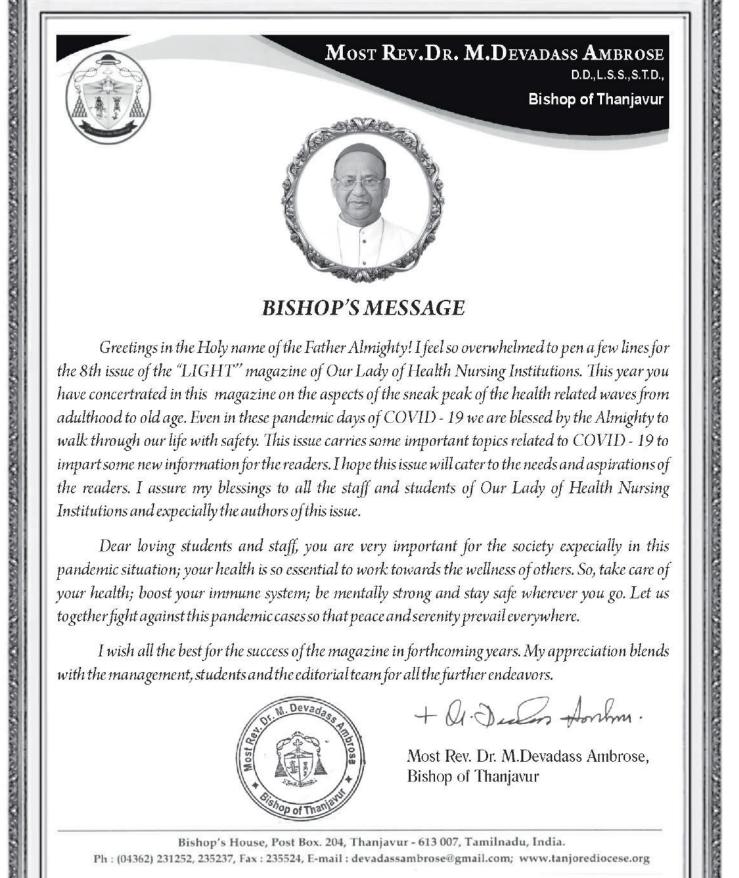
I feel so proud and privileged to be the Correspondent of Our Lady of Health School and College of Nursing and to guide the budding nursing students for 6 years. As I am completing my term of office as Correspondent, I am indebted to our Founder and President of Our Lady Nursing Institutions for giving me this great responsibility believing in my capacity. I would like to express my sentiments of gratitude to all my teaching and non-teaching faculties of the institution for their endless support in these 6 years. I also profit this occasion to thank my loving children who travelled with me for the past six years. Only after coming here, I was able to understand the actual difficulties of students of Nursing and the teaching faculty. Let me also thank all the workers of Our Lady Family, they are the ones who loved me more and supported me in all the efforts I took in order to improve the quality of living.

I say to my students and the staff that the COLLEGE IS THE PLACE OF LEARNING and the HOSTEL IS THE PLACE OF LIVING. All of you my dear loving staff and students understood me and supported me. Thank you all and Love you all. I also thank all the parents and well wishers of Our Lady Family, it is only with you support I was able to handle every situation. Let me conclude, before saying Good Bye to all.

Life is too short, Let us live this life with true love. Be happy and make others Happy. Learn more. Work hard. Make use of Time and Talent given by God. Achieve more. Try to leave good and positive foot prints behind wherever you go. Allow others to be themselves. Avoid unnecessary criticisms Avoid spoiling others' name and fame.

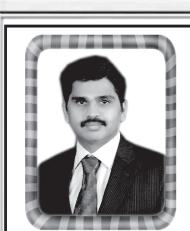
With Love and Only with True Love Fr. Arokia Baskar

Interestingly, the brain and nerve cells are the only cells in the body that cannot regenerate



A person at rest usually breaths between 12 and 15 times a minute.





Dr. M. Selvakumar, MBBS, DNB (Family Medicine), PDFICM, Intensivist, Royal Care Hospital, Coimbatore.



Greetings to Our Lady Institution. I feel so ecstatic to give some words regarding the 7th issue of the magazine "LIGHT". The topics of the issue based on the Health: Womb to Tomb - fetus to adolescence was so informative. The topics were framed as per the utmost splendid informative content. Hats off for the editorial committee and hope this magazine will enlighten the readers' minds in the coming days with holistic knowledge of growth and development.

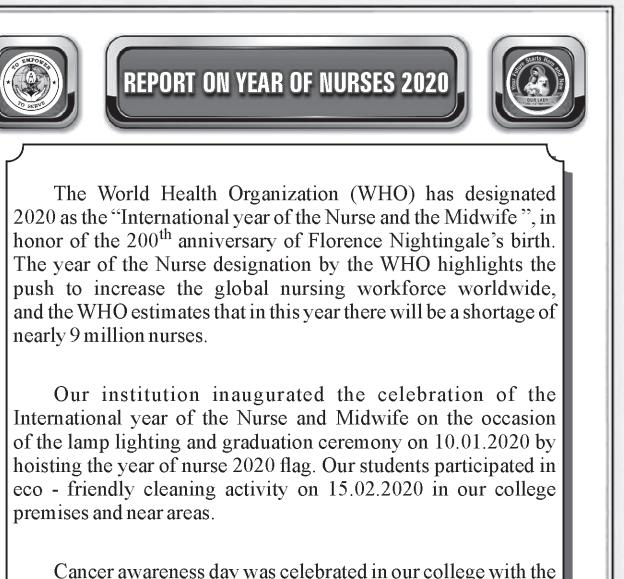
FEEDBACK



Prof. C.Nageswari, MPT, MIAP, Principal, Shri Indra Ganesan Institute of Medical Science, College of Physiotherapy, Trichy FEEDBACK

I'm very happy to write my feedback regarding the 7th issue of the "LIGHT" magazine of Our Lady of Health School and College of Nursing. The catchy topics related to the growth and development from fetus to adolescence threw a great reminder of all the present issues in readers' minds. I enjoyed each and every line of the articles and the new informations had been highlighted which increased the interest till the last page of the magazine. I wish all success for the future endeavors of the Institution.

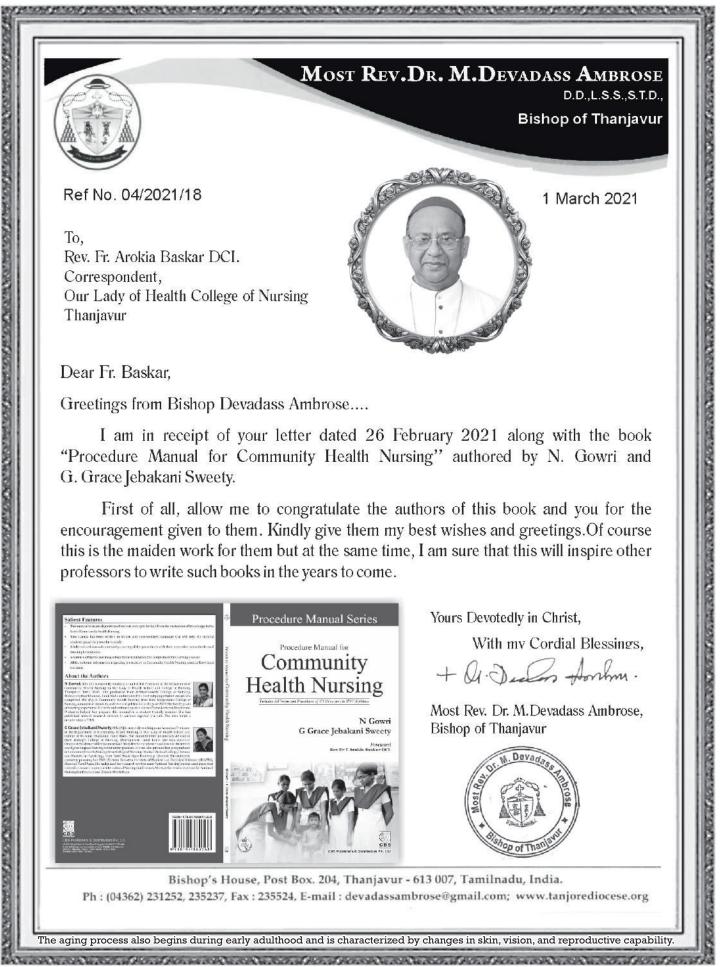
Every day 11.5 liters of digested food, liquids and digestive juices flow through the digestive system, but only 100ml is lost in fac

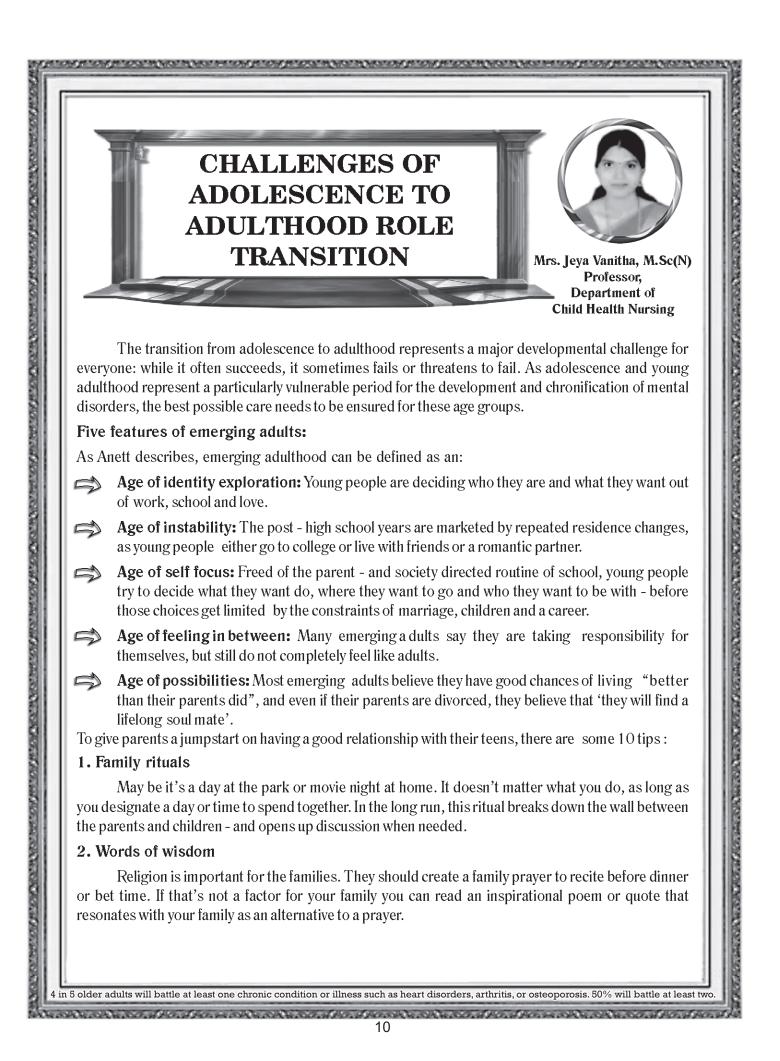


Cancer awareness day was celebrated in our college with the brainstorming session regarding female and male cancers screening, diagnosis, treatment, palliative care and follow up by Dr.Govindharaj M.S (Surgical Oncologist, Trichy). During the incidence of Covid - 19, our faculty members conducted public awareness regarding the prevention of corona virus disease and issued pamphlets along with the Thanjavur corporation. Our institution established nursing park in our premises compiling all the available nursing departments and its salient features. Our institution will work forward to celebrate the events of the year of nurses in the near future.

Each food that is included in the diet of older people must be rich in protective nutrients to ensure maximum nutrient intake.

	REPORT ON LEADERSHIP EXCELLENCE AND PROFESSIONALISM TRAINING PROGRAMME - 21.02.2020
	view of celebrating International year of nurses, LEAP programme was organized in our institution. The session are as follows:
Session 1	 Decision is yours - boss/leader Prof. Mrs. Thamaraiselvi , Principal, OLHCON, Thanjavur.
Session 2	 Build your leadership assets Dr. Santham Sweet Rose, Principal, SRM College of Nursing, Trichy.
Session 3	 Problem the guidelines Mrs. Nirmala, Vice Principal, KMC College of Nursing, Trichy.
Session 4	 Team work makes the dreamwork Dr. Mrs. Suja Suresh, Vice Principal, SRM College of Nursing, Trichy.
Session 5	 Begin today - To see the bright tomorrow Sr. Sagaya Mary, Vice Principal, Servite College of Nursing, Trichy.
Session 6	 You the brand ambassador Prof. Mrs. Ouvai, Professor, St.Xavier's College of Nursing, Kumbakonam.
Session 7	 Focus on well being and welfare Prof. Mrs. Iraimani, Vice Principal, OLHCON, Thanjavur.
Session 8	 It's mandatory, no options Prof. Mrs. Iraimani, Vice Principal, OLHCON, Thanjavur.





