Revitalization of Traditional Jamu as a Support for Public Health at Malang Station: A Case Study of DPC ASPETRI Malang City Activities

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Received: Apr, 2025 Revised: Apr, 2025 Accepted: Apr, 2025 Abstract: Indonesian traditional herbal medicine (jamu) has a long history as a cultural heritage rich in health benefits. However, as time progresses, its existence has begun to be overshadowed by modern products. This article aims to explore the role of revitalizing traditional jamu as a form of community service that can support public health, particularly in anticipation of the homecoming tradition (mudik) during Eid al-Fitr. The activity carried out by DPC ASPETRI Kota Malang involved distributing kunyit asem jamu at Malang Station as an effort to raise awareness of the importance of traditional jamu in maintaining health during travel. This activity also aims to reintroduce jamu as a natural and safe herbal remedy. Through the distribution of kunyit asem jamu, it is hoped that the community will experience the direct benefits of traditional jamu while being educated about the importance of maintaining health with a more natural approach.

Keywords:

Kunyit Asem Jamu, ASPETRI Kota Malang, Malang Station, Eid Homecoming

Introduction

Jamu is one of the most valued cultural heritages in Indonesia's health traditions. As an herbal concoction made from natural ingredients, jamu has been used for generations to maintain health and treat various ailments. Although its use has declined with the rise of modern health products, jamu remains a preferred choice for many, especially those seeking natural and traditional remedies.

During special occasions such as Eid al-Fitr, which is closely associated with long-distance travel, health becomes a top priority. The homecoming tradition (mudik) is highly anticipated by Indonesians, yet the long and crowded journey can lead to various health issues, such as fatigue and digestive disorders. Therefore, the revitalization of traditional jamu as a means to support public health becomes highly relevant, particularly in providing natural solutions that can help boost endurance.

The initiative by DPC ASPETRI Kota Malang in distributing kunyit asem jamu at Malang Station is a form of community service that highlights jamu's potential as a practical and accessible health solution. This activity not only aims to raise public awareness about the importance of traditional jamu but also serves as an educational platform to restore trust in jamu's benefits as a useful herbal medicine. This article will further discuss the implementation of this initiative, its impact on society, and the potential for developing traditional jamu as part of a sustainable public health effort.

Method

This community service activity was conducted on March 28, 2025, at Malang Station, starting at 10:00 AM. The implementation stages are as follows:

1. Preparation of Materials and Equipment

Before the activity began, the organizing team prepared the necessary materials for kunyit asem jamu distribution. The jamu used was pre-packaged jamu with official distribution permits.

2. Jamu Distribution

At 10:00 AM, volunteers began distributing kunyit asem jamu to travelers at Malang Station. A total of 50 jamu cups were prepared for those traveling home for Eid. Each recipient was given a brief education on the health benefits of kunyit asem jamu, such as improving immunity and aiding digestion.

3. Education and Outreach

In addition to distributing jamu, volunteers provided information on the importance of maintaining health during the homecoming trip, such as staying hydrated and choosing nutritious foods. This education aimed to increase public awareness of the importance of a natural approach to health maintenance.

4. Activity Evaluation

After the event, an evaluation was conducted to assess the impact of the jamu distribution. This evaluation included gathering feedback from the public regarding the benefits of the jamu and their engagement with the health information provided.

Hasil

The kunyit asem jamu distribution at Malang Station on March 28, 2025,

demonstrated the significant potential of revitalizing traditional jamu in supporting public health. Out of the 50 jamu cups distributed, the majority of travelers responded positively, expressing gratitude for the attention to their well-being. Besides providing physical benefits, such as relieving digestive issues and boosting stamina, this jamu distribution successfully raised public awareness of the benefits of jamu as an effective herbal remedy.

The direct distribution at the station provided easy access for travelers embarking on long journeys. Kunyit asem jamu, known for its anti-inflammatory properties and digestive health benefits, is ideal for consumption before travel, where many travelers often experience fatigue or digestive problems.

Furthermore, this initiative created an opportunity to educate the public on natural ways to maintain health and promote jamu as an environmentally friendly alternative remedy free from harmful chemicals. Younger generations, who tend to be more familiar with modern health products, had the chance to learn more about this cultural heritage.

However, there were challenges in this activity, such as limited time for distribution and the small quantity of only 50 jamu cups, which were insufficient to meet the high demand from travelers. Therefore, future initiatives should consider increasing the number of jamu distributed and expanding the distribution area.

Overall, this initiative successfully achieved its primary goal of revitalizing traditional jamu as part of a community service program beneficial to travelers' health. It is hoped that similar activities can be repeated and further developed as a broader initiative to support public health through traditional herbal products.





Figure 1. Distribution of Kunyit Asem Jamu for Malang Residents



Figure 2. Kunyit Asem Jamu Distribution Activity with Ikatan Bidan Indonesia (IBI)

Malang City



Figure 3. Kunyit Asem Jamu Distribution with Organisasi Amatir Radio Indonesia Malang City



Figure 4. Group Photo After Kunyit Asem Jamu Distribution with Gerakan Pramuka Malang City

Conclusion

The distribution of kunyit asem jamu at Malang Station on March 28, 2025, successfully demonstrated the potential of revitalizing traditional herbal medicine as a means to support public health, particularly during the Eid homecoming season. By distributing 50 cups of jamu, this initiative not only provided direct health benefits to travelers—such as improving digestion and boosting immunity—but also raised awareness about the importance of utilizing traditional herbal remedies as part of a healthy lifestyle.

The positive response from the public highlighted the continued relevance of jamu in modern society, despite the increasing dominance of commercial health products. The collaboration between DPC ASPETRI Kota Malang and various organizations, including health professionals and local communities, further strengthened the impact of this initiative. Additionally, the activity served as an educational platform to introduce jamu as an accessible and natural health solution.

However, limitations such as the restricted quantity of jamu and the limited time for distribution suggest areas for improvement in future initiatives. Expanding the scale of similar activities and increasing public engagement could further enhance the promotion and sustainability of traditional jamu.

Overall, this initiative successfully met its objectives in revitalizing traditional jamu, promoting public health, and preserving Indonesia's cultural heritage. It is hoped that this effort will continue to grow and be implemented on a broader scale, ensuring that traditional herbal medicine remains a valuable part of community

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