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M.D (SIDDHA) PROGRAMME

PROSPECTUS

2026-27

1. Introduction

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 Siddha system of medicine has evolved with the civilizations of Mohenjadaro and Harappa in the Indus valley around 10,000 years ago. This is a contribution of the Dravidian culture, which is one of the oldest cultures, to the world. This system is said to have developed mainly by 18 Siddhars out of which the great Sage Agasthiyar is considered as the Father of Siddha Medicine. Thirumoolar, the first disciple of Agasthiyar, is believed to have taken lifetime efforts for nurturing the growth and development of the Siddha system of medicine. This system is following unique methods in preventing, treating, and restoring the health of patients. The Siddha system of medicine relies on the concepts of moral principles such as *Naalozhukkam* and moral guidance such as *Pini Anugavidhi* which is extremely relevant to our current health care system to prevent people from various life threatening Communicable and Non–Communicable diseases. During the Covid-19 Pandemic the Siddha system of medicine was able to save the lives of number of acute, moderate and mild Covid patients through the timely application of preventive and curative medicines available in the system. The basic principle of this system is "*Unave Marunthu, Marunthe Unavu*", means "*Food is Medicine and Medicine is Food*".

2. About National institute of Siddha:

The National Institute of Siddha (NIS), Chennai is the only National Institute for Siddha system of medicine set up by the Ministry of AYUSH, Government of India during 2005. The Institution was dedicated to the Nation on 3rdSeptember 2005. The Institute is striving to be a Centre of Excellence in the Siddha system of Medicine by offering Under Graduate course, Post Graduate courses (PG) in 8 Siddha disciplines and Ph.D. programmes in 8 Siddha disciplines. The Institute is also providing affordable medical care through the Ayothidoss Pandithar Hospital attached to it. The Institute undertakes several measures to promote and propagate the Siddha system of medicine. The Institute is conducting special OPDs, a tribal OPD at Kothimangalam village, Chengalpattu District, Specialty Integrative Traditional Siddha Medicine OPD (SISMO) at Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE), Manipal, Karnataka, Siddha OPD Unit at IIT Madras, Chennai, Siddha OPD at ICMR-NITM Belagavi, Karnataka and Swasthya Rakshan OPD. Swasthya Parikshan camps are being conducted at 5 places in Chengalpattu and Kanchipuram districts. This institute is taking steps to develop a curriculum to integrate the traditional science with modern science. Various research projects are underway in this Institute to validate the efficacy and safety of the Siddha formulations to enhance their acceptability.

3. Aims and Objectives of the Institute:

- To promote the growth and development of Siddha system of medicine.
- To provide healthcare services to the public through Siddha system of medicine.
- To impart the Under Graduate & Post Graduate and Ph.D education in Siddha system of medicine.
- To undertake research and dissemination.
- To develop act as a center of excellence.

4. Teaching and Research activities

This Institute is affiliated to The Tamilnadu Dr.M.G.R. Medical University, Chennai and it follows the syllabus and curriculum approved by the National Commission for Indian System of Medicine (NCISM). The Institute is conducting M.D Siddha programmes in 8 specialities and Ph.D programmes in 8 Specialities. This institute is conducting BSMS course with an annual intake capacity of 60 seats since 2022-23. The Institute is also conducting various research projects, internship programmes, teachers training programmes, seminars and workshops, Conferences, Medical Camp, and Health awareness programes from time to time.

M.D (Siddha) Programme in the following specialties are offered in this Institute

Sl.No.	Name of Specialty	No. of Seats
1	Pothu Maruthuvam	10
2	Gunapadam - Marunthiyal	5
	Gunapadam - Marunthakaviyal	5
3	Kuzhandhai Maruthuvam	10
4	Noi Naadal	9
5	Sattam Saarntha Maruthuvamum Nanju Maruthuvamum	9
6	Pura Maruthuvam	3
7	Varmam Maruthuvam	4
8	Siddhar Yoga Maruthuvam	3
Total		58

5. Duration of the Programme:

The duration of M.D (Siddha) Degree Programme is 36 months (Thirty six months) as per the curriculum recommended by NCISM and The TN Dr MGR Medical University. On successful completion, these Post-Graduate scholars are awarded M.D (Siddha) Degree by the Tamil Nadu Dr.M.G.R. Medical University, Chennai.

6. Important Information

1	**Address for Correspondence:** Director National Institute of Siddha Tambaram Sanatorium, Chennai Tamil Nadu – 600 047 Website:www.nischennai.org PhoneNo:044-22411611/FAX:044-22381314 Email: director.nis-tn@gov.in academics-nis@gov.in

2	**Course Fee:** Examination fees, as prescribed by the Tamil Nadu Dr. M.G.R. Medical University from time to time, shall be collected from the students along with the Examination Application Form to be submitted to the University.

