

**Embassy of India
Santiago**

**Speech for Ambassador Abhilasha Joshi on the occasion of the National
Day of Ayurveda 2026 in collaboration with Universidad Ayurveda
(UNIAYU) at Embassy premises on 23 September 2026**

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Eminent Ayurveda practitioners,

Members of the medical and academic communities,

Dear friends of India,

My colleagues from the Embassy,

Namaste! Muy buenas tardes a todos!

It gives me immense pleasure to join you today to celebrate the **11th Ayurveda Day** in collaboration with **Universidad Ayurveda (UNIAYU)**, our valued partner in promoting Ayurveda here in Chile. I extend my sincere appreciation to UNIAYU for its continued efforts in promoting awareness of Ayurveda and strengthening the cultural and educational bonds between India and Chile.

Friends,

Ayurveda, the ancient Indian science of life, offers a holistic approach to health, emphasising prevention, balanced living and harmony between the body, mind and nature. Its timeless principles are particularly relevant today

as the world seeks sustainable solutions to growing lifestyle-related health challenges.

The **theme** of Ayurveda Day 2026, "**Ayurveda for a Healthier Tomorrow**", reflects our aspiration to combine traditional wisdom with modern scientific knowledge. It underscores the importance of preventive healthcare, evidence-based research and the responsible integration of Ayurveda into contemporary healthcare systems.

In **2025**, the Government of India designated **23 September** as the fixed annual date for Ayurveda Day, giving fresh momentum to its global recognition and encouraging wider international participation.

I am delighted that Chile continues to be an important partner in this journey. The growing interest in Ayurveda and Yoga here reflects the strong cultural connections between our peoples and our shared commitment to holistic well-being.

The Embassy of India has been working closely with UNIAYU and other Chilean institutions to promote awareness of Ayurveda, encourage academic exchanges and explore opportunities for cooperation in traditional and integrative medicine. Our continued engagement with UNIAYU reflects our shared commitment to advancing Ayurveda education, academic collaboration and holistic wellness initiatives. Today's celebrations mark another meaningful step in strengthening this partnership.

Looking ahead, we hope to further strengthen our collaboration through joint research, educational initiatives, capacity-building and exchanges between Ayurveda institutions and healthcare professionals in India and Chile. Such cooperation can help bridge traditional knowledge and modern medicine while making holistic healthcare more accessible.

Ladies and gentlemen,

India and Chile enjoy warm and growing relations across diverse sectors. Our cooperation in Ayurveda and Yoga adds a meaningful human dimension to this partnership, bringing our peoples closer through a shared commitment to health and well-being.

India's ancient philosophy of “**Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam**” (the world is one family) reminds us that the health of humanity and our planet is a collective responsibility. This spirit is also reflected in our vision of **One Earth, One Health**.

As we celebrate Ayurveda Day, let us reaffirm our commitment to advancing scientific research, fostering international cooperation and promoting healthier, more sustainable lifestyles.

I once again thank Universidad Ayurveda, our distinguished guests and all friends of India for their support and participation. May our collective efforts further strengthen India-Chile cooperation and help realise our shared vision of Ayurveda for a healthier tomorrow.

Muchas gracias. ¡Feliz Día del Ayurveda!

Jai Hind!