3. Rights of passage

As your teens transition, it's important to give them the opportunity to make decisions for themselves. However this isn't something you can do overnight. Slowly, give your children the chance to make their own decisions, but help guide them.

4. Be a role model

Demonstrate positive ways to learn, resolve conflict and make decisions. Your children will notice you as an example.

5. Show appreciation and affection

No matter what age your children are, they will always crave affection from mom and dad - even if they don't admit it.

6. Make time

Between work, maintaining a home and raising a family, life can get hectic, but stop and spend time with your child. It's in those moments of your time with the kids, it really matters for the children.

7. Show them the way

Help guide your children. Teach them how to do practical things like cooking dinner or balancing a monthly budget. This is the time when they are learning practical skills that will serve them into adulthood.

8. Set clear rules and boundaries, and stick to them

Kids - no matter their age - need some boundaries. It helps them set limits, feel a sense of security that some one cares, and sometimes can help ensure their safety.

9. Express enthusiasm

When your children do well, let them know. Praise them and encourage them for keeping good decisions. Positive reinforcement really does work well in shaping behavior.

10. Have a fun and laugh a lot

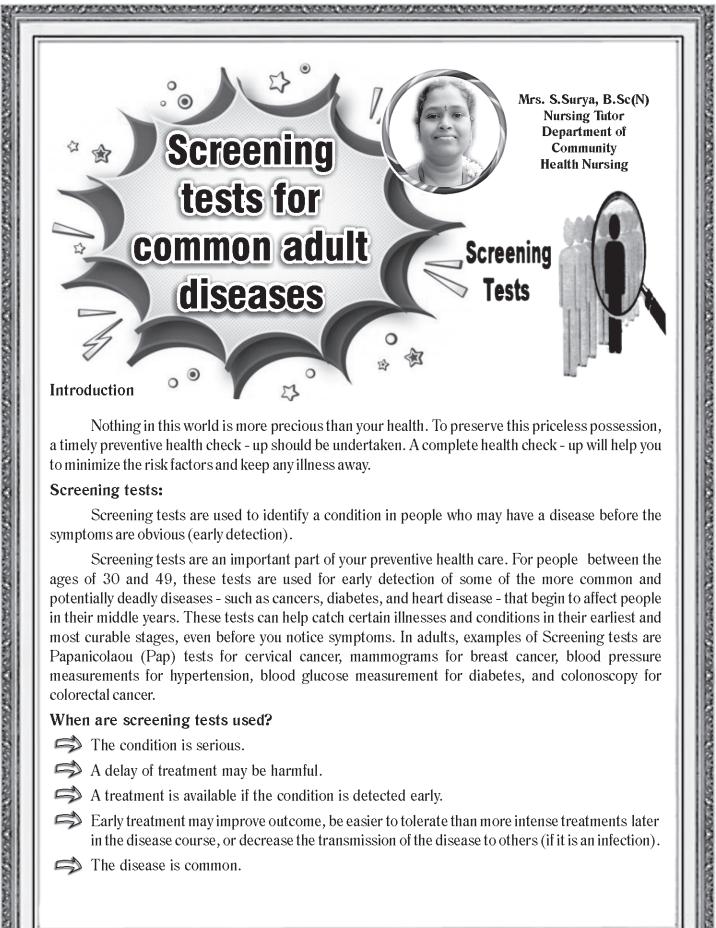
Life can't be serious all the time. Enjoy it, and enjoy the time you spend with your family.

CONCLUSION

An adolescent makes the transition through young adulthood into adulthood and becomes a fully independent person when the parents and society are giving the correct amount of support - not pushing too hard or holding back too much. Parents always will be concerned about their children. But as children get older, they need to begin to assume some responsibilities for their own safety.

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Nothing in this world is more precious than your health. To preserve this priceless possession, a timely preventive health check - up should be undertaken. A complete health check - up will help you to minimize the risk factors and keep any illness away.

Screening tests:

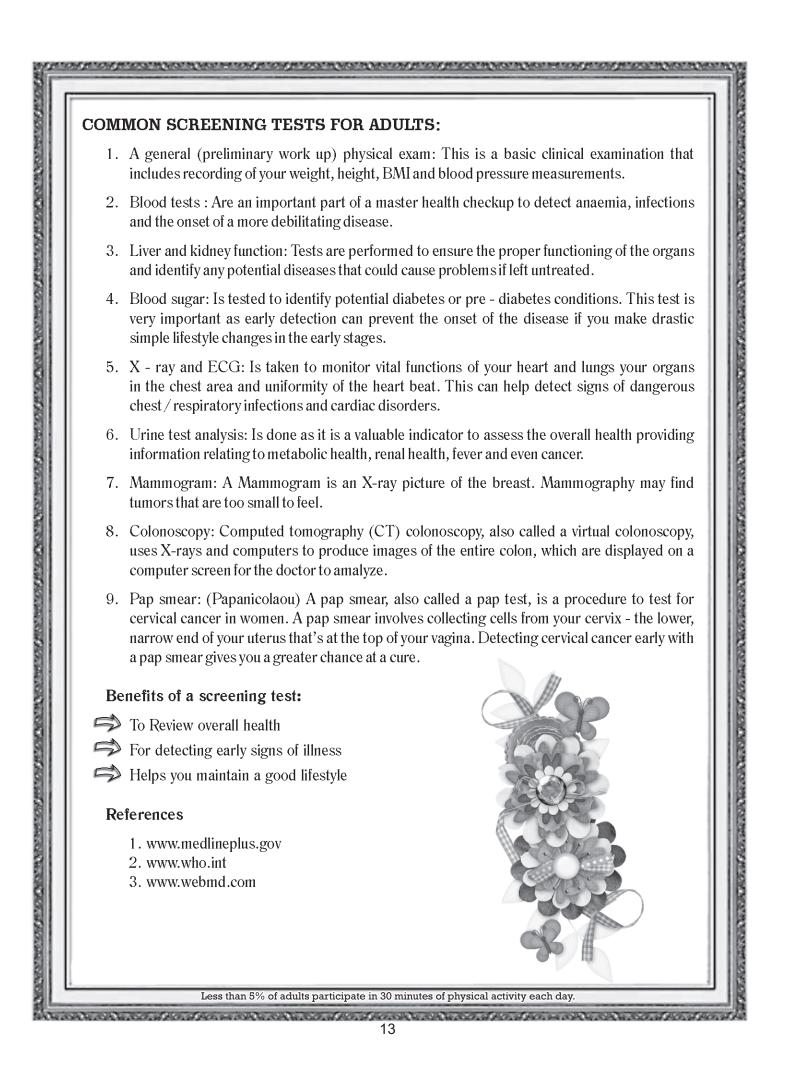
Screening tests are used to identify a condition in people who may have a disease before the symptoms are obvious (early detection).

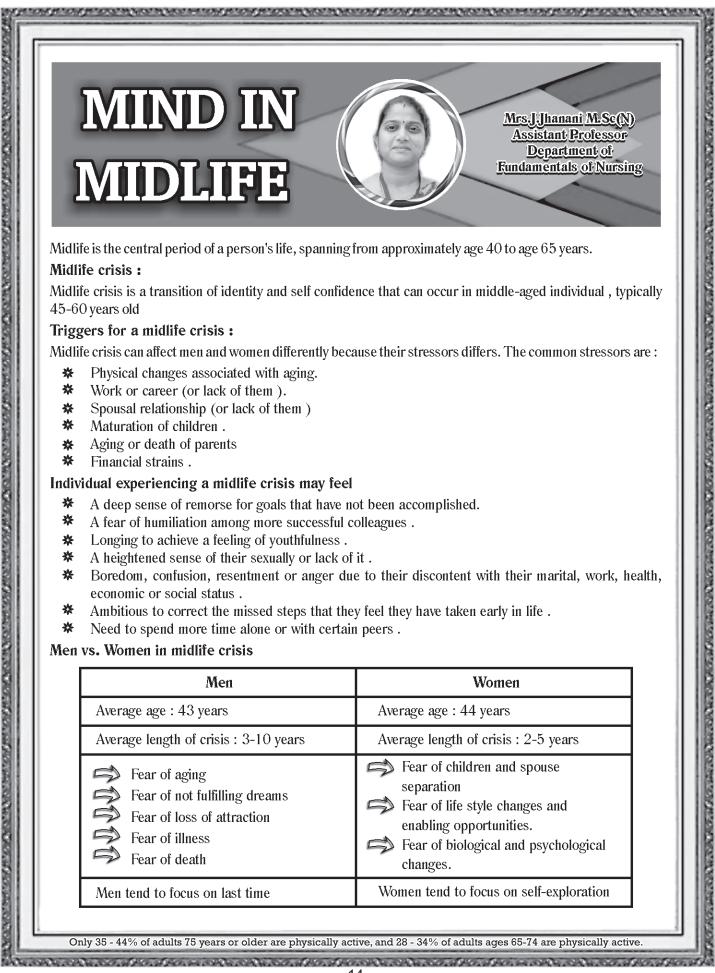
Screening tests are an important part of your preventive health care. For people between the ages of 30 and 49, these tests are used for early detection of some of the more common and potentially deadly diseases - such as cancers, diabetes, and heart disease - that begin to affect people in their middle years. These tests can help catch certain illnesses and conditions in their earliest and most curable stages, even before you notice symptoms. In adults, examples of Screening tests are Papanicolaou (Pap) tests for cervical cancer, mammograms for breast cancer, blood pressure measurements for hypertension, blood glucose measurement for diabetes, and colonoscopy for colorectal cancer.

When are screening tests used?

- rightarrow The condition is serious.
- A delay of treatment may be harmful.
- \Rightarrow A treatment is available if the condition is detected early.
- Searly treatment may improve outcome, be easier to tolerate than more intense treatments later in the disease course, or decrease the transmission of the disease to others (if it is an infection).
- is common.

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S.No	Name of the diseases	Affected Countries	Signs & Symptoms	Treatment	Prevention
1.	Nipah virus	Bangladesh, India 2003	Acute respiratory infection (mild, severe,) and fatal encephalitis.	There is no specific treatment for the viral infection as yet.	PREVENTION: Reducing the risk of animal-to-human transmission - using gloves and protective clothing while handling sick animals and avoiding contact with infected pigs.
2.	SARS	November 2002 and 2003, an outbreak of SARS in Southern China	Fever, muscle pain, lethargy symptoms, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath and pneumonia	SARS is mainly supportive with antipyretic.	PREVENTION: Clinical isolation, Hand-washing, Disinfection of surfaces or fomites, Avoiding contact with bodily fluids
3.	Avian influenza (H5N1)	2013 and early 2017, in China	Cough,diarrhea, Respiratory difficulties. fever (over 100.4 F or 38 C)headache. Muscle aches. malaise. runny nose	Antiviral drugs oseltamivir (Tamiflu) and zanamirvir (Relenza)	Vaccine : stockpile of vaccine against H5N1 bird flu
4.	Ebola virus	July 2019, Congo	Fever, sore throat, muscular pain, and headaches. Vomiting, diarrhoea and rash	Providing fluids and electrolytes (body salts) through infusion into the vein (intravenously)	Vaccine : Ebola vaccine rVSV-ZEBOV (Trade name "Ervebo)

5.	Influenza H1N1	2015,India, August 2018, China	Fever, lethargy, sneezing, coughing, difficulty breathing and decreased appetite.	Antiviral agents, zanamivir (Relenza), oseltamivir (Tamilflu), peramivir (Rapivap).	Vaccine: Panvax vaccine
6.	Corona virus	2019-20 corona virus pandemic	Fever, cough, fatigue, shortness of breath, or muscle pain, severe pneumonia, acute respiratory distress syndrome, sepsis, septic shock and death.	Supportive care.	PREVENTION: Hand washing, Respiratory hygiene, social distancing self-isolation
7.	Hanta virus	2005 and 2019, South America.	Fever greater than 101 ^o F, chills, body aches, headaches. Nausea and vomiting and abdominal pain. New rash (faint red spots). A dry cough followed by rapid onset of breathing difficulty.	There is no specific treatment.	PREVENTION: Stay away from places where rodents leave droppings. Wear rubber gloves and a mask that covers your nose and face during exposure to mouse dropping
8.	LASA fever	Nigeria, Liberia, Sierra Leone, Guinea	Fever, weakness, headaches, vomiting, and muscle pains.	Antiviral medication ribavirin.	There is no vaccine. PREVENTION: Prevention requires isolating those who are infected and decreasing contact with the mice.
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S.No	Name of the diseases	Affected Countries	Signs & Symptoms	Treatment	Prevention and vaccine
1.	Malaria	Africa, Asia and Latin America	Fever, tiredness, vomiting, and headaches. In severe cases it can cause yellow skin, seizures, coma, or death	Antimalarial medications that includes an artemisinin	Vaccine: Mosquirix. (2015)
2.	Dengue fever	Asia and South America	High fever, headache, vomitting, muscle and joint pains.	There are no specific antiviral drugs for dengue; however, maintaining proper fluid balance is important	Vaccine: Dengvaxia vaccine

