



Global Acceptance for Siddha System of Medicine : Scope and Challenges A National Conference

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Siddha System of Medicine

Siddha is one of the oldest codified traditions of healthcare with unique therapeutic interventions and treatment modalities. It is one of the officially recognized traditional systems of healthcare in India. It caters to a notable proportion of the Country's population through public and private health care facilities. Siddha system has a growing institutional network for education, training, drug-manufacturing, health care services and research. Establishment of a National Institute and a Research Council for Siddha by the Central Government has galvanized the development process by setting quality benchmarks in these areas.

The uniqueness of Siddha medicine lies in its holistic approach i.e. the physical, mental and social well-being are fostered by adopting appropriate lifestyle practices, dietary regimens, safe and effective drugs sourced from the surroundings and therapies unique to this system. In summary, the cornerstone of Siddha medicine is adoption of appropriate food and life style. 'Food itself is medicine and medicine itself is food' is one of the basic principles of this system.

Central Council for Research in Siddha

The Central Council for Research in Siddha (CCRS) is the apex body for research in Siddha. It has seven peripheral institutes/units – three in Tamil Nadu and one each in Puducherry, Kerala, Karnataka and New Delhi. These institutes/units carry out clinical research, drug research, medicinal plants research, literary research and fundamental research. It has been the constant effort of CCRS to generate and record evidence to support the various time-tested practices, medicines and therapies of Siddha, to seek a wider role for Siddha in the public health firmament of the country and to take the benefits of this system to people in different corners of the country and even beyond the national borders.

About the Conference

Since time immemorial the Siddha system of medicine has contributed to mankind through its extensive therapeutic and restorative formulations. In modern India, this healing science has seen an impressive transformation in both academic and clinical practice, into a discipline of great value. Still the reach of this medical system is nowhere near its real potential. The main road block is the lack of scientific validation at various levels. Considering its complex nature, Siddha requires a sophisticated approach in the planning and execution of research supported by sufficient resources and dedicated team work. This conference is conceptualized as an apex event in the discipline of Siddha for sharing of latest knowledge and experience, and thereby for opening up avenues for Siddha professionals.

Issues regarding the safety, efficacy, quality, availability, preservation and regulation of Siddha medicine continue to be unresolved despite decades of efforts by Siddha professionals. Interpretation of the fundamental principles of Siddha, formulation of standardized treatment protocols, concern about conducting clinical trials in Siddha and exploring Siddha diagnostic tools through modern science are some of the major challenges in the way of growth and development of the Siddha system of medicine today. It is the need of the hour to address these challenges so that Siddha Medicine finds universal acceptance and the scope of Siddha is explored to its fullest potential.

SCOPE	CHALLENGES
1. Preventive science in Siddha	1. Interpretation of Siddha principles and fundamentals on scientific lines
2. Dietary principles in Siddha	2. Hurdles and practical intricacies in conducting clinical trials of Siddha system of medicine
3. Supportive care in acute medical conditions	3. Safety profile of Siddha medicines
4. Multi-disciplinary research aspects in Siddha	4. Concern about metals and mineral formulation of Siddha
5. Affordable primary health care through Siddha	5. Exploring and validating Siddha diagnostic science
6. Strength of Siddha paediatric and geriatric care	6. Quality control and standardization of Siddha medicines
7. Varmam therapy & External therapies in Siddha	7. Regulatory issues and limitation in the usage of raw materials
8. Research in medicinal plants and marine products	8. Decoding paper and palm leaf manuscripts
9. Potentials of Siddha in treating NCDs	9. National AYUSH Morbidity and Standardized Terminologies Portal (NAMSTP)
10. Effectiveness of Siddha treatment in the management of chronic- intractable disease conditions	10. Accreditation of Siddha hospitals

Abstracts are invited on the above Topics

Abstract Submission Guidelines

- Title: Times New Roman, Font size 14, Bold
- Author: Name of authors with affiliation of each author and email ID of presenting author. Times New Roman, Font size 10, Italicize the presenting author
- Structured abstracts preferred : Background / objectives, methods, results, conclusion, 5 keywords, Times New Roman, Font size 12, single spacing, all headings bold. Not more than 250 words
- Mode of presentation to be mentioned : Oral / Poster
- Final decision pertaining to the selection of abstract and mode of presentation (oral / poster) rests with the scientific committee
- Original unpublished research articles / case reports are preferred
- Registration for conference is mandatory for oral / poster presentation
- Guidelines for presentation will be available on www.siddhacouncil.in

Awards

- Best paper award for UG and PG for Poster and Oral category - Siddha Stream
- Best paper award for life science papers

Registration Fee

- UG Students - Rs.300/-
- PG Students, Practitioners & others - Rs.700/-
- Spot registration subject to availability - Rs.1000/-
- Registration fee can be paid through Demand Draft/ Online transfer
- DD in favour of “Siddha Conference” payable at Chennai
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Important Dates to Remember

- Last date for Registration and Abstract submission: **15.09.2018**
- Last date for Full Paper submission : **20.09.2018**

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