



**Vivekananda Kendra Academy for Indian Culture, Yoga And Management
(VK-AICYAM), Bhubaneswar**
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"All differences in this world are of degree, and not of kind, because oneness is the secret of everything."
- Swami Vivekananda

Traditional Healing Conference, Sept 11-12, 2026

(ପାରମ୍ପରିକ ଚିକିତ୍ସା ସମ୍ମିଳନୀ, ସେପ୍ଟେମ୍ବର ୧୧-୧୨, ୨୦୨୬)

Conference Theme: National Conference on cultivation, harvesting, and sustainable utilization of medicinal plants for farmers and traditional healers (ଔଷଧୀୟ ଉଦ୍ଭିଦର ଚାଷ, ଅମଳ ଏବଂ ନିରନ୍ତର ବ୍ୟବହାର ସମ୍ବନ୍ଧରେ ଚାଷୀ ଏବଂ ପାରମ୍ପରିକ ଚିକିତ୍ସକଙ୍କ ପାଇଁ ଜାତୀୟ ସମ୍ମିଳନୀ)

Organising Partner (ଆୟୋଜନ ସହଭାଗୀତା):

- Vivekananda Kendra – Academy for Indian Culture, Yoga, and Management (VK-AICYAM)
- Central Ayurveda Research Institute (CARI), Bhubaneswar
- Odisha Research Centre (ORC), Bhubaneswar

Conference Venue: VK-AICYAM, Jagamara- Pokhariput Road, Bhubaneswar – 751030.

Conference Chair: Air Marshal Dilip Kumar Patnaik, Former AOC-in-C, Eastern Air Command

Conference Program Lead: Shri Biranchi Narayan Panigrahy, VK-AICYAM

Conference Location: VK-AICYAM (Vivekananda Kendra – Academy for Indian Culture, Yoga, and Management), Jagamara – Pokhariput Road, Bhubaneswar, Odisha 751030

Location Route Map: <https://share.google/9LtGue8UOXvQMWZrm>

Day 01 (Friday, September 11th 2026) Schedule: (ଶୁକ୍ରବାର, ସେପ୍ଟେମ୍ବର ୧୧, ୨୦୨୬ କାର୍ଯ୍ୟକ୍ରମ)

Time	Activities
9:15 AM - 10:10 AM	Registration
10:15 AM – 11:00 AM	Inauguration and Keynote Address (ଉଦ୍‌ଘାଟନୀ ସମାରୋହ ଏବଂ ଅଭିଭାଷଣ) Lighting the Lamp (ଦୀପ ପ୍ରଜ୍ଜ୍ୱଳନ) Welcome Address (ସ୍ୱାଗତଂ) Conference Chair's Address (ସମ୍ମିଳନୀ ଅଧ୍ୟକ୍ଷଙ୍କ ଅଭିଭାଷଣ) Address by the Chief Guest (Prof. Mahendra Kumar Mohanty, VC, MSCB University, Baripada, Odisha) (ମୁଖ୍ୟ ଅତିଥିଙ୍କ ଅଭିଭାଷଣ) Address by the Chief Speaker (Prof. Basant Panda, Advisor, Odisha Research Centre, Bhubaneswar) (ମୁଖ୍ୟ ବକ୍ତାଙ୍କ ଅଭିଭାଷଣ)
11:00 AM – 11:30 AM	Networking and Tea
11:30 AM – 12:00 PM	Subject Keynote: Overview of Medicinal Plants in Eastern India with special reference to Odisha (ପୂର୍ବ ଭାରତରେ ଔଷଧୀୟ ବୃକ୍ଷ (ବିଶେଷ କରି ଓଡ଼ିଶା) - ସଂକ୍ଷିପ୍ତ ବିବରଣୀ) Speaker: Dr Prabhat Kumar Das, Research Associate, Centre for Biotechnology, SOA University, Odisha
12:00 PM – 1:15 PM	Session - I Panel: Discussion & Experience Sharing on Common Medicinal Plants of Odisha - Harvesting Practices, Value Addition,

