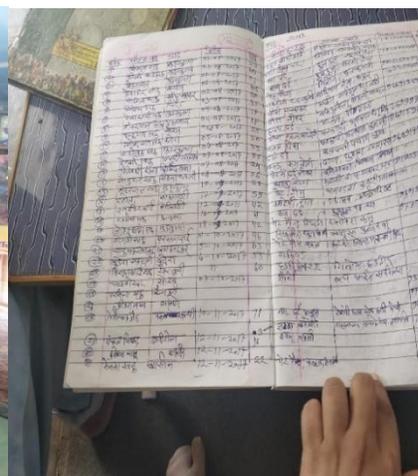


Certification of Folk Healers of Chhattisgarh in July, 2019 under VCSTCHP Scheme

The fifth batch of certification for the Traditional Community Healthcare Providers (commonly known as Folk Healers) and the second for Chhattisgarh has been completed under the Voluntary Certification Scheme for Traditional community Healthcare Providers for the healers of C.G. state. The Voluntary Certification Scheme for the Traditional Community Healthcare Providers is owned jointly by the Quality Council of India (QCI), New Delhi and the Foundation for the Revitalisation of Local Health Traditions, Bangalore and had its national launch in March 2017. The 4-day evaluation from 12th July to 15th July, 2019 for the assessment of the Knowledge and skills of the Folk Healers was conducted by the QCI approved Third Party Personnel Certification Body- Etica Clinpharm Pvt Ltd, Raipur, Chhattisgarh as per the competence criteria laid down under the Scheme. An evaluation team lead by empaneled evaluators Dr. Deepesh Megwani (BAMS) along with 6 senior TCHPs and 3 PrCB trained Professionals (MSWs) with support staff conducted the evaluation. The evaluation team travelled along with the Certification head (Mr. Yogendra Choudhary) of the Etica Clinpharm Pvt Ltd (ECert), Raipur. On Day-1 oral evaluation and demonstration by the healers was conducted at Samudayik Bhawan of Dhanapuri, Balod, C.G. On day 2, 3 & 4 inspection of the healer's practice station for hygiene, medicinal plant garden, record keeping, dispensing of medicines and interacting with their patients was done in 4 districts of Chhattisgarh – Balod, Durg, Koriya & Raipur. The entire certification process was conducted by the team of duly trained and empaneled senior TCHPs.



It is noteworthy that 23 Folk Healers raised the certification fee from their own resources and applied for the assessment of their knowledge and skill to get certified under the ISO 17024 based Personnel Certification. 18 Folk Healers were declared successful and certified along with 2 applicants pending to be evaluated. This was the fifth batch who got certification under the VCSTCHP scheme in India. It is expected

that more certifications would follow shortly in Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Gujrat and Uttar Pradesh.
