

Certification of Folk Healers of Chhattisgarh in February, 2020 under VCSTCHP Scheme

The twelfth batch of certification for the Traditional Community Healthcare Providers (commonly known as Folk Healers) and fifth for Chhattisgarh has been completed under the Voluntary Certification Scheme for Traditional community Healthcare Providers for the healers of Chhattisgarh 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 5-day evaluation from 25th to 29th February, 2020 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 Meghwani (BAMS) along with 4 senior TCHPs and 4 PrCB trained Professionals (MSW and Life Sciences Postgraduates) 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 Gramin Vanaspati and Paramparagat Samudaayik Kendra, Haranmudi Pali Van Mandal, Katghora, Korba, C.G. On day 2, 3, 4 and 5 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 7 districts of Chhattisgarh – Raipur, Bilaspur, Janjgir-Champa, Mungeli, Dhamtari, Korba, Koriya. The entire certification process was conducted by the team of duly trained and empaneled senior TCHPs.



It is noteworthy that 31 Folk Healers applied for the assessment of their knowledge and skill to get certified under the ISO 17024 based Personnel Certification. 27 Folk Healers were declared successful and certified. This was the twelfth batch that got certification under the VCSTCHP scheme in India. It is expected that more certifications would follow shortly in Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Punjab and Haryana.
