



**PROSPECTUS FOR Ph.D PROGRAMME  
(2021-22)**

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**Notwithstanding anything contained in general Ordinances of the Institute, the admission, examinations etc. the course of study leading to award the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy by this Institute shall be governed by these Regulations.**

## **1. INTRODUCTION**

### **1.1. ABOUT NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF SIDDHA**

Siddha system is one of the oldest systems of medicine in India. The term ‘Siddha’ means achievement and the ‘Siddhars’ have contributed to the development of this medical system.

*“Medicine is the one that cures physical ailments*

*Medicine is the one that cures psychological ailments*

*Medicine is the one that prevents diseases*

*Medicine is the one that bestows immortality”*

- Thirumoolar

The National Institute of Siddha at Tambaram Sanatorium, Chennai – 600 047 has been constructed in 14.78 acres of land. This is an autonomous Institute under the Ministry of AYUSH, Government of India. It has been registered under the Societies Act.1975. The Institute has started functioning from 30.09.2004.

### **1.2. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF NIS**

- To promote the growth and development of Siddha system of Medicine
- To provide Health care through Siddha system
- To impart Post-Graduate and Doctoral education in Siddha system of Medicine
- To undertake research and dissemination of knowledge
- To act as a Center of excellence in Siddha

### **1.3. TEACHING PROGRAMMES IN NIS**

NIS is affiliated to the Tamil Nadu Dr.M.G.R.Medical University, Chennai – 600032.It follows the syllabus and curriculum as approved by the National Commission for Indian Systems of Medicine (NCISM), New Delhi and the Tamil Nadu Dr.M.G.R.Medical University, Chennai. Post-Graduate Departments in this Institute have been started in 2004. It is also a recognized centre for Ph.D programme, which has been started in 2011. NIS offers Post-Graduate Education in Eight specialties. Based on the marks obtained in the All India AYUSH Post-Graduate

Entrance Examination conducted by the Ministry of AYUSH and other relevant rules, the students are selected and admitted in the following Specialties:-

- Maruthuvam
- Gunapadam
- Pura Maruthuvam
- Varma Maruthuvam
- Siddhar Yoga Maruthuvam
- Kuzhandhai Maruthuvam
- Noi Naadal
- Nanju Maruthuvam

#### **1. 4. Ph.D PROGRAMME**

National Institute of Siddha is recognized by The Tamil Nadu Dr.M.G.R Medical University, Chennai for conducting Ph.D programme in the following 6 Departments for which the Ministry of AYUSH, Govt. of India has sanctioned 12 Ph.D seats to this Institute.

The following Departments have been recognized for conducting Ph.D programme:-

- Maruthuvam
- Gunapadam
- Sirappu Maruthuvam
- Kuzhandai Maruthuvam
- Noi Naadal
- Nanju Maruthuvam

#### **2. PURPOSE OF THE PH.D PROGRAMME:**

- To provide an opportunity to Siddha graduates, Teaching staff and Medical Officers who have completed M.D(Siddha) to undertake advanced studies and research in the field of Siddha. The Candidates should submit their research works for the award of Ph.D. degree to The Tamil Nadu Dr.M.G.R. Medical University, Chennai

### **3. DURATION OF THE COURSE:**

**The total duration of the Ph.D programme is three years. The Ph.D Scholars may be terminated at any time if the work and the conduct of candidates are found to be unsatisfactory.** Under special circumstances considering the importance of the work, Director, NIS, may extend the tenure of the Ph.D programme as deemed essential by the Guide and on par with the rules and regulations of The Tamil Nadu Dr.M.G.R.Medical University, Chennai

### **4. STIPEND:**

The Ph. D candidates will be paid a stipend of Rs. 50,035+DA for the first year and Rs. 51,990+DA for the second year, which may be revised from time-to-time as per the orders received from the Ministry of AYUSH. The stipend period will commence only after the confirmation of provisional registration of the candidate by The Tamil Nadu Dr.M.G.R.Medical University, Chennai. The stipend will be released on the basis of attendance certified by the respective Guide and /or Biometric attendance. **As per the extant rules, no stipend is admissible after 2 years. No Stipend / Salary is admissible for in-service candidate.**

### **5. ELIGIBILITY:**

Candidate seeking admission to the course of study leading to award of Doctor of Philosophy should have obtained a Post-Graduate Degree in Siddha, in the concerned subject under Indian Medicine Central Council Act, 1970.

**Age limit:** Age of the candidate applying for Ph.D programme should not exceed 32 years as on the last date of receipt of application. Age relaxation is applicable SC/ST/OBC and women candidate as per central Government norms.

