A meeting was conducted on the Feasibility of using Indian System of Medicine for treatment of COVID-19 in the State Development Policy Council (SDPC) Conference Hall, Ezhilagam, Chennai-5 today (29.05.2020). The meeting was chaired by Thiru. C. Ponnaiyan, Hon’ble Vice-Chairman, SDPC. Thiru Anil Meshram I.A.S., Member Secretary SDPC and senior officials participated in the meeting.

The following dignitaries participated in the discussions and offered suggestions.

1. Dr. S. Ganesh, I.A.S.,
   Director of Indian Medicine and Homeopathy, Chennai

2. Dr. N. Manavalan,
   Joint Director (Ex-Officio) Yoga & Naturopathy, Directorate of Indian Medicine/ Principal, Yoga and Naturopathy College, Chennai

3. Dr. K. Kanakavalli,
   Director General, Central Council for Research in Siddha, Chennai

4. Dr. R. Meenakumari
   Director, National Institute of Siddha, Chennai

5. Dr. G. Sivaraman, Siddha Physician, Managing Director, Arogya Health Care, Chennai

6. Dr. S.P. Thyagarajan, Prof. of Eminence & Dean (Research),
   Sri Ramachandra Institute of Research, Chennai
The dignitaries presented the treatment modalities available in the Indian Systems of Medicine viz. Ayurvedha, Siddha, Unani, Yoga and Naturopathy to combat the COVID pandemic, highlighting its success in reducing the viral load and hospital stay. They also elucidated the significant role of *Kabasura Kudineer* in treating COVID-19.

The Hon’ble Vice-Chairman, SDPC suggested the Director of Indian Medicine & Homoeopathy to give more thrust to IEC activities and mass campaigns on the Traditional Systems of Medicinethrough Print media, Electronic media and also Social media. The Member Secretary suggested creation of awareness on the importance of indigenous medicines (especially *Kabasura Kudineer*) through short films and the same could be repeatedly telecast for adherence by the public.

In order to propagate the efficacy of the Indian System of Medicine through well documented clinical trials as per Medical Protocol, proposals for conducting research studies have been sought.