	Supply-Chain/Trade, and Cultivation (ଓଡ଼ିଶାର ସାଧାରଣ ଔଷଧୀୟ ଉଦ୍ଭିଦ - ଚାଷ ଏବଂ ଅମଳ ପ୍ରଣାଳୀ, ଗୁଣବତ୍ତା, ଯୋଗାଣ ଏବଂ ବାଣିଜ୍ୟ ଉପରେ ଆଲୋଚନା ଏବଂ ଅଭିଜ୍ଞତାର ଆଦାନପ୍ରଦାନ) Moderator: Dr. Kshirod Kumar Rath, CARI Bhubaneswar. Panellist: (1 Traditional Healer, 1 Farmers, 3 Subject Experts) Dr. Subash Chandra Swain, Professor, OUAT, Bhubaneswar Dr. Vimal Pandey, Associate Professor, KISS University, Odisha Dr. Subrat Kumar Senapati, Assistant Professor, SOA University Shri Hari Pangi, Subject Expert and Traditional Healer (Koraput) Shri Bibhuti Mund, Subject Expert and Traditional Healer (Bargarh)
1:15 PM – 2:15 PM	Networking and Lunch
2:15 PM – 2:30 PM	Yoga for Healthy Living (ସୁସ୍ଥ ଜୀବନଯାପନ ପାଇଁ ଯୋଗା): Shri Ajaya Kumar Sahoo, VK-AICYAM
2:30 PM – 4:00 PM	Session - II Panel: Discussion on Musculo Skeletal Disorders – Bone Setting, Joint Diseases, and Osteoarthritis (ହାଡ଼ ଭଙ୍ଗା ଏବଂ ଆଂଠୁ - ଗଣ୍ଠି ଯନ୍ତ୍ରଣାର ପ୍ରତିକାର) Moderator: Dr. Purnendu Panda, CARI Bhubaneswar. Panellist: (4 Traditional Healers, 1 Subject Expert) Shri Bhagabata Mohanta, Subject Expert and Traditional Healer (Mayurbhanj) Shri Tularam Challan, Traditional Healer (Koraput) Shri Kartik Batra, Traditional Healer (Koraput) Shri Trailokya Pradhan, Traditional Healer (Kalahandi) Shri Daitary Mahanta, Traditional Healer (Kendujhar)
4:15 PM – 6:15 PM	Demonstration & Consultation: Medicinal Plants and Healing Practices based on six treatment areas (Open to Public) (ପ୍ରଦର୍ଶନ ଏବଂ ପରାମର୍ଶ: ଛଅଟି ଚିକିତ୍ସା କ୍ଷେତ୍ର ଉପରେ ଆଧାରିତ ଔଷଧୀୟ ଉଦ୍ଭିଦ ଏବଂ ଆରୋଗ୍ୟ ପ୍ରଣାଳୀ (ପାରମ୍ପରିକ ଚିକିତ୍ସା))
6:30 PM – 8:00 PM	Vivekananda Kendra Public function on the occasion of Universal Brotherhood Day (UBD) – All conference participants are invited. (ବିଶ୍ୱ ଭ୍ରାତୃତ୍ୱ ଦିବସ ଅବସରରେ ବିବେକାନନ୍ଦ କେନ୍ଦ୍ରର ସାର୍ବଜନୀନ କାର୍ଯ୍ୟକ୍ରମ) Chief Speaker: Ma. Nivedita Bhide, VP, Vivekananda Kendra
Day 02 (Saturday, September 12th 2026) Schedule: (ଶନିବାର, ସେପ୍ଟେମ୍ବର ୧୨, ୨୦୨୬ କାର୍ଯ୍ୟକ୍ରମ)	
Time	Activities
09:15 AM – 09:30 PM	Lighting the Lamp (ଦୀପ ପ୍ରଜ୍ୱଳନ) Prayers (ପ୍ରାର୍ଥନା)
09:30 AM – 10:00 AM	Keynote: Understanding of Local Health Traditions is key to the Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (ଆୟୁର୍ବେଦିକ ବିଜ୍ଞାନରେ ଗବେଷଣା ପାଇଁ ସ୍ଥାନୀୟ ସ୍ୱାସ୍ଥ୍ୟ ପରମ୍ପରାର ମହତ୍ତ୍ୱ)