### **6. LEAVE RULES:**

Ph.D Scholars are entitled for the following leave, which will be applicable only after the confirmation of provisional registration by The Tamil Nadu Dr.M.G.R.Medical University

- 8 days Casual Leave per year.
- 15 days Academic Leave per year. (on the basis of recommendation of the Guide, to be sanctioned by the Director NIS, Chennai)
- 10 days Medical leave per year on medical grounds
- Candidates are eligible for 40 days Maternity leave once in the whole period of Ph.D programme. (To be sanctioned by the Director, NIS, Chennai).

## 7. SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION:-

The Application should be downloaded from the NIS Website:www.nischennai.org. Filled in application form along with Demand draft of Rs.2,000/- (Rupees two thousand only) for OBC and UR, Rs.1500/- (Rupees one thousand five hundred only) for SC /ST as cost for application should be submitted by Registered post / Speed Post /in Person. Demand Draft should be drawn in favour of The Director, National Institute of Siddha payable at Chennai.

Cost of application form once remitted will not be refunded under any circumstances. Inadequately filled / incomplete applications will be summarily rejected.

## 8. MODE OF SELECTION:

Applications are invited through newspaper advertisement. In-service candidates must submit their application through competent authority. The Selection of the candidates will be done on the basis of merit based on a written examination with minimum qualifying marks of 55% for General and OBC candidates and 50% marks for SC/ST candidates, followed by interview by the Selection Committee, consisting of Director, Dean, Guide and a Senior faculty in the concerned specialty. If two candidates of the same category score equal marks in written exam, their date of birth will be considered for preparing the final merit list. In case the date of birth is similar then the total marks obtained in final year M.D (Siddha) examination will be considered for preparing the final merit list.

### Examination Pattern

The Question Paper will consist of 100 MCQ Questions from the following subjects:

Concerned PG subjects : 40 marks

Research Methodology and Bio Statistics: 40 marks

Fundamentals including Siddha Maruthuva  
Addippadai Thathuvangalum varalarum,  
Uyir vedhiyal, udal koorugal,  
udal thathuvam, nunn uyiriyal, } 20 Marks

One mark will be awarded for each correct answer. Negative marking also will be there. 0.25 marks will be deducted for each wrong answer or if more than one answer has been selected. Zero marks will be given for unattended questions.

## 9. FEES:-

The selected Candidates have to remit the following fee :-

S.No	Particulars	I year	II year	III year
		₹	₹	₹
1	Tuition fee	5000	0	0
2	Admission fee	5000	0	0
3	Research fee	45000	45000	45000
4	Bulletin fee	750	0	0
5	Computer & Internet fee	5000	5000	5000
6	Library fee	4000	4000	4000
7	Lab / Hospital fee	3000	3000	3000
8	Sports fee	1000	1000	1000
9	Annual Day /Cultural fee	1000	1000	1000
10	Literary fee	1000	1000	1000
11	Development fee	2500	2500	2500
12	Prospectus fee	2000	0	0
13	Identity card	500	0	0
14	Caution Deposit (Refundable)	25000	0	0
<b>Total</b>		<b>100750</b>	<b>62500</b>	<b>62500</b>

## 10. TOPIC OF RESEARCH:

Research topic should be relevant according to their specialty and follow the regulatory guidelines.

## 11. CONFERENCE:

Candidate should attend minimum two National /International Conferences in a year and should present atleast two research papers in a year.They are not eligible for DA/TA/Registration fees to meet out the expenses related to conferences.

## 12. PUBLICATION:

Ph.D work should be published in Peer reviewed, UGC /MCI approved journals as an article or in the form of book for its public utility.Acknowledgement should be given to NIS and The Tamil Nadu Dr.M.G.R.Medical University.

## 13. CONTINGENT GRANT:

Candidates are eligible for a Contingent Grant of Rs.15,000/- (Rupees Fifteen Thousand only) for Second and Third year only. Contingent Grant will be released to the candidate subject to the following rules:

a) The Candidate may utilize the Contingent Grant for purchase of apparatus, chemicals books and journals, xerox copies, photographs, typing, stationery, postage and field work/travel needed in connection with their PhD research project, study tours with the approval of the Director on the recommendation of the guide.

(b) The Contingent Grant is not intended for meeting expenditure, furniture etc., items normally provided by the Institute and payment of examination and other fees.

