

Certification of Folk Healers of Madhya Pradesh in July 2019 under VCSTCHP Scheme

The fourth batch of certification for the Traditional Community Healthcare Providers (commonly known as Folk Healers) and the first for Madhya Pradesh has been completed under the Voluntary Certification Scheme for the Traditional Community Healthcare Providers for the healers of M.P. 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 03rd July to 06th 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. Gaurav Shrivastava (BAMS) & Dr. Pragyan Tripathi (MD Ayurved, BAMS) along with 3 senior TCHPs and 2 PrCB trained professionals (MSWs) with support staff conducted the evaluation. The evaluation team travelled along with the Certification Head (Mr. Yogendra Choudhary) of Etica Clinpharm Pvt Ltd (ECert), Raipur. On Day-1 oral evaluation and demonstration by the healers was conducted at Narmade Ayurvedum Centre, central hall, 2nd floor, Ujjain, M.P. and on Day 2, 3 & 4 inspection of the healers' practice station for hygiene, medicinal plant garden, record keeping, dispensing of medicines and interacting with their patients was done in 7 districts of Madhya Pradesh - Ujjain, Agar Malwa, Ratlam, Mandsoor, Vidhisha, Hosangabad, and Kargaon. The entire certification process was conducted by the team of duly trained and empanelled senior TCHP's.



It is noteworthy that 16 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. 12 Folk Healers were declared successful and certified. This was the fourth batch who got certification under the VCSTCHP scheme in India. It is expected that more certifications would follow shortly in Chhattisgarh, Maharashtra, Gujarat and Uttar Pradesh.
