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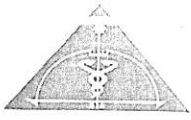
### LETTER OF COMMENDATION AND SUPPORT

The National Institute of Siddha (NIS), located in Chennai, is a Center of excellence with research and higher education in Siddha System of Medicine as its mission, inaugurated on 3<sup>rd</sup> September, 2005. Being a researcher in the area of Indian Systems of Medicine, especially in the area of Siddha Medicine system, I have been closely associated with NIS from its very inception, while I was Vice Chancellor, University of Madras and subsequently, when I moved over as Professor of Eminence and Dean (Research), Sri Ramachandra University, Porur, Chennai through collaborative research and training of Ph.D students

In my assessment, NIS aims to provide the best possible post graduate education in Siddha, by putting together a team of distinguished faculty members and building a quality resource base. The institute has been interested in developing curriculum so that the benefits of the traditional science can be integrated with modern science. The NIS has undertaken research to enhance the acceptability of the Siddha formulations and to validate their safety. The recent studies of NIS on Kabasura Kudineer to validate its efficacy in treating COVID-19 with interdisciplinary alliances with various branches of modern medical sciences proves their commitment to promote Siddha Medicine to the level of international recognition

Located on a sprawling campus in Tambaram Sanatorium, the NIS is a perfect example of Central and State Government co-operation. This Institute is currently affiliated to The Tamil Nadu Dr.M.G.R.Medical University, Chennai and the Syllabus and Curriculum are in accordance with the Central Council of Indian Medicine, New Delhi for the teaching programmes. NIS is also recognized by Tamil Nadu Dr.M.G.R.Medical University for conducting the Ph.D programme in Siddha Medicine.

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The National Institute of Siddha has excellent infrastructure, dedicated and highly knowledgeable faculty members and bright students. This Institute is poised to reclaim the glory of Siddha System so that the system can play a major role globally in the field of health care. In order to facilitate it, the institution requires academic, administrative and financial autonomy to bring about curricular innovation, national and international collaboration, intense research and development activities and overall excellence in Higher education in the area of Siddha Medicine. In order to evolve the Institute as an International Institute of Excellence and unique referral Institute for Siddha system of medicine, It is necessary that NIS is elevated as a Deemed to be University.

Based on the above strengths and credentials, I strongly recommend the National Institute of Siddha Medicine for according the status of Deemed to be University under *de novo* category by UGC/MHRD, Government of India.

  
5/7/2020  
(S.P.Thyagarajan)

  
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27<sup>th</sup> July 2020

To

Prof. Dr. R. Meenakumari,  
Director,  
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Tambaram Sanatorium,  
Chennai - 600 047.

Madam,

**Sub: Deemed to be University Status for National Institute of Siddha (NIS) - Reg.**

Central Council for Research in Siddha congratulates the National Institute of Siddha (NIS), Chennai for taking necessary steps to obtain Deemed to be University Status with the support of Ministry of AYUSH, Government of India, New Delhi.

Since its inception in 2004, NIS has created a niche both in teaching and patient care. In this regard, Deemed to be University status will certainly promote and propagate Siddha system of medicine outside the State and the country through aspiring students, the future ambassadors of Siddha system.

In toto, CCRS conveys its best wishes to NIS to obtain Deemed to be University Status.

Prof. Dr. K. Kanakavalli  
Director General

27/7/2020

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

National Institute of Siddha, Tambaram Sanatorium is a premier autonomous Institute under the control of Ministry of AYUSH, Govt. of India. The Institute has been established as a joint venture between Govt. of India and Govt. of Tamil Nadu and is an example of excellent example of Central Government and State Government partnership.

I have visited National Institute of Siddha, representing Govt. of Tamil Nadu in their SFC Meeting. I have had the opportunity to review the functioning of the Institute and found that the Institute is functioning well in the fields of Post Graduate Siddha education, research in Siddha and providing health care under Siddha system of medicine to a huge number of patients. The average OPD strength at the Hospital attached with the Institute is more than 1900 per day. The Institute is having a well qualified pool of faculty members. The availability of regular faculty members in the fields of basic and modern medical sciences in addition to Siddha faculty members ensures that the training imparted to their PG scholars is comprehensive and well diversified.

The Institute has got an excellent infrastructure with Teaching Blocks, Admn. Block, Clinical Laboratories, Hospital (OPD & IPD) Block, Students Hostels, Nurses Hostel, Auditorium, Guest House, Animal House, etc. The sprawling and green campus has been established in the land allotted by Govt. of Tamil Nadu. It is well connected and Airport, Railway Station and Bus Stand are located nearby.

The Siddha system of medicine is in the forefront of fighting various epidemics and Covid-19 pandemic. Govt. of Tamil Nadu has been harnessing the strengths of Siddha for a long time. There is an absolute need to take the education and research in Siddha system of Medicine to the next level so that it can be made globally acceptable and the fruits of this treasure trove is made available to larger population. Providing Deemed to be University Status to NIS will bring in much required flexibility in formulation of curriculum and will help in moulding education in Siddha system to suit the contemporary needs.