3.	Yellow fever	South America and Africa	Fever, chills, loss of appetite, nausea, muscle pains particularly in the back, and headaches.	Antiviral drugs	Vaccine: 17D vaccine
4.	Chikungunya fever	Africa and Asia	Fever and joint pains.	Supportive care	Vaccine: MV- CHIK vaccine
5.	West Nile fever	South Africa	Headache, body aches, joint pains, vomiting, diarrhea or rash	Supportive treatment	No vaccine or specific antiviral treatments
6.	Cholera	Africa and South East Asia	Large amounts of watery diarrhea that lasts a few days. vomiting and muscle cramps	Rehydration. The goal is to replace lost fluids and electrolytes using a simple rehydration salts ORS, Intravenous fluids, Antibiotics Zinc supplements.	Vaccine: Vaxchora
7.	Human Monkey Pox	West Africa, Congo	Fever, headache, muscle pains, swollen lymph nodes, and feeling tired. This is followed by a rash that forms blisters and crusts over	No treatment for monkey pox	Vaccine: JYNNEOS Tm (also known as Imvamune or Imvanex)
8.	Tuberculosis	India, China, Indonesia, Pakistan	Chronic cough with blood containing mucus, fever, night sweats, and weight loss	Short-course (DOTS, also known as TB-DOTS)	Vaccine: vaccination with the bacillus calmette - Guerin (BCG) vaccine.

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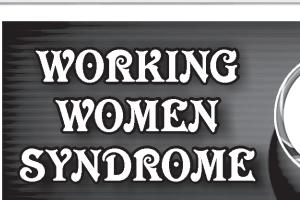
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Positive thinkers have more life years than negative thinkers.



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'My duty is to serve', says poet Namakkal Ramalingam pillai. There is no profession today where women are not employed. There are innumerable challenges and problems faced by them both at home and work place. Women always work at home doing domestic chores rearing small child and caring senior child. Since there is no monitory benefit for these kind of activities, their service is undermined, not recognized and not valued at all. Even then, they continue to do this with complete devotion and enthusiasm. In addition to this routine job, when they earn money on deployment, they are said to be working women.

The major problems for working women arise out of the dual responsibilities of domestic work as well as office work. A women has a pretty good career, has a loving family, and involved with community initiatives. On the outside things look good. But she is not feeling good on the inside. Then, it is called as 'working women syndrome'.

It's good that society allowed women to explore having a career, however did not re delegate the responsibilities of managing their personal and family life. "The idea that fulfilling all the roles and responsibilities to perfection will lead to a lifetime of happiness and balance is not realistic, nor should it be," says Jennifer Duong. Instead of feeling fulfilled, you can find yourself feeling stressed. When they are unable to balance both ends, you lack performance either side.

CAUSES OF WORKING WOMEN SYNDROME.

- 1. Failure to prioritize and communicate according to situation.
- 2. The role conflict, role ambiguity and role overload.
- 3. An imbalance in the brain of the 'feel good' chemical serotonin, (Dr.Bost)

SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS

Emotional and cognitive symptoms of working women syndrome

- Irritability, unable to concentrate, having memory problems
- Mood swings, thinking about negative things all the time, emotional outbursts.
- Indecisiveness, lack of sense of humor, lack of motivation and feelings of guilt and low self esteem.

Physical symptoms of working women syndrome

- Muscle tension / muscle spasms or nervousness tics, tiredness, fatigue
- Stomach / abdominal pain, increased appetite, weight gain, 'Butterflies' in stomach
- Unable to sleep or excessive sleep
- Shortness of breath, sweating when not physically active

Too much sitting increases the chances of early death.

HOW TO OVERCOME WORKING WOMEN SYNDROME

Easing the stress may be a better way to reach our full potential. Let us as women staff judging each other for not being the perfect mom or a good daughter in law. Let us leave the work place early.

1. Prioritize and plan the work ahead. Family first, work second. Work with compassion and passion at office and forget home. At home, forget office and spend quality time with family. Do one at a time. Clarify your job description, what to do and what not to do.

2. Learn to delegate and ask for help. Share the work load and ask for help when needed. You really don't have to do everything. If your kids are old enough, ask them for help with housework. Ask your husband to lend a helping hand at home. It really is okay to ask for help. It is not weak to ask for help. Let your family know that you need help and how they can assist you.

3. Start taking care of you. Schedule breaks into your calendar and hold yourself to it. Get a message, read a book, take a walk, get your hair done etc... Go shopping for a new outfit. Go off somewhere on your own and read a good book. Have coffee with a good friend. The world really will go on while you take a break.

4. Learn to say 'NO'. No is not a dirty word. Start saying NO to things that you don't want or don't have the time, to do.

5. Set achievable goals. Set goals according to how you want to live. Compare with where you are standing. Realign your goal and make small actions to strive towards your goal.

6. Let go of perfectionism. Realize that the house does not have to be clean 24/7. Dinner does not have to be just right every evening. It really is impossible to be perfect all of the time. Similarly, you cannot be the perfect employee all the time. Take time to relax and enjoy your family.

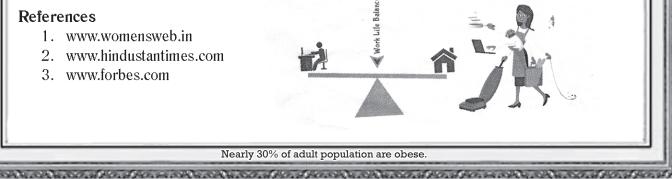
7. Assertiveness Training. Learn to express yourself, your thoughts your feelings, your beliefs, all while respecting the rights of others. Assertive behavior can prevent problems that have the potential to create stress. Be bold and courageous

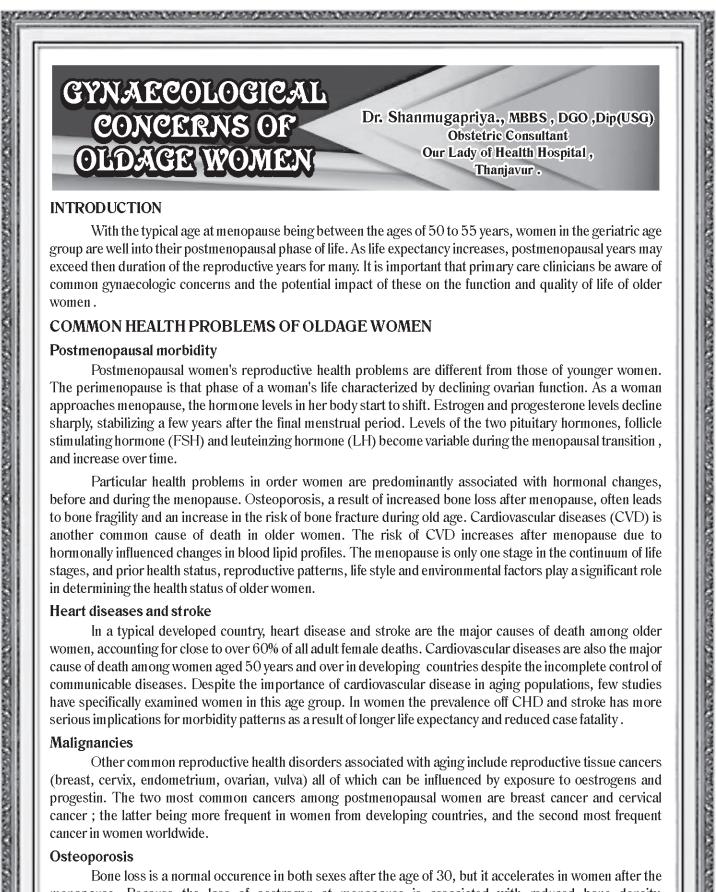
8. Support system. Build your own support system and form effective relationships. These people can give help and comfort during times of potential stress.

9. Have a relationship with God. Take time out of your day for prayer and studying the Word. God is also a good One to talk to in times of trouble or despair.

10. Make the sacrifice. Ask yourself what things you can live without. Try to focus on your needs instead of your wants.

11. Don't expect love, understanding, respect, recognition from others. Instead radiate unconditional love, peace and happiness to everyone around. You have chosen to do something because you have the will power and ability to do it. So, you can make it. Be proud of being a working women.





INTRODUCTION

With the typical age at menopause being between the ages of 50 to 55 years, women in the geriatric age group are well into their postmenopausal phase of life. As life expectancy increases, postmenopausal years may exceed then duration of the reproductive years for many. It is important that primary care clinicians be aware of common gynaecologic concerns and the potential impact of these on the function and quality of life of older women.

COMMON HEALTH PROBLEMS OF OLDAGE WOMEN

Postmenopausal morbidity

Postmenopausal women's reproductive health problems are different from those of younger women. The perimenopause is that phase of a woman's life characterized by declining ovarian function. As a woman approaches menopause, the hormone levels in her body start to shift. Estrogen and progesterone levels decline sharply, stabilizing a few years after the final menstrual period. Levels of the two pituitary hormones, follicle stimulating hormone (FSH) and leuteinzing hormone (LH) become variable during the menopausal transition, and increase over time.

Particular health problems in order women are predominantly associated with hormonal changes, before and during the menopause. Osteoporosis, a result of increased bone loss after menopause, often leads to bone fragility and an increase in the risk of bone fracture during old age. Cardiovascular diseases (CVD) is another common cause of death in older women. The risk of CVD increases after menopause due to hormonally influenced changes in blood lipid profiles. The menopause is only one stage in the continuum of life stages, and prior health status, reproductive patterns, life style and environmental factors play a significant role in determining the health status of older women.

Heart diseases and stroke

In a typical developed country, heart disease and stroke are the major causes of death among older women, accounting for close to over 60% of all adult female deaths. Cardiovascular diseases are also the major cause of death among women aged 50 years and over in developing countries despite the incomplete control of communicable diseases. Despite the importance of cardiovascular disease in aging populations, few studies have specifically examined women in this age group. In women the prevalence off CHD and stroke has more serious implications for morbidity patterns as a result of longer life expectancy and reduced case fatality.

Malignancies

Other common reproductive health disorders associated with aging include reproductive tissue cancers (breast, cervix, endometrium, ovarian, vulva) all of which can be influenced by exposure to oestrogens and progestin. The two most common cancers among postmenopausal women are breast cancer and cervical cancer ; the latter being more frequent in women from developing countries, and the second most frequent cancer in women worldwide.

Osteoporosis

Bone loss is a normal occurrence in both sexes after the age of 30, but it accelerates in women after the menopause. Because the loss of oestrogen at menopause is associated with reduced bone density,

Reading can lower levels of unhealthy stress hormones.

osteoporosis is increasingly being defined as a hormone deficiency disease, a condition experienced only by postmenopausal women.

Genito urinary conditions

The onset of incontinence with increasing age is a key predictor of loss of functional independence, and can be one consequence of reduced mobility and other impairments. Incontinence can have serious personal and social consequences. It can cause anxiety, loss of self-esteem, avoidance of sexual personal and social consequences. It can cause anxiety , loss of self-esteem, avoidance of sexual activity, and depression. Through embarrassment, women may avoid social contact and thus become socially isolated.

Sexually transmitted infections

A woman's vulnerability increases due to poverty, lack of prevention strategies and higher sexual subordination of women. From the perspective of reproductive health education, it is important that women are made aware of the use barrier methods of contraception as a means of STD prevention and its use os should not stop once the reproductive ability of a women is lost.

Mental health

Depression can arise from the many stresses women face as they age. However, because depression can also be associated with biochemical disorders, there is a need for accurate diagnosis and treatment. Although the lifetime prevalence of any psychiatric disorder is higher for men, women are twice as likely to be depressed. The prevalence of dementia rises steeply with age, from less than 3% for the population aged 65-70 years, to over 25% at age 85 and over.