	Keynote Speaker: Prof. Rabinarayan Acharya, DG CCRAS
10:00 AM - 10:30 AM	Subject Keynote: Conservation and Sustainable Practices of Local Health Traditions - Current Practices & Future Prospects (ସ୍ଥାନୀୟ ସ୍ୱାସ୍ଥ୍ୟ ପରମ୍ପରାର ସଂରକ୍ଷଣ ଏବଂ ସ୍ଥାୟୀ ଅଭ୍ୟାସ - ବର୍ତ୍ତମାନର ଅଭ୍ୟାସ ଏବଂ ଭବିଷ୍ୟତର ସମ୍ଭାବନା) Keynote Speaker: Dr. Mahesh Dadhich, CEO, NMPB
10:30 AM – 11:45 AM	Session - III Panel: Discussion on Digestive System Ailments (ପାଚନ ତନ୍ତ୍ର ଚିକିତ୍ସା ଉପରେ ଆଲୋଚନା) Moderator: Dr. Susmita Otta, CARI Bhubaneswar. Panellist: (4 Traditional Healers, 1 Subject Expert) Prof. Satya Mahapatra, Director, Institute of Health Sciences (IHS) Shri Abhiram Majhi, Traditional Healer (Mayurbhanj) Shri Mangal Chandra Marandi, Traditional Healer (Mayurbhanj) Shri Dharmananda Pradhan, Traditional Healer (Kalahandi) Shri Parabasia Naik, Traditional Healer (Kendujhar)
11:45 AM – 12:00 PM	Networking and Tea
12:00 PM – 1:15 PM	Session - IV Panel: Policy Level Understanding & Intervention – Medicinal Plant, Traditional Healing, and Integrated Healthcare (ଔଷଧୀୟ ଉଦ୍ଭିଦ, ପାରମ୍ପରିକ ଚିକିତ୍ସା ଏବଂ ସମନ୍ୱିତ ସ୍ୱାସ୍ଥ୍ୟସେବା ବ୍ୟବସ୍ଥାର ନୀତି ସମ୍ବନ୍ଧୀୟ ବିମର୍ଶ) Moderator: Dr. Viswajanani Sattigeri, Scientist H and Head of CSIR – TKDL (Traditional Knowledge Digital Library) Panellist: (2 Policy Makers, 1 Farmer, 1 Traditional Healer, 1 Healthcare Provider) Shri Gagan Sahoo, Consultant, SMPB Odisha Shri Bhagabata Mohanta, Subject Expert and Traditional Healer (Mayurbhanj) Shri Bibhuti Mund, Subject Expert and Traditional Healer (Bargarh) Shri Harekrushna Mahanta, Local Healthcare Provider (Kendujhar)
1:15 PM – 2:15 PM	Networking and Lunch
2:15 PM – 2:30 PM	Traditional & Geographical Indication (GI) Foods for Health: (ସ୍ୱାସ୍ଥ୍ୟ ପାଇଁ ପାରମ୍ପରିକ ଏବଂ ଭୌଗୋଳିକ ସୂଚକ (GI) ଖାଦ୍ୟ) Dr. Anita Sabat, Researcher & Cultural Advocate; Odisha GI & Community Representative
2:30 PM – 3:45 PM	Session - V Panel: Discussion on Key Action Points for Research, Innovation, Propagation, and Commercialization (ଗବେଷଣା, ନବସୃଜନ, ପ୍ରଚାର ଏବଂ ବାଣିଜ୍ୟକରଣ ପାଇଁ ପ୍ରମୁଖ କାର୍ଯ୍ୟବିନ୍ଦୁ ଉପରେ ଆଲୋଚନା) Moderator: Dr. Sudhanshu Meher, CARI Bhubaneswar. Panellist: (1 Policy Makers, 1 Researcher, 1 Farmer, 1 Traditional Healer, 1 Healthcare Provider) Dr. Bijay Kumar Sahu, Outreach Program Head, NRDC

	Dr. Rashmi Mohapatra, Dean, School of CIS & TS, KISS University Dr. T Pavan Kumar, Scientist – E, CSIR - IMMT Shri Hari Pangi, Subject Expert and Traditional Healer (Koraput) Dr. Pravin Kumar Deo, Healthcare Provider
3:45 PM – 4:45 PM	Felicitation and Closing Ceremony (ସମ୍ବର୍ଦ୍ଧନା ଏବଂ ସମାପନା ଉତ୍ସବ) Anchor: Shri Biranchi Panigrahy, Conf. Program Lead, VK-AICYAM Address by Conference Chair, VK-AICYAM Secretary, ORC Leadership, and CARI Leadership Felicitation of All Traditional Healers (Certificate & Memento) Awards and Felicitation – Guardian of Local Health Traditions Vote of Thanks by the Conference Program Lead
4:45 PM – 5:00 PM	Departure Formalities (ପ୍ରସ୍ଥାନ ବ୍ୟବସ୍ଥା)

Knowledge Partners:

IHS, IMMT, KISS University, NMPB, NRDC, OUAT, SMPB, SOA University, and TKDL

Special Note: VK-AICYAM team conducted 7 Regional Workshops (one-day event) at different locations to interact with the traditional healers/farmers in understanding their prime treatment areas and experiences. Participating traditional healers were given opportunity to speak for 4-5 minutes and were guided to submit a Base Information Sheet (BIS) at the end of the workshop. They were given certificate for participating in the conference. The following table provides a summary of participation statistics at each of the location.

Date	Venue	Workshop Partner	BIS Received
July 13, 2026	Deobandha, Kendujhar	VK Odisha Seva Prakalpa	17
Aug 22, 2026	DD University, Kendujhar	DD University	57
Aug 01, 2026	MSCB University, Baripada	MSCB University, PM USHA	55
Aug 01, 2026	COATS, Koraput	COATS	56
Aug 02, 2026	Pragati Institute, Bhawani Patna	Pragati Group, Kalahandi	58
Aug 09, 2026	SSNAC&RI, Paikamal, Bargarh	SSNAC&RI	49
Aug 18	Paderu, Andhra Pradesh	Bharateeya Vidya Kendram	29
Total Number of Traditional Healer participated and received certificates			321

We deeply appreciate the support of the workshop partners in enabling, facilitating, and providing local logistics for the smooth conduct of the regional workshops.

The traditional healers' community expected to participate in the National Conference on Sept 11-12th are short-listed from the Regional Workshop Participation List.

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