I, therefore, recommend that NIS may be granted Deemed to be University Status under De Novo category.

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12/11/2020

**Vaidya Jayant Yeshwant Deopujari**

**CHAIRPERSON**

Board of Governors



**CENTRAL COUNCIL OF INDIAN MEDICINE**

Ministry of AYUSH, Government of India, New Delhi

TO WHOMSOEVER IT MAY CONCERN

As the President of the Central Council for Indian Medicine (CCIM) and later on as the Chairperson of the Board of Governors of CCIM, I have had the opportunity to evaluate National Institute of Siddha, Tambaram Sanatorium. I have observed that National Institute of Siddha is a premier autonomous Institute under the control of Ministry of AYUSH, Govt. of India. The Institute has got an excellent infrastructure with a sprawling campus consisting of Teaching Blocks, Admin Block, Clinical Laboratories, Hospital (OPD & IPD) Block, Students Hostels, Nurses Hostel, Auditorium, Guest House, Animal House, etc. for imparting quality PG education in Siddha and providing treatment to a substantial number of patients under Siddha system of medicine. I have observed that the number of patients provided treatment in the Hospital attached with the Institute is one of the highest in the entire AYUSH systems.

I have noted that the Institute is having a well qualified pool of faculty member and the availability of regular faculty members in the fields of basic and modern medical sciences, in addition to Siddha faculty members, enables the Institute to impart high quality training to the PG scholars in Siddha system as well as basic and modern sciences. This all round training will ensure that the PG Scholars are ready to face the challenges of the modern day.

The entire AYUSH system, including Siddha System, has greatly contributed in fighting the non-communicable diseases, various epidemics and Covid-19 pandemic. Harnessing these systems will strengthen the efforts of the Government in fighting these public health issues. As treatment under these systems are very cost effective, this will also greatly reduce the financial burden on the Government. Granting deemed to be University Status to National Institute of Siddha will result in unleashing the potential of Siddha system of medicine and will bring in the much needed flexibility and responsiveness in framing the syllabus, curriculum and courses.

I, therefore, recommend that NIS may be granted Deemed to be University Status under De Novo category.

Date : 27/07/2020

Yours faithfully,

Vaidya Jayant Deopujari

Chairperson, Board of Governors

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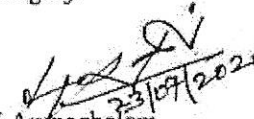
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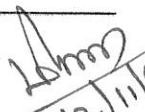
Sub: Validation Letter for the Deemed to be University for National Institute of Siddha

National Institute of Siddha, Chennai is a topmost academic, clinical and research centre in our nation with adequate infrastructure. The Institute has been delivering academic and professional excellence since the time of its inception as it can be inferred from the shining luminaries NIS has produced in the Siddha Science. Moreover, when I think about the current status, I am very proud to say that the profile of outpatients and inpatients per day is interestingly astonishing due to its purposeful functioning. Looking at the very capability of this Institute it is noteworthy that this is an apt place to conduct any kind of research now and then to give scientific focus on Siddha Science in the higher medical education sector. I understand that the enhancement of Siddha system is based on the credibility of real and essential potential of this time tested system. Further the proper appropriate research of course, could help in all walks of achievement in the Siddha field. This institute will help in all aspects to bring it again the the hoary past of Siddha Medical literature which are piling in front of medicos that shall give clue to the further proceedings in the system of universal trend and we could able to preserve and boost the Dravidian cultural diaspora and longest tradition it holds. If the Institute is validated as deemed to be University status under De Nova Category, the scientific validation of unique Siddha system THOKKANAM & VARMA Science will be achieved and through that the whole scientific community would be accepted and accommodated in the coming future days.

As a matter of fact, I stand as a testimony by being its former director that this institute is capable of producing academic, clinical and research performances to the needs of global health and wellness possibilities in a universal scale. It is also to be noted that the necessity for an university exclusive to Siddha system is a long felt need in promoting our nation and its rich tradition for the mankind and NIS deserves that status by all means.

The meaningful contribution and effectiveness produced by the Institute to be approved and applauded. Hence, I strongly and sincerely recommend this National Institute of Siddha to be validated and granted to be Deemed University status under De Nova category.