FACTORS AFFECTING ELDERLY WOMEN'S HEALTH

As women age, their health is influenced by many factors their living conditions, reproductive history, work and home-life demands, diet, exposure to infectious and chemical agents, and availability of healthcare. Certain conditions, some influenced by menopause and others by aging, also affect older women's health and well-being. Women live longer than men and have, on average, more years of ill health later in life. Older women's health reflects inadequate access to basic services, food and nutrition throughout their lives, and the hardship of their childbearing years ; including births too early or too closely spaced, poor nutrition and anaemia. In many poor households and communities women work harder than men but eat less.

Environmental hazards, including lifelong exposure to pesticides and indoor air pollution from smoky kitchens also threaten women's health. Polluted water affects women's health more than men's health because they are more frequently in contact with it. Many older women suffer from chronic health problems caused by years of neglect and discrimination. Biological factors that lead to higher disease and disability in women can be exacerbated by this lifelong discriminatory treatment.

PREVENTIVE CARE OF OLDAGE WOMEN

The increasing number of old aged women requires the establishment of geriatric gynaecologist as a new subspecialty of the profession. The gynaecologist must have a working knowledge of these womendiseases including their physiopathology., differential diagnosis, treatment and, above all, prevention. The new understanding is moreover based upon the unique position of the gynaecologist in the regular prevention and last, not least , upon the special confidence of the clients to their women-doctor and upon the special human intimacy in the relation between female patients and gynaecologists. The care of senior women today includes life style counselling with the aim of prevention of preventable diseases.

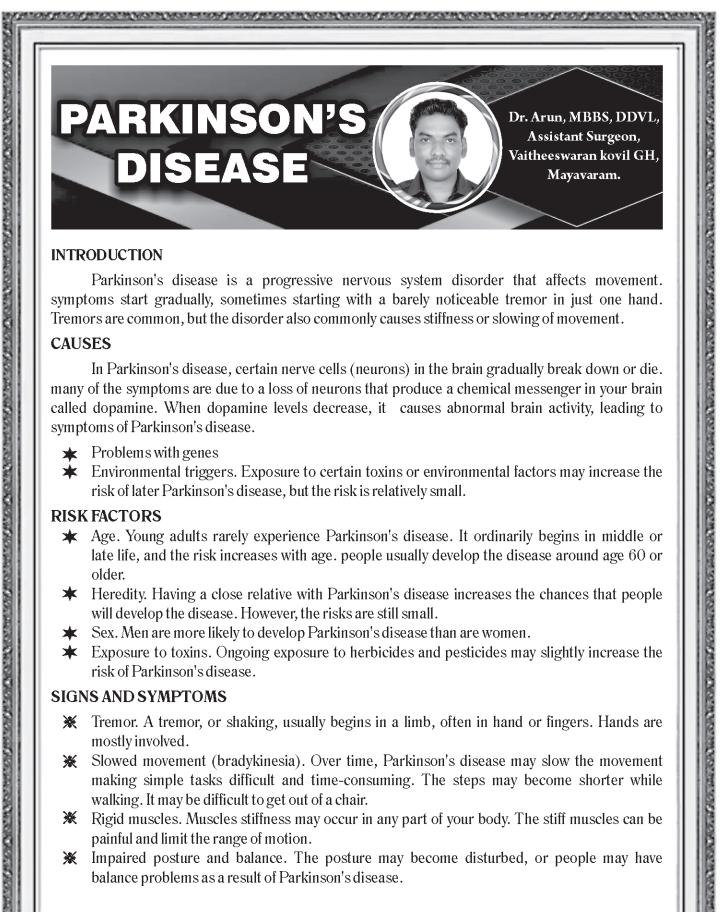
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Staying in touch with family and friends is good for health, memory and longetivity.



INTRODUCTION

Parkinson's disease is a progressive nervous system disorder that affects movement. symptoms start gradually, sometimes starting with a barely noticeable tremor in just one hand. Tremors are common, but the disorder also commonly causes stiffness or slowing of movement.

CAUSES

In Parkinson's disease, certain nerve cells (neurons) in the brain gradually break down or die. many of the symptoms are due to a loss of neurons that produce a chemical messenger in your brain called dopamine. When dopamine levels decrease, it causes abnormal brain activity, leading to symptoms of Parkinson's disease.

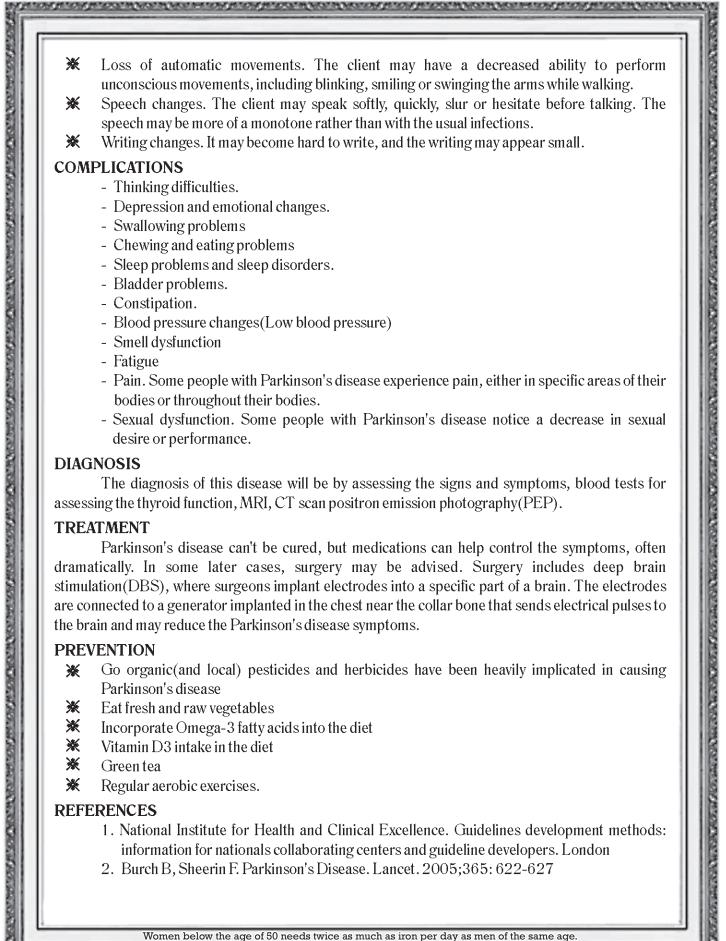
- \star Problems with genes
- * Environmental triggers. Exposure to certain toxins or environmental factors may increase the risk of later Parkinson's disease, but the risk is relatively small.

RISK FACTORS

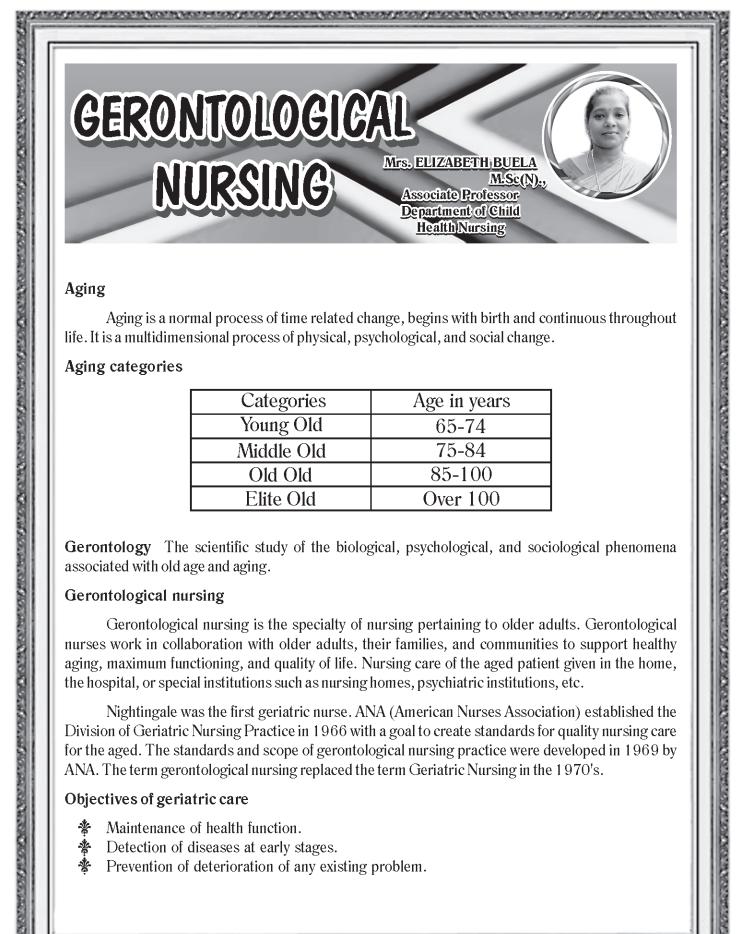
- * Age. Young adults rarely experience Parkinson's disease. It ordinarily begins in middle or late life, and the risk increases with age. people usually develop the disease around age 60 or older.
- Heredity. Having a close relative with Parkinson's disease increases the chances that people ≭ will develop the disease. However, the risks are still small.
- ***** Sex. Men are more likely to develop Parkinson's disease than are women.
- * Exposure to toxins. Ongoing exposure to herbicides and pesticides may slightly increase the risk of Parkinson's disease.

SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS

- Tremor. A tremor, or shaking, usually begins in a limb, often in hand or fingers. Hands are ⋇ mostly involved.
- X Slowed movement (bradykinesia). Over time, Parkinson's disease may slow the movement making simple tasks difficult and time-consuming. The steps may become shorter while walking. It may be difficult to get out of a chair.
- **※** Rigid muscles. Muscles stiffness may occur in any part of your body. The stiff muscles can be painful and limit the range of motion.
- X Impaired posture and balance. The posture may become disturbed, or people may have balance problems as a result of Parkinson's disease.



women below he age of 50 needs twice as much as non per day as men of he same age.



Aging

Aging is a normal process of time related change, begins with birth and continuous throughout life. It is a multidimensional process of physical, psychological, and social change.

Aging categories

Categories	Age in years
Young Old	65-74
Middle Old	75-84
Old Old	85-100
Elite Old	Over 100

Gerontology The scientific study of the biological, psychological, and sociological phenomena associated with old age and aging.

Gerontological nursing

Gerontological nursing is the specialty of nursing pertaining to older adults. Gerontological nurses work in collaboration with older adults, their families, and communities to support healthy aging, maximum functioning, and quality of life. Nursing care of the aged patient given in the home, the hospital, or special institutions such as nursing homes, psychiatric institutions, etc.

Nightingale was the first geriatric nurse. ANA (American Nurses Association) established the Division of Geriatric Nursing Practice in 1966 with a goal to create standards for quality nursing care for the aged. The standards and scope of gerontological nursing practice were developed in 1969 by ANA. The term gerontological nursing replaced the term Geriatric Nursing in the 1970's.

Objectives of geriatric care

- × Maintenance of health function.
- * Detection of diseases at early stages.
- * Prevention of deterioration of any existing problem.

Goals	
1	Promoting and maintaining functional status
1	Helping older adults to identify and use their strengths to achieve optimal independence.
Levels	s of prevention
Prima	ry prevention
举	Control of BP, (blood pressure) weight and diabetes
劵	Avoid smoking and alcohol
劵	Regular, moderate physical exercise
豢	Avoidance of drug abuse and self medication
举	Well balanced diet with plenty of vegetables and fruits, low in saturated fats, refined sugars and fast foods.
澯	Cultivation of interest in reading, listening to music and other recreational activities.
	Avoid plenty of fluid intake
攀	Periodical screening for blood pressure, vision and hearing
劵	Plan for future financial, housing security.
	Yoga exercises and meditation
攀	Immunization against influenza, pneumonia, tetanus, hepatitis B
Secon	dary prevention
51	Educate about danger signals of disease
51	Educate women about Breast Self Examination. (BSE)
5	Pap smear examination for menopause women.
Tertia	ry prevention
璨	Cataract surgery, provision of spectacles
劵	Hearing aids, artificial limbs, prosthesis.
桊	Physiotherapy, vocational therapy, psychological and social therapy depending upon the
	functional capacities.
	Deaddiction counseling
	Establishment of old age homes and old age clubs
举	Establishment of geriatric clinics
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COVID - 19 affects different people in different ways. Most infected people will develop mild to moderate illness and recover without hospitalization. The disease is caused by different strains of corono viruses. Older people and those with underlying medical problems like cardiovascular disease, diabetes, chronic respiratory disease, and cancer are more likely to develop serious ill ness.