(c) The non-consumable articles purchased out of the Contingent Grant will be first entered in the accession/stock register of the library/store of the concerned department and then the articles will be issued to the Ph. D scholar, so as to ensure that on expiry/termination/relinquishment of the fellowship, the non-consumable articles must be refunded to the department.

(d) For all expenditure out of the Contingent Grant, a certificate from the Guide for the effect that the expenditure incurred is in furtherance of the approved PhD research project will be necessary.

(e) Travel allowance to be met out from the Contingent Grant for approved field work/travel in connection with the research work will be admissible by 3 tier A/C sleeper.

#### **14. NUMBER OF CANDIDATES:**

12 Ph.D candidates (Two candidates for each Department) for the academic year 2021-22 as per the availability of the Guides in National Institute of Siddha.

#### **15. RESERVATIONS:**

The communal reservation of candidates will be carried out provided as per Central Government rules admissible from time to time, provided they fulfill the minimum qualification laid down for the candidate. Reservation of seats for the year 2021-2022 will be as follows:-

S.No.	Specialty	UR	OBC	SC	ST	Total
1	Maruthuvam	0	0	2	0	2
2	Gunapadam	0	1	0	1	2
3	Sirappu Maruthuvam	2	0	0	0	2
4	Kuzhandhai Maruthuvam	2	0	0	0	2
5	Noi Naadal	2	0	0	0	2
6	Nanju Maruthuvam	0	2	0	0	2



## 16. PATENT RIGHTS:

Research work of the Ph.D candidate in respective departments will vest jointly with NIS Chennai, the Supervising Guide and the Candidate.

## 17. HOSTEL ACCOMMODATION:

Hostel accommodation will be provided to the Ph.D scholar subject to availability.

## 18. DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURE:

The candidate, if found indulging in any indiscipline or anti – social activities / creating nuisance in any manner, will be terminated from the Ph.D programme with immediate effect. In such case, the candidate has to refund the stipend fully received by them till date along with penalty of Rs.10,00,000/- (Rupees Ten lakhs) as mentioned in bond.

## 19. NAME OF SUPERVISING GUIDES:-

S.No.	Name of the Specialty	Name of the Guide
1	Maruthuvam	Dr.T.Lakshmi Kantham, Associate Professor Dr.H.Vetha Merlin Kumari, Associate Professor
2	Gunapadam	Dr.A.Mariappan, Associate Professor Dr.S.Visweswaran, Associate Professor
3	Sirappu Maruthuvam	Dr.N.J.Muthukumar, Professor Dr.V.Mahalakshmi, Associate Professor
4	Kuzhandhai Maruthuvam	Dr.M.Meenakshi Sundaram, Professor Dr.P.Arul Mozhi, Associate Professor
5	Noi Naadal	Dr.G.J.Christian, Professor Dr.S.Elansekaran, Associate Professor
6	Nanju Maruthuvam	Dr.P.Shanmugapriya, Associate Professor

## 20. IMPORTANT DATES;

S. No.	PARTICULARS	DATE
1	Downloading application form from the website (www.nischennai.org)	06.01.2022
2	Last date for downloading application form	07.02.2022
3	Last date for receipt of filled in application	07.02.2022

4	Date of written examination	06.03.2022
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## 21. GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CANDIDATES:

- a) The candidate will be governed by the rules and regulations as approved by the National Institute of Siddha, Chennai. and the regulation approved by the Tamil Nadu Dr.M.G.R.Medical University, Chennai.
- b) The candidate should perform full-time research work under the guide on the selected research topic.
- c) The candidate should not accept or hold any appointment or otherwise or receive any emoluments, salary, stipend etc., from any other sources during the tenure of the course.
- d) The candidate is also required to undertake teaching assignments as provided by the Institute, e.g., tutorials, practical demonstration, laboratory work, etc.
- e) If candidate wishes to discontinue the Ph.D programme before the end of the tenure, as per the Tamil Nadu Dr.M.G.R.Medical University norms it should be done with the prior approval of the Director, on the recommendation of the Guide. In such case, the candidate has to refund the stipend fully received by them till date along with penalty of Rs.10,00,000/- (Rupees Ten lakhs) as mentioned in bond.
- f) The candidate should obtain the prior permission of the Director on the recommendation of the Guide for appearing to any examination / Interview conducted by any University or other Institution.
- g) The candidate should complete the research work and submit the Ph.D thesis within the period prescribed by the Tamil Nadu Dr.M.G.R.Medical University, failing which the candidate should refund the entire stipend received by the candidate during the course along with penalty of Rs.10,00,000/- (Rupees Ten Lakhs only).

DIRECTOR