Sl. No.	*Item*	*I Year (Rs.)*	*II Year (Rs.)*	*III Year (Rs.)*
1	Admission Fee	2500	-	-
2	Tuition Fee	30000	30000	30000
3	Computer & Internet Fee	2525	2525	2525
4	Library Fee	1500	1500	1500
5	Entertainment Fee	700	700	700
6	Sports Fee	700	700	700
7	Annual Day Fee	700	700	700
8	Counselling Fee	750	-	-
9	Laboratory /Hospital Fee	1500	1500	1500
10	Identity Card	100	-	-
11	Caution Deposit	12500	-	-
Total		**53,475**	**37,625**	**37,625**

3	**Mode of Payment:** The Candidates those who are selected should submit a Demand Draft drawn from any Nationalized Bank in favor of "**The Director, National Institute of Siddha",** payable at Chennai. **NB: The DD should be submitted at the time of admission to the MD (Siddha)Programme**

7. General Instructions

1	The candidates should read all the instructions given in Ayush Admissions Central Counseling Committee (AACCC) & FAQ in AACCC

8. Eligibility for admission

1	Admission will be done based on the AIAPGET-2026 Merit list, reservation norms of Govt. of India and as per AACCC Guidelines, NCISM and the Tamil Nadu Dr. M G R Medical University regulations.
2	Candidate should produce the Provisional Certificate or Degree Certificate from the recognized University and the Registration Certificate issued either in their State Council of Indian Medicine / Tamil Nadu Siddha Medical Council (or)National Commission for Indian System of Medicine at the time of reporting to this Institute
3	Candidates from foreign countries shall have obtained a B.S.M.S. Degree or any other equivalent qualification recognized by the National Commission for Indian System of Medicine (NCISM), New Delhi, and shall have successfully completed the Compulsory Rotary Residential Internship (CRRI) as prescribed.
4	The candidates should be a citizen of India(Not applicable to students from foreign countries)

9. Method of Admission

1	As per Ayush Admission Central Counselling Committee Guidelines
2	Requests for extension of time to join or change of date of admission will not be accepted in anycase.
3	Selected candidates shall have to remit the First Year Fee of**Rs.53,475 /- (Rupees Fifty three thousand four hundred and seventy five only)**by way of a Demand Draft issued by any Nationalized Bank drawn in favour of "**The Director, National Institute of Siddha", payable at Chennai**. If any candidate fails to remit the above prescribed fee he/she will lose his/her right for admission to the MD (Siddha) programme. Request for extension of time for remitting the fee will not be considered in any case and the seat will be Allotted for further rounds of counseling by AACCC.
4	Physical Fitness Certificate from a State/Central Government Doctor not below the rank of Asst.Surgeon should be submitted at the time of joining the course.
5	**If the candidate fails to report to the Institute for attending the classes after the last date of joining the course prescribed by AACCC by paying the prescribed fees, the amount of fees paid by the candidate at the time of admission to the MD (Siddha) Course of this Institute would be forfeited.**

10. Additional instructions to fill up reservation category seats

1. SC / ST Candidates should produce valid Community Certificate issued by the Competent Authority.
2. OBC Candidates should produce valid OBC Certificate showing their exclusion from Creamy Layer for the year 2026-27 as per the Govt. of India Notifications issued from time to time.
3. SC/ST/OBC candidates selected against UR seats have to submit their community certificate at the time of admission as per the AACCC norms for admission for the Academic Year 2026-27, failing which their admission cannot be processed in the system.
4. EWS Candidates should produce Income and Asset Certificate issued by the competent authority in the prescribed format valid for the financial year 2026-27 as per **OM No.36039/1/2019-Estt (Res) dated 31stJanuary, 2019** issued by Department of Personnel & Training.

11. Stipend

1. All the M.D (Siddha) scholars (except Foreign students) shall be paid stipend at the approved rates as per government of India norms. Foreign candidates will be paid stipend/scholarship through ICCR as per the scheme of the concerned agency/ICCR applicable to them.
2. The stipend will be paid only after verification of the attendance and on the recommendation of satisfactory progress of the P.G. student by the respective Head of the Department.
3. Stipend shall be paid only to the candidates doing M.D.(S) course for the **FIRST TIME**. Candidates **who repeat the MD (Siddha) course, as a fresh student after discontinuation shall not be eligible to receive any stipend**.
4. The students joining the M.D (Siddha) Course shall execute a Notarized Bond in the given format on Non-judicial stamp paper agreeing that he/she would complete the M.D (Siddha) course within the stipulated time.

12. Leave

1.The following types of leave are available to the M.D (Siddha) students. They will be eligible to receive their stipend during the following leave periods:

Sl. No.	*Type of Leave*	*No. of days*	*Remarks*
1	**Casual Leave**(CL)	10 days in an Academic Year	Eligible for stipend Unutilized CL cannot be carried forward to the next Academic Year
2	**Medical Leave**(ML)	15 days in an Academic Year	Eligible for stipend The leave application shall be duly supported by the Medical Certificate issued by a Government Doctor and should be recommended by the HoD. **Medical leave cannot be combined with CL.** Unutilized ML cannot be carried forward to the next Academic Year
3	**Maternity Leave**	Maximum 40 days only once in the whole of their study period	Eligible for stipend The leave application shall be duly supported by the Medical Certificate issued by a Government Doctor and should be recommended by the HoD. **Maternity Leave cannot be combined with CL**.
4	**Academic Leave**	30 days during the entire M.D.(Siddha) Course	Eligible for stipend Will be granted On the recommendation of respective HoD for conducting academic /research works at other places/institutions.

			or For attending any seminar/workshop in which the student's paper has been accepted for which the student will have to bear all the expenses.