OVERVIEW OF THE DISEASE

The best way to prevent and slow down transmission is to be well informed about the COVID - 19 virus, the disease it causes and how it spreads. Protect yourself and others from infection by washing your hands or using an alcohol based rup frequently and not touching your face. The COVID - 19 virus spreads primarily through droplets of saliva or discharge from the nose when on infected person coughs or sneezes, so it's important that you also practice respiratory etiquette (for example, by coughing into a flexed elbow). Even vaccines are available for the disease; still personal protective measures are the primary need for the prevention and control of the deadly disease.

POST COVID SYNDROME

Just as COVID - 19 itself can come with a ranch of symptoms, so, too, can post - COVID syndrome.

The most common symptoms that can linger include:

🗱 Fatigue

- Difficulty breathing
- 🗱 Joint pain
- 🌣 Chest pain
- * Brain fog, including an inability to concentrate and impaired memory
- ✤ Loss of taste and / or smell
- Sleep issues

RISK PEOPLE FOR POST COVID SYNDROME

- \Rightarrow Adults over the age of 50
- * People who experienced a more severe case
- Individuals with underlying health conditions, particularly cardiopulmonary issues, hypertension, diabetes or obesity

POST COVID SYNDROME AND ITS EFFECT ON VITAL ORGANS

Post - COVID respiratory system

A few patients who recover from COVID - 19 tend to complain of persistent fatigue, shortness of breath and the need to take deep breaths, hindering their abilities to complete even little routine tasks. This could possibly be due to the long - standing damage to the air sacs and lung tissue. The scars formed in the lung as a result of the inflammatory changes during the disease can lead to long - term breathing problems.

Post - COVID heart and blood vessels

Post - COVID effects on the heart and the circulatory system can be life - threatening and difficult to treat, especially in patients with pre - existing heart diseases. Doctors have observed that even after having

Drinking at least five glasses of water a day can reduce your chances of suffering from a heart attack by 40%.



Ms. M. Gokila, B.Sc (N) Nursing Tutor Department of Medical Surgical Nursing tested negative for COVID -19, patients have had chronic fatigue, abnormal heart rate, palpitations, chest pain and lasting heart muscle damage (as seen on imaging studies). The other important observation made in patients with COVID - 19 is the formation of blood clots - while large clots can directly contribute to heard attacks and strokes, the smaller clots can travel to end organs like the liver, kidney, etc and cause significant organ damage.

Post - COVID kidneys

Another rising problem is the low kidney function that is observed in hospitalized patients and even in those who have been discharged. The presence of high blood pressure and diabetes further enhances the risk of developing kidney dysfunction post - COVID. Patients have had low urine output, infrequent urination, and sometimes, the damage has been extensive enough to require dialysis. The kidney damage, which is being observed even in younger patients or those with no history of kidney disease, is largely attributed to direct attack by the virus, low blood oxygen levels, cytokine storm and blood clots that might clog the kidneys.

Post - COVID liver

Liver injury is a consequence of viral replication and damage to the hepatic tissue during the infection. Patients admitted for moderate to severe COVID-19 have been noted to have elevated levels of liver enzymes and abnormal liver function. A retrospective study in china noted that over one-third of patients hospitalized for COVID-19 had abnormal liver function, and a higher proportion was observed in males. It has been observed that in some patients, the liver function test does not return to normal levels even post recovery, and this too can be attributed to cytokine storm, pneumonia-associated low oxygen levels, and side effects of drugs used to treat the infection.

Post-COVID brain

some patients who have had COVID-19 have developed strokes, seizures, and mild to severe inflammation in the brain, leading to long term impacts. Some patients who recover with mild symptoms have reported feeling confused, having foggy thoughts, dizziness, blurred vision, inability to focus, etc. Researches believe that COVID-19 may even cause temporary paralysis (Guillain - Barre syndrome) and increases risks of developing parkinson's and Alzheimer's disease in some patients.

Post-COVID digestive system

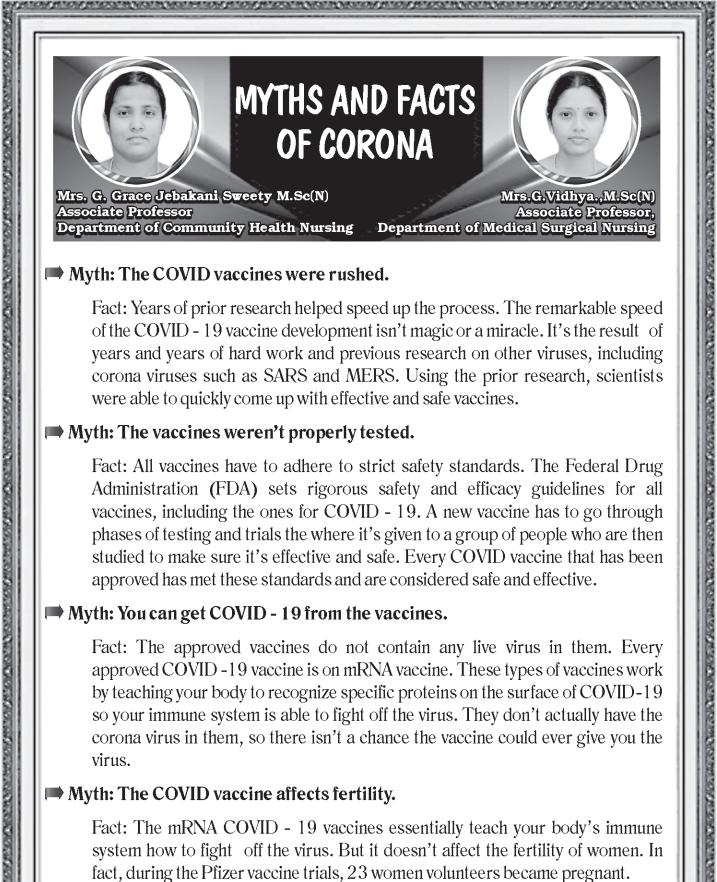
COVID-19 can potentially disrupt nutrient absorption by the gastrointestinal system, making it more difficult for the body to absorb essential nutrients and electrolytes. Many patients often complain of nausea, abdominal discomfort, loss of appetite, persistent diarrhea and symptoms of gastritis after recovering from COVID, making it difficult to return to a regular, normal diet. Although this is mostly temporary, complications like gastrointestinal bleeding have been observed in some patients.

It is important to note that many long-term effects of COVID-19 are still unknown, and effective treatment modalities are being looked into. Most patients, however, recover quickly without long-lasting effects, and many patients also seem to be slowly relieved of these lingering symptoms. However, the presence of persistent problems from COVID-19 only reiterates the importance of reducing its spread by wearing masks, washing hands and practicing appropriate social distancing measures.

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A lack of water can cause a range of problems, such as constipation, asthma, allergy and migraines.



Myth: The COVID vaccines were rushed.

Fact: Years of prior research helped speed up the process. The remarkable speed of the COVID - 19 vaccine development isn't magic or a miracle. It's the result of years and years of hard work and previous research on other viruses, including corona viruses such as SARS and MERS. Using the prior research, scientists were able to quickly come up with effective and safe vaccines.

Myth: The vaccines weren't properly tested.

Fact: All vaccines have to adhere to strict safety standards. The Federal Drug Administration (FDA) sets rigorous safety and efficacy guidelines for all vaccines, including the ones for COVID - 19. A new vaccine has to go through phases of testing and trials the where it's given to a group of people who are then studied to make sure it's effective and safe. Every COVID vaccine that has been approved has met these standards and are considered safe and effective.

Myth: You can get COVID - 19 from the vaccines.

Fact: The approved vaccines do not contain any live virus in them. Every approved COVID -19 vaccine is on mRNA vaccine. These types of vaccines work by teaching your body to recognize specific proteins on the surface of COVID-19 so your immune system is able to fight off the virus. They don't actually have the corona virus in them, so there isn't a chance the vaccine could ever give you the virus.

Myth: The COVID vaccine affects fertility.

Fact: The mRNA COVID - 19 vaccines essentially teach your body's immune system how to fight off the virus. But it doesn't affect the fertility of women. In fact, during the Pfizer vaccine trials, 23 women volunteers became pregnant.

Indoor air pollution can be even worse than outside.

Myth: If you've had COVID - 19, you don't need a vaccine.

Fact: You can get re-infected with COVID - 19. The truth is that people who have gotten sick with the virus can really still benefit from getting the vaccine. It can help prevent potential reinfection, and while you may be protected from getting the virus again for a time, there isn't enough available evidence to know how longthat will be.

Myth: The COVID - 19 vaccines cause severe side effects.

Fact: Most side effects are very mild. Some people can have side effects that are similar to other vaccines such as muscle pain, chills, and a headache. These are actually normal signs that your body is building up protection, and they should go away within a few days.

🍽 Myth: The vaccines cause autism in children.

Fact: There is no evidence that any vaccines cause autism. This myth has been associated with other vaccines as well, such as the measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) vaccine. It stems from a discredited study that incorrectly linked vaccines to autism in children. There is zero evidence that the COVID - 19 vaccines cause autism in children or adults.

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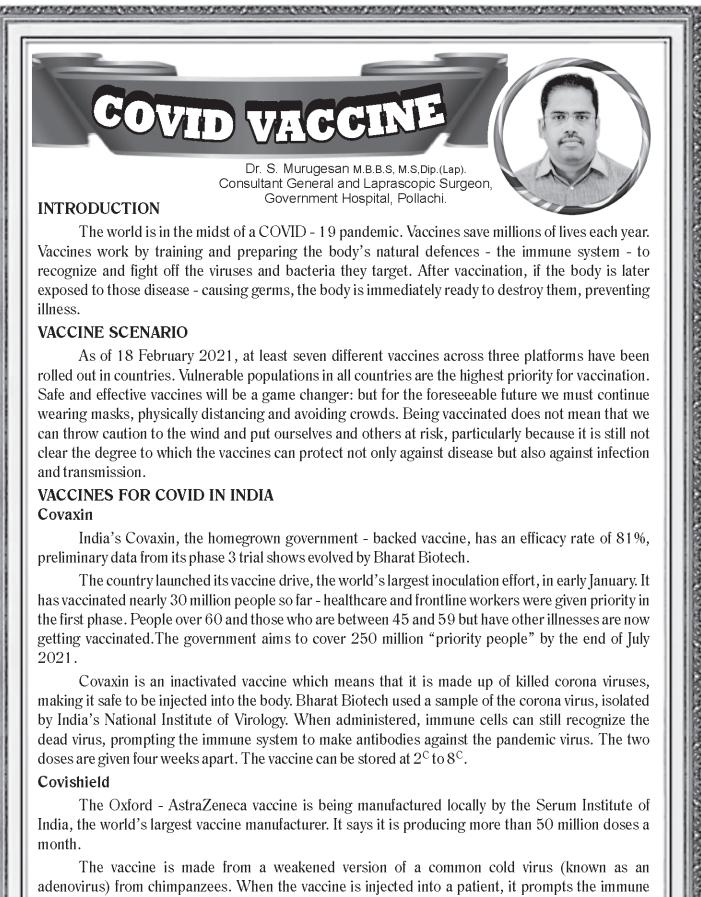
Myth: The virus has mutated and vaccines won't work.

Fact: There's no evidence that available vaccines won't work. While it's true that there are new strains of corona virus that are spreading quickly and may be more contagious, there isn't any convincing data that suggests that currently available vaccines will be ineffective. Viruses mutate often and the current vaccines appear to be effective against the new strains.

Myth: Natural immunity is stronger than the vaccine.

Fact: Immunity from the vaccine is probably stronger than natural immunity. Not only is immunity from the vaccine safer and less risky than actually getting the virus, but it may also be even more effective. Research suggests that because you get 2 doses of the vaccine, you'll likely be immune for a longer period of time than you would after contracting and recovering from the virus. Your best option is to get the vaccine, not the virus.

The blue light in phones can mess with your circadian rhythm.



Government Hospital, Pollachi. **INTRODUCTION**

The world is in the midst of a COVID - 19 pandemic. Vaccines save millions of lives each year. Vaccines work by training and preparing the body's natural defences - the immune system - to recognize and fight off the viruses and bacteria they target. After vaccination, if the body is later exposed to those disease - causing germs, the body is immediately ready to destroy them, preventing illness.

