

Content available at: https://www.ipinnovative.com/open-access-journals

## IP Journal of Nutrition, Metabolism and Health Science

ONNI DIRECTOR PROPERTY OF THE PROPERTY OF THE

Journal homepage: https://www.jnmhs.com/

#### **Editorial**

# Practices of health and hygiene

## Sandeep Kushwaha 1,\*

<sup>1</sup>Central Zone Regional Centre, Zoological Survey of India, Jabalpur Madhya Pradesh, India



#### ARTICLE INFO

Article history:
Received 02-07-2022
Accepted 08-07-2022
Available online 12-07-2022

This is an Open Access (OA) journal, and articles are distributed under the terms of the Creative Commons Attribution-NonCommercial-ShareAlike 4.0 License, which allows others to remix, tweak, and build upon the work non-commercially, as long as appropriate credit is given and the new creations are licensed under the identical terms.

For reprints contact: reprint@ipinnovative.com

A global massive disease burden is associated with deficient hygiene, sanitation, and water supply and is preventable through enhanced literacy and awareness levels as education is the cornerstone of poor sanitation and ill health.

Hygiene springs from "Hygeia" the deity of health in Greek mythology. It is outlined as the science of health and embraces all factors that contribute to healthful living. 1 Personal hygiene includes water provider in the community, cleansing of water containers, water-born unwellness, loosely lying excretory material, important times of hand washing, type of hand wash, effluent discharged, waste management, bathing, and clothing, hand washing after use of the toilet, care of nails, feet, and teeth. Private hygiene aims to push standards of private cleanliness at intervals for the setting of the condition wherever individuals live. Each year, roughly 15,00,000 youngsters under five years of age die from diarrhea due to unsafe water and poor sanitation.<sup>2</sup> Globally, water and sanitation, hygiene practices could be blamed for about 90% of diarrhea-related mortality, which is way above the combined mortality from protozoal infection and HIV/AIDS.<sup>3</sup> Despite the very fact that these easy personal hygiene practices will enter preventing plenty of diseases, this subject has been neglected each in everyday life and within the literature. 4 We, therefore, need to ensure that our healthcare educators are continuously trained and provided with the essentials to comprehensively care for

E-mail address: sandeepkushwaha\_17@yahoo.com (S. Kushwaha).

the personal hygiene of women. Furthermore, follow-up evaluations should be performed regularly in the clinical environment and re-training should be administered where required.<sup>5</sup>

### Acknowledgements

The authors are thankful to the Director, Zoological Survey of India for providing all possible facilities and support to undertake field surveys and to conduct research.

#### **Conflict of Interest**

None.

#### References

- Park K. Text Book of Preventive and Social Medicine. 23st Edn. Jabalpur, India: M/S Banarsidas Bhanot Publishers; 2002. p. 46.
- Towards Total Sanitation and Hygiene: A Challenge for India. New Delhi: Country Paper Series; 2003. Available from: http://www.mdws. gov.in/sites/default/files/.
- Kuberan A, Singh AK, Kasav JB, Prasad S, Surapaneni KM, Upadhyay V, et al. Water and sanitation hygiene knowledge, attitude, and practices among household members living in rural settings of India. *J Nat Sc Biol Med*. 2015;6(1):69–74. doi:10.4103/0976-9668.166090.
- Pal J, Pal AK. Knowledge, attitude, and practice of personal hygiene and its predictors: A school-based study among adolescent girls in an urban slum. *Int J Med Sci Public Health*. 2017;6(9):1411–6.
- Ray SK, Zaman FA, Laskar NB. Handwashing practices in two communities of two states of Eastern India: An intervention study. *Indian J Public Health*. 2010;54(3):126–30. doi:10.4103/0019-557X.75734.

<sup>\*</sup> Corresponding author.

## **Author biography**

Sandeep Kushwaha, Assistant Zoologist 💿 https://orcid.org/0000-0002-8118-2541

Cite this article: Kushwaha S. Practices of health and hygiene. *IP J Nutr Metab Health Sci* 2022;5(2):36-37.