  
V. Arunachalam  
23/07/2020

  
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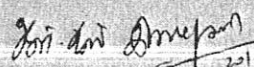
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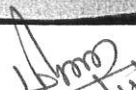
Former Director General,  
Central Council for Research in Siddha,  
Professor & Head of Department (Retd),  
National Institute of Siddha,  
Ministry of AYUSH, Govt. of India.  
Dated 20-7-2020

**TO WHOMSOEVER IT MAY CONCERN**

National Institute of Siddha (NIS), an autonomous body functioning under the Ministry of AYUSH, Government of India, is located in Tambaram Sanatorium, Chennai. It is a premier Post-graduate institute of Siddha medicine, conducting 8 branches of M.D (Siddha) courses. It focuses its attention on imparting high standard of Post-graduate teaching and research. I came on board this institution, from the day one of its inception, as one of the senior faculty members (Associate Professor) initially for 4 years on deputation and then as Professor and HoD on regular basis, since September 2008. I have also additionally worked in various capacities as Dean, Hospital Superintendent, Research Co-ordinator and Editor and Secretary of Journal of Siddha and NIS newsletter. As my official association with NIS was nearly 13 years and 8 months (including my 5 ½ year tenure on deputation in between as Director General of Central Council for Research in Siddha), I am fully aware of its growth and development at various stages. I could witness, within a short period of time of its inception, tremendously sharp increase in the number of patients visiting OPD of NIS hospital (Ayothidoss Pandithar Hospital) which has obtained **NABH accreditation**. It serves as a **referral hospital**. The **average daily OP census reported is 2000 and above**. The IP ward also is mostly seen with full bed-strength. The admission of students to the postgraduate M.D (Siddha) course was previously through a separate entrance examination and presently through NEET examination. It is a **Ph. D centre** recognised by the TN Dr.MGR Medical University and it has produced a considerable number of full time and Part time Ph.D degree holders. Most of the faculty members working in NIS are Ph.D degree holders. NIS has all the required infrastructure and workforce to impart high quality teaching and undertake quality research works. It has **Memoranda of Understanding** with various reputed teaching and research organisations and has been undertaking a great number of preclinical and clinical research studies. NIS has been organizing a number of conferences, seminars, Re-orientation Training programmes and workshops at Regional, National and International level. Instead of remaining affiliated to the present University, The Tamil Nadu Dr.M.G.R Medical University, which accommodates a number of Medical and Paramedical courses in modern medicine and AYUSH systems, if NIS is accorded academic autonomy, it can function more effectively and it can give more focussed attention on Siddha Education and Research.

I wholeheartedly recommend that NIS may be given **Deemed to be University** status under *De Novo* Category.

  
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Prof. Dr. R.S. RAMASWAMY

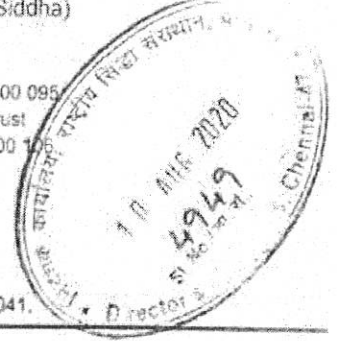
  
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National Institute of Siddha was started as a premier autonomous Institute under the Ministry of AYUSH to provide an Institute of excellence in Siddha education, research, and health service to the people of India. The institute is having a well qualified pool of faculty members. I feel proud that most of the faculty members, heads of the department and the director of NIS, Prof. Dr. R. Meenakumari are my students. I am very much impressed with their dedication and performance towards the upgradation of educational quality of Siddha system of medicine. The availability of regular faculty members in the fields of basic and modern medical sciences in addition to Siddha faculty members ensures that the training imparted to their PG scholars is comprehensive and well diversified. The average number of Out-patients consulting at the Ayothidoss Pandithar Hospital attached with the institute is more than 1,900 per day. National Institute of Siddha provides an outstanding health service to the people for more than a decade; it has earned a good reputation and faith among the patients. As a Senior Siddha physician, I feel proud to say that this is the first government Siddha hospital in the country accredited with NABH. I had been the Chairman of Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) of National Institute of Siddha. I had an opportunity to go through the research and educational proposals submitted by the faculties of National Institute Siddha. I am very much impressed with their interest to validate the Siddha medicine using the scientific parameters without compromising traditional values of Siddha medicine.

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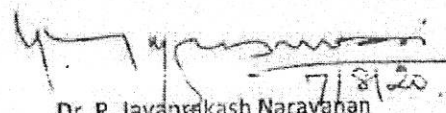
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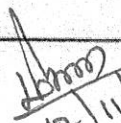
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In their research proposal they do balance the traditional knowledge and advancement of medical science wonderfully. The faculty members of NIS are participating in the national and international scientific conferences and also publishing research papers in the reputed journals. On account of enhancing the research quality, National Institute of Siddha has MoU with more than 10 research and medical institutes which include: SASTRA University, Tanjavur, Cancer Institute, Adyar, Chennai, University of Madras etc. National Institute of Siddha has received the funding from World Health Organization (WHO) to publish two monographs namely 1. Development of Standard Siddha Terminologies and 2. Siddha treatment guidelines for selected diseases. Currently, these books are a reference book for all the Siddha physicians. In the battle of COVID-19 pandemic, National Institute of Siddha is giving the ray of hope for the evaluation of an acceptable form of treatment protocol in the Siddha system of medicine. Upgrading of National Institute of Siddha to the Deemed to be University Status will bring required flexibility in formulation of curriculum and will help to improve the quality of education and research in the Siddha system of medicine on par with advancement of modern health system. I strongly recommend NIS may be granted Deemed to be University status under De-novo category.

  
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