VACCINE SCENARIO

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As of 18 February 2021, at least seven different vaccines across three platforms have been rolled out in countries. Vulnerable populations in all countries are the highest priority for vaccination. Safe and effective vaccines will be a game changer: but for the foreseeable future we must continue wearing masks, physically distancing and avoiding crowds. Being vaccinated does not mean that we can throw caution to the wind and put ourselves and others at risk, particularly because it is still not clear the degree to which the vaccines can protect not only against disease but also against infection and transmission.

VACCINES FOR COVID IN INDIA Covaxin

India's Covaxin, the homegrown government - backed vaccine, has an efficacy rate of 81%, preliminary data from its phase 3 trial shows evolved by Bharat Biotech.

The country launched its vaccine drive, the world's largest inoculation effort, in early January. It has vaccinated nearly 30 million people so far - healthcare and frontline workers were given priority in the first phase. People over 60 and those who are between 45 and 59 but have other illnesses are now getting vaccinated. The government aims to cover 250 million "priority people" by the end of July 2021.

Covaxin is an inactivated vaccine which means that it is made up of killed corona viruses, making it safe to be injected into the body. Bharat Biotech used a sample of the corona virus, isolated by India's National Institute of Virology. When administered, immune cells can still recognize the dead virus, prompting the immune system to make antibodies against the pandemic virus. The two doses are given four weeks apart. The vaccine can be stored at 2° to 8° .

Covishield

The Oxford - AstraZeneca vaccine is being manufactured locally by the Serum Institute of India, the world's largest vaccine manufacturer. It says it is producing more than 50 million doses a month.

The vaccine is made from a weakened version of a common cold virus (known as an adenovirus) from chimpanzees. When the vaccine is injected into a patient, it prompts the immune system to start making antibodies and primes it to attack any corona virus infection.

The nose knows: it can remember 50,000 different scents

a to the state of the source of the state of the The vaccine is administered in two doses given between four and 12 weeks apart. It can be safely stored at temperatures of 2[°] to 8[°], about the same as a domestic refrigerator. International clinical trials of the Oxford - AstraZeneca vaccine showed that when people were given a half dose, effectiveness hit 90% Precautions for COVID - 19 Vaccination 1. Authorized Age Group: Under the EUA, COVID - 19 vaccination is indicated only for 18 years and above. 2. Co - administration of vaccines: If required, COVID - 19 vaccine and other vaccines should be separated by an interval of at least 14 days 3. Interchangeability of COVID - 19 Vaccines is not permitted: Second dose should also be of the same COVID - 19 vaccine which was administered as the first dose. Contraindications 1. Persons with history of: Anaphylactic or allergic reaction to a previous dose of COVID - 19 vaccine \$ Immediate or delayed - onset anaphylaxis or allergic reaction to injectable therapies, ŝ pharmaceutical products, food - items etc. 2. Pregnancy & Lactation Pregnancy & Lactation women have not been part of any COVID - 19 vaccine clinical trail 88 so far. Therefore, women who are pregnant or not sure of their pregnancy; and lactating women should not receive COVID - 19 vaccine at this time Provisional / temporary Contraindications: In these conditions, COVID vaccination is to be deferred for 4-8 weeks after recovery 1. Persons having active symptoms of SARS - CoV - 2 infection 2. SARS - COV - 2 patients who have been given anti SARS - CoV - 2 monoclonal antibodies or convalescent plasma 3. Acutely unwell and hospitalized (with or intensive care) patients due to any illness Special precautions Vaccine should be administered with caution in persons with history of any bleeding or coagulation disorder (e.c., clotting factor deficiency coagulopathy or platelet disorder). Following conditions are not contraindicated for COVID vaccines Persons with a past history of SARS - CoV - 2 infection (sero - positivity) and or RT -88 PCR positive illness History of chronic diseases and morbidities (cardiac, neurological, pulmonary, metabolic, renal, malignancies) \$ Immuno - deficiency, HIV, patients on immune - suppression due to any condition (the response to the COVID - 19 vaccines may be less in these individuals) Other important issues to consider Vaccine specific contraindications may apply as the new information becomes available 88 Left - handed people are more likely to suffer from ADHD.

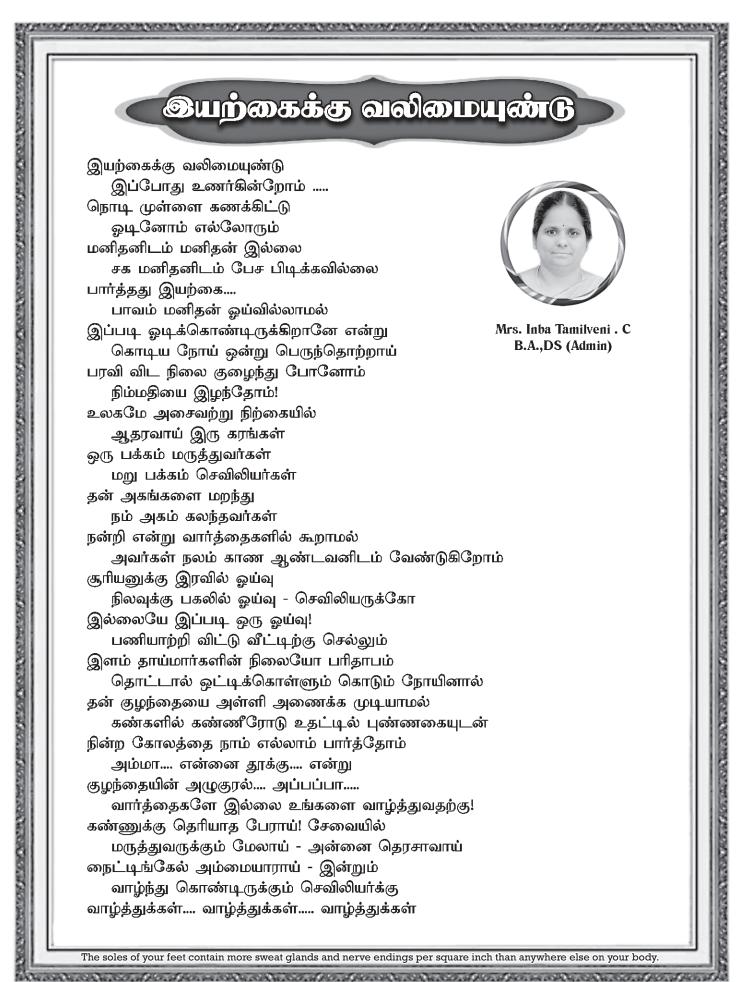
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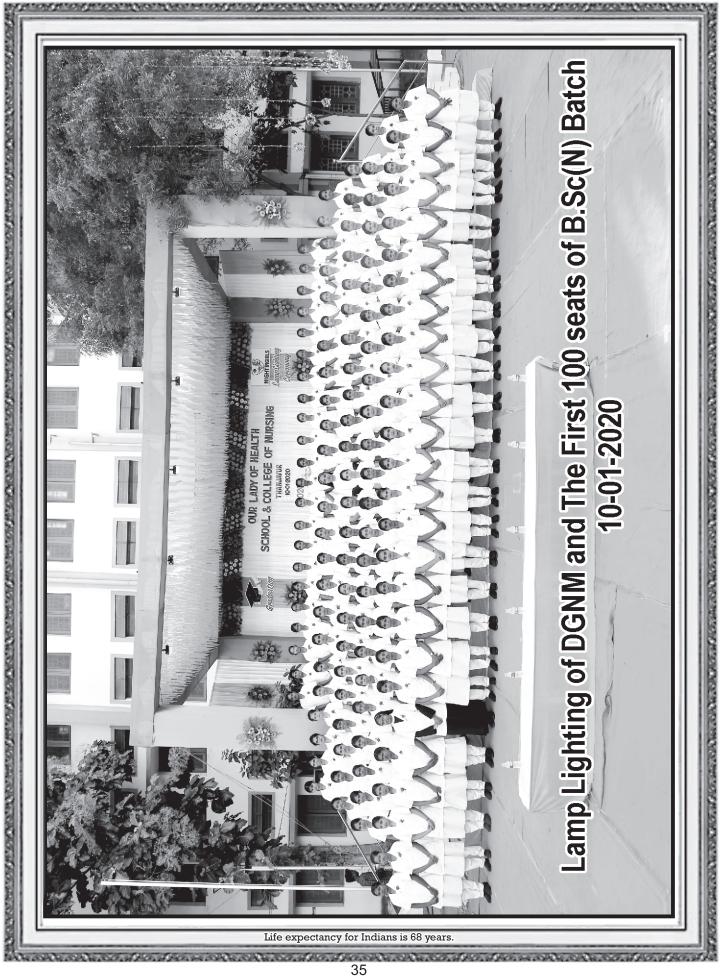
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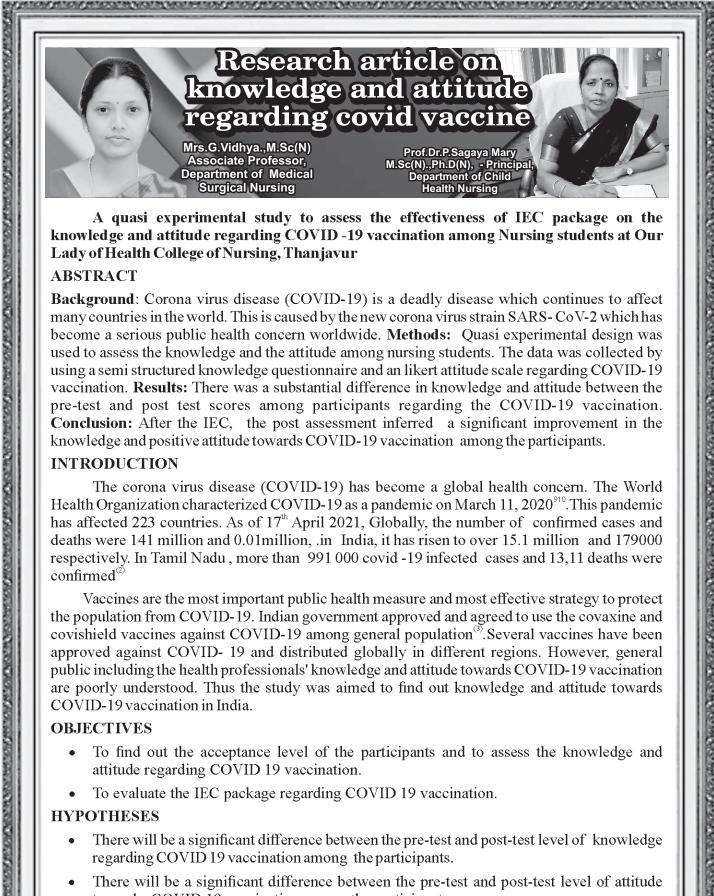
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Indicator	OVISHIELD	COVAXIN
Type of Vaccine	Recombinant COVID - 19 vaccine	Whole - Virion Inactivated
.T. F. 1 1 1	based on Viral Vector Technology	Corona Virus Vaccine
No. of doses in each vial	10	20
Shelf life	6 months	6 months
Expiry date available on vial	yes Not Available	yes Not Available
Vaccine Vial Monitor (VVM) Route	Inot Available Intramuscular (IM) Injectable	Intramuscular (IM) Injectable
Physical Appearance of	Clear to slightly opaque, colourless	Whitish translucent
Vaccine	to slightly brown	whitish translucent
Dose	0.5 ml each dose	0.5 ml each dose
Course	2 - doses	2 - doses
Schedule	4 - weeks apart	4 - weeks apart
Vaccination during Pregnancy	Not recommended	Not recommended
Vaccination <18 years of age	Not recommended	Not recommended
Vaccination to Lactating	Not recommended	Not recommended
nother		
Storage and transportation	$+ 2^{\circ}$ C to $+ 8^{\circ}$ C at all levels	$+ 2^{\circ}$ C to $+ 8^{\circ}$ C at all levels
Cold chain storage space in	2.109cm ³	1.7187cm ³
secondary packaging		
Shake test	Not applicable	Not applicable
Open Vial Policy	Not applicable (Discard after	Not applicable (Discard after
	4 hours of opening)	4 hours of opening)
Freeze Sensitive	yes	yes
Discard the vaccine vial, if	'frozen' or 'frozen and thawed'	'frozen' or 'frozen and thawed'
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	injection side tenderness, injection	like injection side pain,
AEFI	site pain, headache, fatigue, myalgia,	headache, fatigue, fever, body
	malaise, pyrexia, chills and	ache, abdominal pain, nausea
	arthralgia, nausea	and vomiting, dizziness -
		giddiness, tremor, sweating,
		cold, cough and injection site
		swelling
AEFI	Paracetamol may be used to provide	
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A quasi experimental study to assess the effectiveness of IEC package on the knowledge and attitude regarding COVID -19 vaccination among Nursing students at Our Lady of Health College of Nursing, Thanjavur

ABSTRACT

Background: Corona virus disease (COVID-19) is a deadly disease which continues to affect many countries in the world. This is caused by the new corona virus strain SARS- CoV-2 which has become a serious public health concern worldwide. Methods: Quasi experimental design was used to assess the knowledge and the attitude among nursing students. The data was collected by using a semi structured knowledge questionnaire and an likert attitude scale regarding COVID-19 vaccination. **Results:** There was a substantial difference in knowledge and attitude between the pre-test and post test scores among participants regarding the COVID-19 vaccination. **Conclusion:** After the IEC, the post assessment inferred a significant improvement in the knowledge and positive attitude towards COVID-19 vaccination among the participants.

