

Remarks by Ambassador at Unveiling the Memorial Plaque for Professor M.S. Baghel

Distinguished guests, faculty members, and students,

We gather here today for a solemn and significant occasion—to pay tribute to a luminary who was much more than a visiting faculty member. We honor Professor M.S. Baghel, a visionary who walked the arduous path of establishing the roots of Ayurveda in a new land.

To the wider academic world, Professor Baghel was a titan of his field. As a renowned scholar of *Kayachikitsa* (Internal Medicine) and the former Director of the prestigious IPGT&RA at Gujarat Ayurved University, he commanded immense respect in India. He carried with him the weight of ancient texts and the precision of decades of clinical experience. He was a cultural ambassador and a pioneer who ventured far from home to plant the flag of Ayurveda in European soil and helped build new bridges connecting the people of India and Hungary.

Professor Baghel's contribution was not merely instructional; it was transformational. He did not just teach from textbooks or recite sutras; he translated the profound philosophy of healing for a European audience. He understood that to teach Ayurveda in the West, one must bridge the vast conceptual gap between Eastern holistic thought and Western analytical science. He moved his students beyond the surface level of 'knowing' Ayurvedic facts to the deeper level of 'understanding' its essence—teaching us that health is a harmony between body, mind, and spirit.

Inaugurating this Memorial Plaque today is our collective way of asserting that his impact is timeless. Administrative structures may evolve, and academic chairs may change hands, but the knowledge he imparted and the seeds of wisdom he sowed in this city are permanent.

We miss his presence, his guidance, and his warmth dearly, but through this memorial, his spirit will forever watch over the halls where he once taught.

Thank you