

# Tribal Health Care Research Program (THCRP)

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## About the Tribal Health Care Research Program (THCRP)

The Tribal Health Care Research Program (THCRP) was started by the Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS), an autonomous organization under Central Government, in 1982. The project involves studies of the living conditions of tribal people including health related demography; documentation of folk claims and Local Health Traditions (LHT); use of common medicinal plants in the area; propagation of knowledge about hygiene and prevention of diseases; and extending medical aid at door steps.

## The objectives of the project are as under:

- To Study the living conditions of tribal people
- To Collect information related to health statistics
- To study dietetic habits, nature and frequency of prevalent diseases, use of common medicinal plants in the area
- To provide medical aid at the door steps of tribals.
- To propagate knowledge about Ayurvedic concept of Pathyapathya including hygiene habits, dietary practice.
- To prevent diseases by adopting healthy way of living & clean environment (Swachhata)
- To provide health care facility to tribal population
- To promote healthy living among tribes
- To collect and document the folk claims and local health traditions to enable research etc.

The project was executed in 14 states through 15 research institutes under the Council.

**Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS)**

The Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS), an autonomous body under Ministry of AYUSH, Govt. of India is an apex body in India for undertaking, coordinating, formulating, developing and promoting research on scientific lines in Ayurvedic Sciences. The activities are carried out through its 30 Institutes/Centres/Units located all over India and also through collaborative studies with various Universities, Hospitals and Institutes. The research activities of the Council include Medicinal Plant Research (Medico-Ethno Botanical Survey, Pharmacognosy and Tissue Culture), Drug Standardization, Pharmacological Research, Clinical Research, Literary Research & Documentation and Tribal Health Care Research Programme.

### **Objectives of the Council**

The objectives for which the Central Council is established are:

- The formulation of aims and patterns of research on scientific lines in Ayurvedic Sciences.
- To undertake any research or other programmes in Ayurvedic Sciences.
- The prosecution of and assistance in research, the propagation of knowledge and experimental measures generally in connection with the causation, mode of spread and prevention of diseases.
- To initiate, aid, develop and co-ordinate scientific research in different aspects, fundamental and applied of Ayurvedic Sciences and to promote and assist institutions of research for the study of diseases, their prevention, causation and remedy.
- To finance enquiries and researches for the furtherance of objects of the Central Council.
- To exchange information with other Institutions, Associations and Societies interested in the objects similar to those of the Central Council and specially in observation and study of diseases in East and in India

in particular.

- To prepare, print, publish and exhibit any papers, posters, pamphlets, periodicals and books for furtherance of the objects of the Central Council and contribute to such literature.
- To issue appeals and make applications for money and funds in furtherance of the objects of the Central Council and to accept for the aforesaid purpose gifts, donations and subscriptions of cash and securities and of any property whether movable or immovable.
- To borrow or raise monies with or without security or on security mortgage charge, hypothecation or pledge of all or any of the immovable or movable properties belonging to the Central Council or in any other manner whatsoever.
- To invest and deal with the funds and monies of the Central Council or entrusted to the Central Council not immediately required in such manner as may from time to time be determined by the Governing Body of the Central Council.
- To permit the funds of the Central Council to be held by the Government of India.
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- To sell, lease, mortgage and exchange, and otherwise transfer any of the properties movable or immovable of the Central Council provided prior approval of the Central Government is obtained for the transfer of immovable property.
- To purchase, construct, maintain and alter any buildings or works necessary or convenient for the purpose of the Central Council.
- To undertake and accept the management of any endowment or trust fund for donation, the undertaking or acceptance whereof may seem desirable.

- To offer prizes and grant of scholarships, including travelling scholarships in furtherance of the objects of the Central Council.
- To create administrative, technical and ministerial and other posts under the Society and to make appointments thereto in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Society.
- To establish a provident fund and/or pension fund for the benefit of the Central Councils employees and/or their family members.
- To do all such other lawful things either alone or in conjunction with others as the Central Council may consider necessary or as being incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects.
- To undertake R & D Consultancy projects and transfer of patents on drugs and process to industry.
- To undertake R & D projects sponsored by industries in public/private sector.
- To undertake international and interagency collaboration.
- Utilization of results of research conducted and payment of share of royalties/consultancy fees to those who has contributed towards pursuit of such research.
- To enter into arrangements with scientific agencies of other countries for exchange of scientists, study tours, training in specialized areas, conducting joint projects etc.
- To provide technical assistance to Govt./Private agencies in matters consistent with the activities of the Council.
- To assist the Medicinal Plants Board, Government of India in achieving its objectives.
- To constitute small Management Committees consisting of eminent Scientists/ Physicians of local areas to monitor the R & D activities and suggest remedial measures for the improvement of activities of all Central as well as Research Institutes of the Council