INTRODUCTION

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The corona virus disease (COVID-19) has become a global health concern. The World Health Organization characterized COVID-19 as a pandemic on March 11, 2020⁹¹⁰. This pandemic has affected 223 countries. As of 17th April 2021, Globally, the number of confirmed cases and deaths were 141 million and 0.01million, in India, it has risen to over 15.1 million and 179000 respectively. In Tamil Nadu, more than 991 000 covid -19 infected cases and 13,11 deaths were confirmed²²

Vaccines are the most important public health measure and most effective strategy to protect the population from COVID-19. Indian government approved and agreed to use the covaxine and covishield vaccines against COVID-19 among general population⁽³⁾. Several vaccines have been approved against COVID- 19 and distributed globally in different regions. However, general public including the health professionals' knowledge and attitude towards COVID-19 vaccination are poorly understood. Thus the study was aimed to find out knowledge and attitude towards COVID-19 vaccination in India.

OBJECTIVES

- To find out the acceptance level of the participants and to assess the knowledge and attitude regarding COVID 19 vaccination.
- To evaluate the IEC package regarding COVID 19 vaccination.

HYPOTHESES

- There will be a significant difference between the pre-test and post-test level of knowledge regarding COVID 19 vaccination among the participants.
- There will be a significant difference between the pre-test and post-test level of attitude towards COVID 19 vaccination among the participants.

The longest word in the oxford dictionary is pneumonoultramicroscopicsilicovolcanoconiosis, which is a 45 - letter lung diseas

METHODOLOGY

Research type and Design: A Quantitative, quasi experimental research design was adopted. **StudySetting:** the study was conducted at OurLady of Health School and College of Nursing, Diocese of Thanjavur, **Sample:**Data were collected from100 Nursing students selected randomly. After obtaining thewritten consent from the management and the participants, a semi structured questionnaire was used to assess the knowledge and a 3 point likert scale was used to find out the attitude of participants towards COVID-19 vaccination **Data analysis:** Inferential and descriptive statistics were used to analysis the data. Statistical analysis was carried out using the statistical package for social sciences.(spss, version 22)

RESULTS It was scientifically proved that there was a significant improvement in the knowledge and the attitude of participants regarding the COVID-19 vaccination., after the intervention. package The participant's acceptance for COVID-19 vaccination was also considerably increased.

Course	B.Sc Nursing			Diploma in Nursing			
Year	I (n-100)	II (n-100)	III (n-58)	IV (-n-59)	I (n-20)	II(N-20)	III (n-20)
Acceptance level	13(13%)	18(18%)	18(31%)	3(5%)	3(15%)	7(35%)	2(10%)

 Table -1 :Acceptance level of participants
 for COVID-19 vaccinationN-377

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Sl.No	Level of Knowledge	Pretest	Post test %	t value
		%		
1	Adequate	5	25	
2	Moderately Adequate	40	70	24.8
3	Inadequate	55	5	

Table -3Distribution of attitude regarding COVID-19 vaccination among the participants.N=100

Sl.No	T 1 6 444 1	Pretest	Post test %	t value
	Level of attitude	%		
1	Agree	15	64	27.3
2	Uncertain	40	30	21.0
3	Disagree	55	6	

CONCLUSION

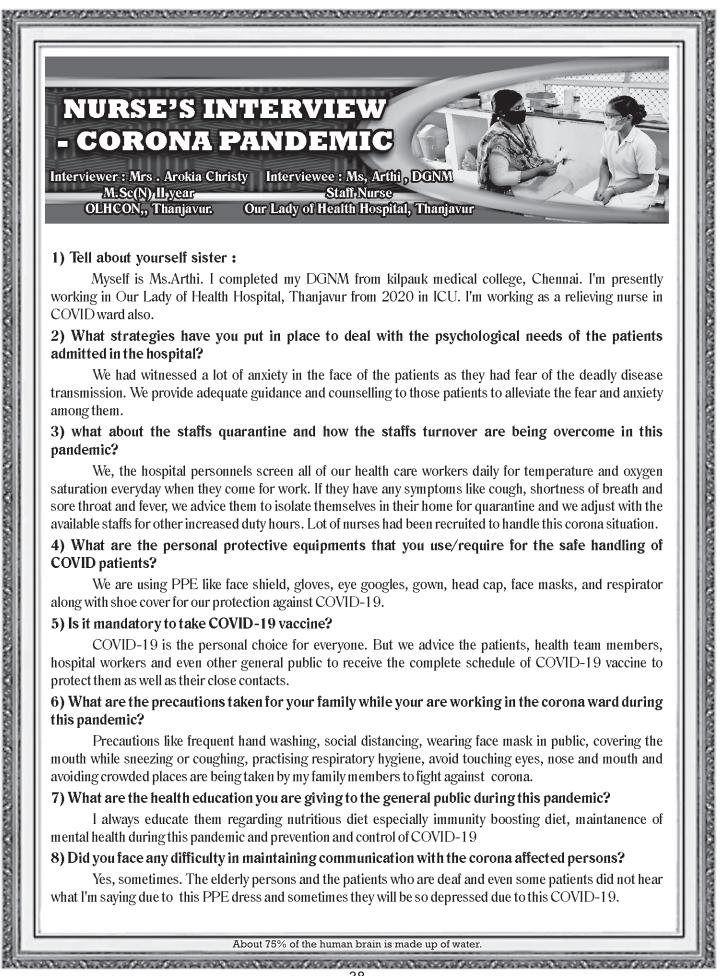
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The COVID-19 pandemic continues to wreak global havac on lives and livelihoods and the COVID-19 vaccine represents a possible light of hope for the future. The present study findings suggest that the policy makers and the health care workers involved in implementation of COVID-19 vaccination are need to have adequate knowledge and attitude and to educate the public thatit's a shared responsibility to ensure a safe and an efficient COVID-19 vaccineadministration.

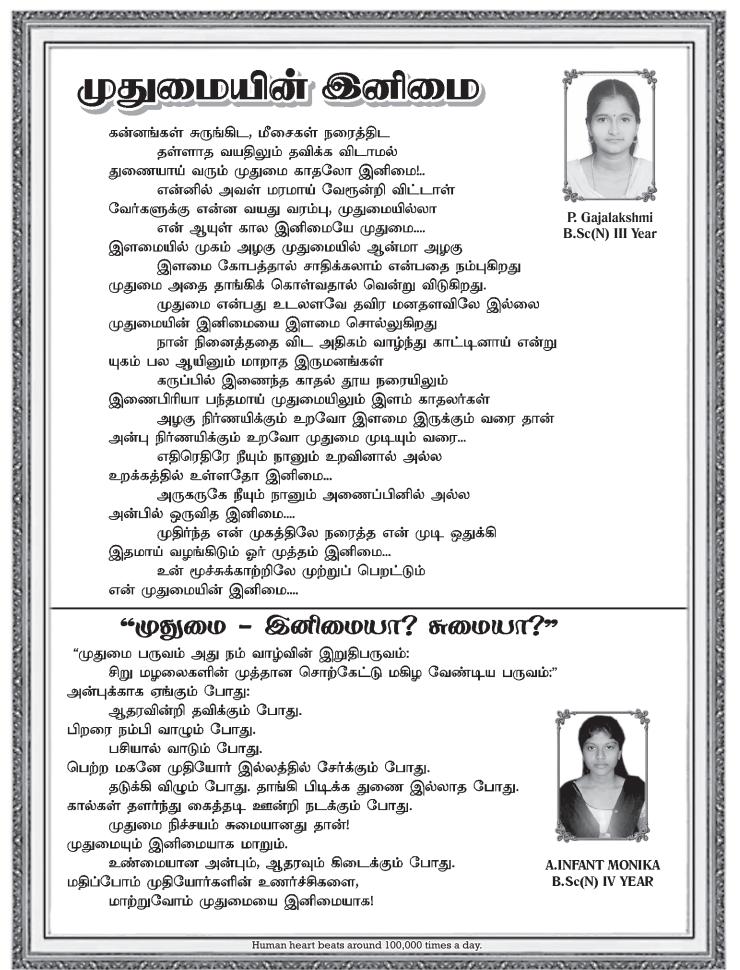
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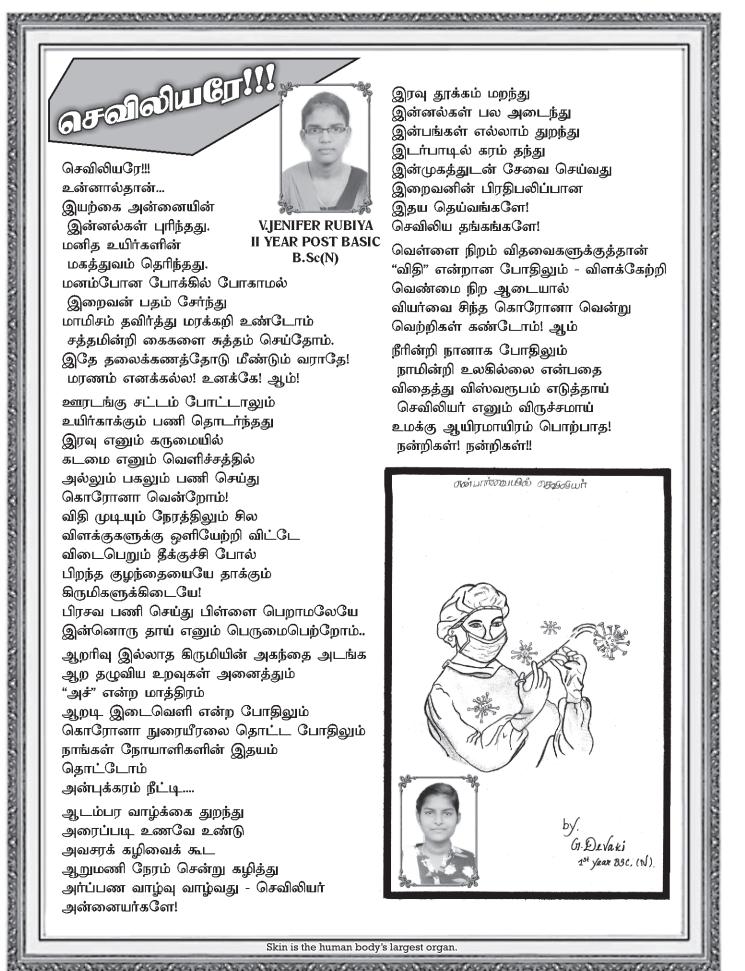
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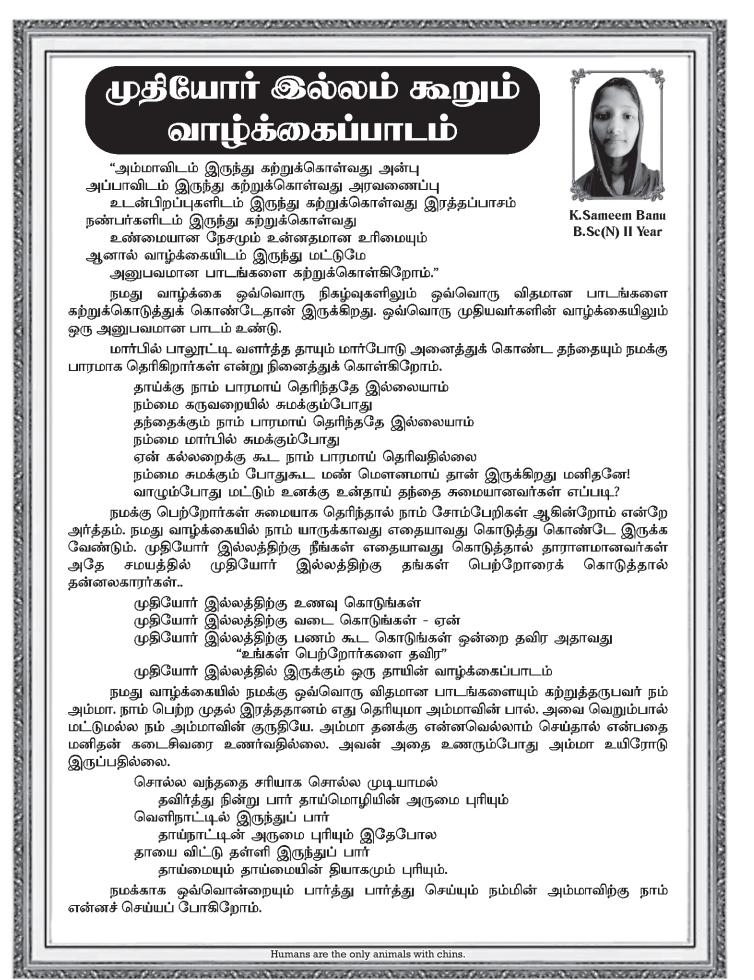
Every second, human body produces 25 million new cells.











