Overview

Central Council for Research in Siddha (CCRS) is an autonomous organization under the Ministry of Ayush, Government of India. The CCRS is an autonomous organization registered under the Societies Act in July 2010. The Ministry of Ayush was created during the year 2014 for effective development and promotion of Ayush systems. Central Council for Research in Siddha was established as a separate Council during the year 2010, bifurcated from the erstwhile Central Council for Research in Ayurveda and Siddha (CCRAS). It is an apex body of Siddha system of Medicine in India and an authority for setting up the standards for research in arriving the methodologies and guidelines.

The activities of the Council are carried out through its 9 Institutes / Units located all over India. The Council has also taken up collaborative studies with various Universities, Hospitals and Institutes to widen the research perspectives. In addition to these activities the Council is conducting outreach activities viz. Swasthya Rakshan Programme and Swachta Action Plan.

The objectives for which the Central Council for Research in Siddha has been established are:

- 1. To formulate the aims and patterns of research on scientific lines in Siddha.
- 2. To undertake any research or other related programmes in Siddha.
- 3. To initiate, aid, develop and coordinate scientific research in different aspects, fundamental and applied aspects of Siddha and to promote and assist research institutions for the study of diseases, their prevention and remedy.
- 4. To exchange information with other institutions, associations and societies interested in the objects similar to those of CCRS and especially in observation and study of diseases.
- 5. To prepare, print, publish and exhibit papers, posters, pamphlets, periodicals, monographs and books for furtherance of the objectives of CCRS.
- 6. To issue appeals and make applications for money and funds in furtherance of the objectives of the CCRS and to accept for the aforesaid purpose gifts, donations and subscriptions of cash and securities and of any property whether movable or immovable.
- 7. To borrow or rise funds 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 CCRS or in any other manner whatsoever.
- 8. To invest and deal with the funds and monies of the CCRS or entrusted to the CCRS not immediately required in such a manner as may from time to time be determined by the General Body of the Central Council.
- 9. To permit the funds of the CCRS to be held by the Government of India.
- 10. To acquire and hold, whether temporarily or permanently any movable or immovable property necessary or convenient for the furtherance of the objects of the CCRS.

- 11. To sell, lease, mortgage and exchange and otherwise transfer any of the properties movable or immovable of the CCRS provided prior approval of the Central Government is obtained for the transfer of immovable property.
- 12. To purchase, construct, maintain and alter any buildings or works necessary or convenient for the purpose of the CCRS.
- 13. To undertake and accept the management of any endowment or trust fund for donation, undertaking or acceptance whereof may seem desirable.
- 14. To offer prizes and grant of scholarships, including travelling scholarships in furtherance of the objects of the CCRS.
- 15. 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.
- 16. To establish a provident fund and /or pension fund for the benefit of the Council's employees and / or their family members.
- 17. To do all such lawful things either alone or in conjunction with others as the CCRS may consider necessary or as being incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects.
- 18. To undertake R & D consultancy projects and transfer of patents on drugs and processes to industries.
- 19. To undertake R & D projects sponsored by industries in public / private sector.
- 20. To undertake international and inter-agency collaboration.
- 21. Utilization of results of research conducted and payment of share of royalties / consultancy fees to those who have contributed towards pursuit of such research.
- 22. To enter into arrangements with scientific agencies of other Countries for exchange of Scientists, study tours, training in specialized areas, conducting joint projects etc.
- 23. To provide technical assistance to Govt. / Private Agencies in matters consistent with the activities of the Council.
- 24. To assist Medicinal Plants Board, Government of India in achieving its objectives.
- 25. To constitute 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.

Vision

Preservation and transmission of knowledge and enhancement of the quality of research for developing drugs with quality, safety and efficacy through well-established preclinical and clinical Research facilities - to prevent /manage/cure the diseases of varied aetiology.

Mission

- To undertake scientific research works in Siddha in a time-bound and cost-effective manner, to coordinate, aid, promote and collaborate research with different units of sister Councils and Research Organizations.
- To publish research articles / research journals, to exhibit achievements and to propagate research outcomes for all the stakeholders.
- To aim for AYUSHMAN Bharat by way of promoting better health through evidence based Siddha principles and practices.
- To develop CCRS into a dynamic, vibrant and model research organization for undertaking, coordinating, aiding and promoting research in Siddha.
- To bring up modern scientific knowledge, technology to explore Siddha scientific treasure following prevalent scientific methods.
- To attain global leadership in research for treatment and prevention of emerging important lifestyle related diseases and health requirement.
 - To provide consultancy services for research projects and drug development (adopting both classical and modern techniques / equipments for diagnosis, evolving evidence based Siddha drug treatment / therapy and promoting Siddha drug manufacture in collaboration with the other technical organizations).

The activities of the Council are

- Clinical Research
- Pre-clinical Research / Pharmacological Research
- Drug Research
- Medicinal Plant Research (Medico-Ethno Botanical Research, Pharmacognosy)
- Literary Research and Documentation

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- 1. Siddha Central Research Institute, Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- 2. Siddha Regional Research Institute, Puducherry
- 3. Siddha Regional Research Institute, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala
- 4. Siddha Clinical Research Unit, Palayamkottai, Tamil Nadu
- 5. Siddha Medicinal Plants Garden, Mettur, Tamil Nadu
- 6. Siddha Clinical Research Unit, Safdarjung Hospital Campus, New Delhi
- 7. Siddha Clinical Research Unit, Bengaluru, Karnataka
- 8. Siddha Clinical Research Unit, Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh
- 9. Siddha Clinical Research Unit, Goa
- 10. Siddha Wing, AYUSH Wellness Clinic, Rashtrapati Bhawan, New Delhi
- 11. Siddha OP Wing, All India Institute of Ayurveda, New Delhi
- 12. Siddha Medical Services Unit, Health Centre, Pondicherry University

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