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**Press Release**

 ****09th Ayurveda Day 2024: "CGI Jaffna distributes ayurvedic medicines and e-kit to Kaithady Siddha Teaching Hospital”****

 **As part of the 09th Ayurveda Day 2024 celebrations observed worldwide under the theme “Ayurveda Innovations for Global Health,” Consul General Shri Sai Murali visited the Kaithady Siddha Teaching Hospital in Jaffna. During the visit, the Consul General presented Ayurveda medicines and an e-Kit to support and enhance awareness of traditional medicine. The event was attended by Deputy Director Dr. Thileepan, hospital doctors, members of the general public, and individuals seeking treatment.**

**2. The Consul General toured the hospital, interacted with patients, inquired about their well-being, and gained insights into the renowned Siddha treatment methods practiced at the facility. He thanked the Kaithady Ayurvedic Administration for hosting the event, noting the significance of Ayurveda Day, an initiative of the Indian government celebrated annually since 2016 on the auspicious occasion of Dhanvantari Jayanti (Dhanteras), to promote Ayurveda's contribution to global health care.**

**3. Highlighting the 3,500-year-old tradition, the Consul General stated that Ayurveda, rooted in nature, supports holistic health and well-being. He described it not only as a traditional medicinal system but also as Patti Vaithyam, the wisdom passed down by ancestors. He also observed that in collaboration with the Provincial Department of Indigenous Medicine of the Northern Province, the Indian Consulate in Jaffna has organized Siddha and Ayurveda camps in Jaffna, Mannar, Kilinochchi, Mullaitivu, and Vavuniya since 2022, benefitting more than 1,500 patients.**

**4. The Consul General noted that Ayurveda seamlessly integrates with the principles of Siddha medicine, serving both health promotion and disease prevention, and underscored India’s ongoing commitment to sharing its traditional health wisdom with the world.**

**5. A few representative photographs are enclosed.**

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