ஒவ்வொரு ஆண்மகனும் தன் அம்மாவை தனக்கு பிறக்கப்போகும் பெண்குழந்தையை போல நினைத்துக்கொண்டால் முதியோர் இல்லத்தில் எந்த ஒரு தாயும் இருக்க வேண்டியதில்லை.

<u>முகியோர் இல்லத்கில் இருக்கும் ஒரு தாயின் கண்ணீர்</u>

"நீ இருக்க ஒரு கருவறை இருந்தது என் வயிற்றில்

ஆனால் நான் இருக்க ஒரு இருட்டறை கூட

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என்ற வரிகளோடு ஒரு தாயின் வழிந்தோடும் கண்ணீர் இவ்வாறுதான் உள்ளது ஒரு தாயின் வாழ்க்கைப்பாடம் முதியோர் இல்லத்தில்.





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முன்னுரை:

உலகமே தாய்மையை போற்றுகிறது. அந்த புனித தாய்மையே செவிலியர்களை போற்றுகிறார்கள். இந்த புனிதமான பணியை ஏற்றுக்கொண்டு தனக்கென வாழாமல் பிறருக்காக வாழும் செவிலியர்களை நாமும் போற்றுவோம். இந்த புனிதமான, அன்பான, பாசமான, அறிவான, பணிவான, கடமை தவறாத செவிலியர்களை உருவாக்கி, நல்ல நிலையில் நிலைநிறுத்திய நமது பாதுகாவலி புனித ஆரோக்கிய அன்னையை போற்றுவோம். இப்படிப்பட்ட செவிலியர்களைப் பற்றி விரிவாக காண்போம்.

செவிலியர்கள்:

செவிலிய பணி என்பதே ஒரு சிறப்பு மிக்க மிகவும் புனிதமான பணியாகும். இந்த பெண்கள் மட்டுமல்லாது ஆண்களும் பிறருக்காக தனது பணியில் வாழ்வை அர்ப்பணிக்கிறார்கள். தனது பள்ளி படிப்பை முடித்துவிட்டு அடுத்தக்கட்டத்தில் செவிலியர் பணியில் தான் சேர வேண்டும், என்ற உறுதியுடனும், மன தைரியத்துடனும் பிறருக்காக சேவை செய்வதற்காகவும் "செவிலியர்" என்ற புனிதமான, உயரிய பணியை தேர்ந்தெடுத்தவர்கள் அனைவருமே கடவுளால் ஆசிர்வதிக்கப்பட்டவர்களே. ஒரு குழந்தை முதன் முதலில் உலகிற்கு வரும்போது (பீறக்கும்போது) அந்த பிஞ்சு குழந்தையை முதன் முதலில் "தொட்டு தூக்குவது செவிலியரே" அதற்கு அடுத்துதான். குழந்தை தனது தாயின் கையை சென்றடையும். அப்படிப்பட்ட புனிதமான பெருமைமிக்க பணியை தேர்ந்தெடுத்தவரகள் அனைவரும் எதற்கும் கலங்காமலும், மன உறுதியுடனும், இந்த பணியை திறம்பட செய்து வருகிறார்கள். இனிமேலும் செய்வார்கள். நான் செவிலிய மாணவி என்பதில் பெருமிதம் அடைகிறேன். "ஒரு மனிதன் பிறப்பதிலிருந்து இறப்பதுவரைக்கும்" ஒரு செவிலியரின் பங்கு முக்கியமானது தனக்கென எந்த ஒரு தனிப்பட்ட ஆசைகளையும் வைத்துக்கொள்ளாமல் பிறருக்காக தனது வாழ்க்கையை அர்ப்பணிப்பவர்கள் செவிலியகளே. இந்த புனித செவிலியர் பணியில் ஈடுபட்டுள்ள அனைவருமே புனித ஆரோக்கிய அன்னையால் ஆசிர்வதிக்கப்பட்டவர்களே.

செவிலியர்களின் சிறப்பு:

முதன் முதலில் செவிலியர் பணியை செய்ய தொடங்கியவர் "ப்ளாரன்ஸ் நைட்டிங்கேல்." அவரது பிறந்த நாளாகிய மே- 12 என்ற அன்றைய தினத்தை நாம் உலக செவிலியர் தினமாக கொண்டாடுகிறோம். அந்நாளில் ஒவ்வொரு செவிலியர்களும் கௌரவிக்கப்படுகிறார்கள், என்பதில் பெருமிதம் அடைகிறோம்.

தனது குடும்பத்தை பிரிந்து கல்லூரியில் இணைவதில் இருந்து செவிலியர்கள் தனது கடைசி உயிர்மூச்சு உள்ள வரை இந்த அற்புதமான, பெருமைமிக்க செவிலியர் பணியை துறப்பதில்லை. ஒவ்வொரு நாளும் செவிலியர்கள் புதிய புதிய மனிதர்களையும், அவர்களுக்கு உள்ள பிரச்சனைகளையும் சந்தித்தாலும் எவரிடமும் கடுமையாக நடந்து கொள்வதில்லை

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ஒரு சாதாரணமான பெண் அவளது குடும்ப நபர்களாலும், தனது சொந்தங்களினாலும் மட்டுமே ஆசிர்வதிக்கப்படுவாள். ஆனால், ஒரு செவிலிய பெண் தனது குடும்ப நபர்களாலும், தனது சொந்தங்களினாலும், தனக்கும் தன்னையும் யாரென்றே தெரியாதவர்களினாலும் ஆசிர்வதிக்கப்படுகிறார்கள். அதற்கான காரணம் என்னவென்றால் அன்பு மட்டுமே. நீடிய பொறுமையுடனும், என்றுமே மாறா அன்புடனும் தன் குடும்பத்தில் உள்ள நபர்களை எப்படி கவனத்துடனும், அக்கறையுடனும் பார்த்துக்கொள்வார்களோ அதேபோல் பிறரையும் பார்த்து கொள்வதில் செவிலியர்களுக்கு நிகரே இல்லை. எனவே, செவிலியர் பணியை செய்வதிலும், செவிலியர்களுக்கு நிகரே இல்லை. எனவே, செவிலியர் பணியை செய்வதிலும், செவிலியர் பணிக்கு வருவதிலும் எந்த ஒரு வருத்தமோ, அவமானமோ இல்லை. இப்படிப்பட்ட புனிதமான பணியை செய்வதற்கு செவிலிய மாணவர்களாகிய நாம் மட்டுமல்ல இந்த பணியை செய்தவர்களும், செய்பவர்களும், இனி செய்ய இருப்பவர்களும் பெருமிதம் கொள்ள வேண்டும்.

கொரோனா காலத்தில் செவிலியரின் பங்கு:

2020 - 2021 - ல் உலகையே அச்சுறுத்தி வந்த, வருகின்ற மிக கொடுமையான, நோய் (பீணி) கொரோனா ஆகும். கொரோனாவால் ஒவ்வொருவரும் தனிமையாக தன்னைத்தானே தனிமைப்படுத்தி கொண்டிருந்தார்கள். ஆனால் ஒவ்வொரு செவிலியர்களும் தனது குடும்பத்தை விட்டு, பாதிக்கப்பட்ட அனைத்து நபர்களையும் கவனமாக பார்த்து வந்தார்கள். அந்நேரத்தில் தனக்கெதுவும் நேரிடுமோ என்ற கேள்வி அவர்களுக்குள் எழவில்லை. அவர்களது குடும்பத்தில் தன் மகளைப் பற்றி எவ்வளவுதான் கவலையோ, இல்லை தன் மகள் கொரோனாவால் பாதிக்கப்படுவாயோ என்ற பயமோ இல்லாமல் மனநிறைவுடன் பணிக்கு அனுப்பி வைத்தார்கள். இப்படிப்பட்ட தாய், தகப்பன், சகோதரன், சகோதரிகளை நினைத்து நெகிழ்ச்சி அடைவதோடு மட்டுமல்லாமல் நன்றி கூறவும் கடமைப்பட்டிருக்கிறேன். இந்த குறிப்பிட்ட காலக்கட்டத்தில் எண்ணிலடங்காத செவிலியர்களும், மருத்துவர்களும் தனது உயிரை இழந்திருக்கிறார்கள்.

உலகமே போற்றும் செவிலியர்கள்:

மருத்துவர்களை காட்டிலும் மருத்துவ பணியில் சிறந்து விளங்குபவர்கள் செவிலியர்களே, ஒரு குடும்பத்தில் பெற்றோர்கள் பிள்ளைகளுக்கோ, பிள்ளைகள் பெற்றோர்களுக்கோ செய்யும் காரியங்களில் அறுவறுப்பாக நினைக்கும் காரியங்களை கூட செவிலியர்கள் பிணியாளர்களுக்கு சகிப்புத்தன்மையுடன் செய்வார்கள். அந்த காரியத்தில் எவ்விதமான மனகசப்பும் இன்றி பரிபூரணமான அன்புடன் செய்வார்கள். "நோய்க்கு மிகப்பெரிய எதிரி அன்புதான்." அப்படிப்பட்ட பலமான எதிரியை வைத்தே செவிலியர்கள் பல நோய்களை வெல்கிறார்கள். இதனால் செவிலியரை மட்டுமல்லாமல், செவிலியரின் குடும்பத்தையும் பலரும் வாழ்த்துவதை பார்க்கமுடிகிறது. எனவே, இத்தகைய பணிக்கு தன்னையும், தன் வாழ்வையும் அர்ப்பணித்த செவிலியர்கள் வாழவும், இனியும் வளரவும் போற்றுவோம்.

முடிவுரை:

இத்தகைய சிறப்பும், மனநிம்மதியும், நிறைந்த இந்த பணியை செய்வதில் நாங்கள் பெருமிதம் கொள்கிறோம். செவிலியர்களுக்கு நம்மால் முடித்த ஒரு சிறிய உதவியாக செவிலியர் தினத்தை கொண்டாடுவோம். உன்னதமான இந்த புனித செவிலியர் பணிக்கு அர்பணித்த, செவிலியர்கள் மற்றும் அவர்களின் பெற்றோரை போற்றுவோம். நமக்காக தம் வாழ்வை அர்ப்பணித்த, இனியும் அர்ப்பணிக்க போகிற அனைத்து செவிலியர்களையும் வாழ்த்துகிறோம். புனித ஆரோக்கிய அன்னை செவிலியர் கல்லூரி மட்டுமல்லாது இன்னும் பல கல்லூரிகள் செவிலியர்களுக்கு என பணிபுரிவதை நினைத்து நன்றி செலுத்துகிறோம். இன்னும் பலர் இப்பணிக்கு வருமாறு அன்புடனும், நன்றியுடனும் வரவேற்கிறோம். இத்தகைய பணியை செய்யும் செவிலியர்களுக்கு நன்றி கூறுகிறோம். நமக்காக தன் வாழ்வை அர்ப்பணித்த செவிலியர்களின் வாழ்வும் அவர்களின் குடும்பமும் நலமுடனும், நீண்ட ஆயுளுடனும், ஆரோக்கியத்துடனும் வாழ எல்லாம் வல்ல இறைவனை பிரார்த்திப்போம். "இந்த செவிலிய பணியை செய்யும் அனைத்து பெண்களும் சிங்க பெண்களே"!...

An adult skin weighs around 3 to 4 kgs.