13. Attendance:

1. Attendance in practical and theory classes as prescribed by the University and NCISM for appearing in the University examinations is mandatory.

2. Attendance in both theory and practical classes, as prescribed by the Tamil Nadu Dr. M.G.R. Medical University and the National Commission for Indian System of Medicine (NCISM), is mandatory for eligibility to appear in the University examinations.

14. Anti-Ragging Policy

1. The clauses of the regulations of the Tamil Nadu Dr. M.G.R. Medical University with regard to ragging are followed strictly in this Institute to implement the Anti Ragging measures.

2. The provisions of the Anti-Ragging Regulations of the Tamil Nadu Dr. M.G.R. Medical University, and the National Commission for Indian System of Medicine (NCISM), as applicable, are strictly implemented in the Institute. A full-fledged Anti-Ragging Committee and Anti-Ragging Squad have been constituted to prevent and address incidents of ragging and to ensure a safe, secure, and conducive academic environment for all students.

3. Each student and his/her parent have to submit a written undertaking in this respect during every academic year. The same undertaking is also to be submitted online every year in the website www.antiragging.in/Site/Affidavits_Registration.aspx to fulfill the online compliance of anti ragging regulations on curbing the menace of ragging in higher educational Institutions.

15. Course Discontinuation/ Unauthorized Absence

1. Unauthorized absence of the student will be treated as willful absence and no stipend shall be paid for such periods of absence. Disciplinary action, as deemed fit by the Competent Authority, including termination of the student from the course and recovery of the stipend paid may be imposed on the student in such cases.
2. If the student is absent for more than 30 days without prior permission of the Competent Authority/without intimation to the Institute, such student will stand automatically terminated from the M.D (Siddha) Course without notice.
3. The break in study period upto three months can be condoned by the Director, National Institute of Siddha.
4. If the break in study period is more than 3 months but less than 18 months, the

candidate should apply to the University through this Institute for condonation of the break in study.

5. If the break period exceeds 18 months, the candidate will be discharged from the course. He/she will have to refund the total stipend received by him/her till the date of discontinuation. The fees paid by him/her till the date of discontinuation will also be forfeited.
6. If a student discontinues the M.D(Siddha) Programme due to any reason he/ she shall have to pay the total stipend received by him/her up to the date of discontinuation of his/her M.D(Siddha) Programme.
7. In the event of the demise of a student during the period of study or a student being declared as invalid by a Medical Board, duly constituted by the Govt. / Institute, the stipend paid to him / her will not be recovered by the Institute.
8. In addition to the above, the Institute shall adopt any notification issued by The Tamilnadu Dr. M.G.R. Medical University from time-to-time in this regard.

16. Notarized Bond

The candidates joining the M.D (Siddha) Programme of this Institute should submit a **Notarised Bond**, in Rs. 200/- (Rupees Two Hundred only) Stamp Paper, in the prescribed format as given in the Annexure of this Prospectus.

17. Research, Seminars and Extension Activities

Every scholar shall participate / present papers in the workshops/ seminars conducted in the Institute or University level. Departmental seminars will be regularly conducted and eminent scholars / medical experts would be invited to deliver guest lectures for exchange of views. All scholars have to compulsorily participate in such seminars and conferences. The scholars are expected to publish at least one paper in NCISM/University approved, Indexed journal every year

18. Hostel

Separate hostel facilities are available for both Male and Female candidates. Accommodation will be allotted to the candidates according to the availability of the rooms. The Hostel Fees fixed from time to time by the Internal Finance Committee / Governing Council of the Institute will be collected. Scholars should abide the Hostel rules and the directions of the Warden / Deputy Warden i/c and Competent Authority on all occasions.

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INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CANDIDATES FOR FILLING UP OF THE NOTARIZED BOND:-

1. Bond should be typed inRs.200/-stamp paper.

2. Each page of the bond should be signed by the student & Parent.

3. Each page of the bond should be certified by the Notary Public along with seal.

4. Surety I & II should be class 1, Group A Gazette officer. Sureties should sign along with seal wherever necessary.

5. All the Instructions mentioned above should be complied with. Incomplete bond will be rejected and their stipend will be claimed only after completion of all instructions.

DISCLAIMER

1. The Director, National Institute of Siddha reserves the right to change of modify or delete the contents of this Prospectus partially or completely without assigning any reasons thereto.

2. The Information provided in this Prospectus is dynamic in nature which is subject to change with the approval of the Competent Authority from time-to time

3. The Schedule of events are tentative and changes, if any, will be circulated at that time.

4. Kindly refer to the documents/regulations/rules/orders and the Bylaws of the National Institute of Siddha/NCISM/AACCC/The Tamil nadu Dr. MGR Medical University from time-to-time for complete, accurate and up-to-date information.

5. The legal jurisdiction will be Chennai only.