



9th Scientific Advisory Board Meeting of CCRS **held to Strengthen Siddha Research and Innovation**

The **9th Scientific Advisory Board (SAB) Meeting** of the **Central Council for Research in Siddha (CCRS)**, Ministry of Ayush, Government of India, was successfully conducted on **12 March 2024** in a **hybrid mode** at the CCRS Headquarters, Chennai. The meeting was chaired by **Padma Shri Dr. G. Veluchamy**, Former Director of the Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS), National Institute of Siddha (NIS), and Central Research Institute (Siddha), whose vast experience and expertise have significantly contributed to the advancement of Indian Systems of Medicine.

The meeting brought together distinguished experts, researchers, academicians, and members of the Scientific Advisory Board to review ongoing research activities and provide strategic direction for the advancement of Siddha medicine through scientific research and innovation.

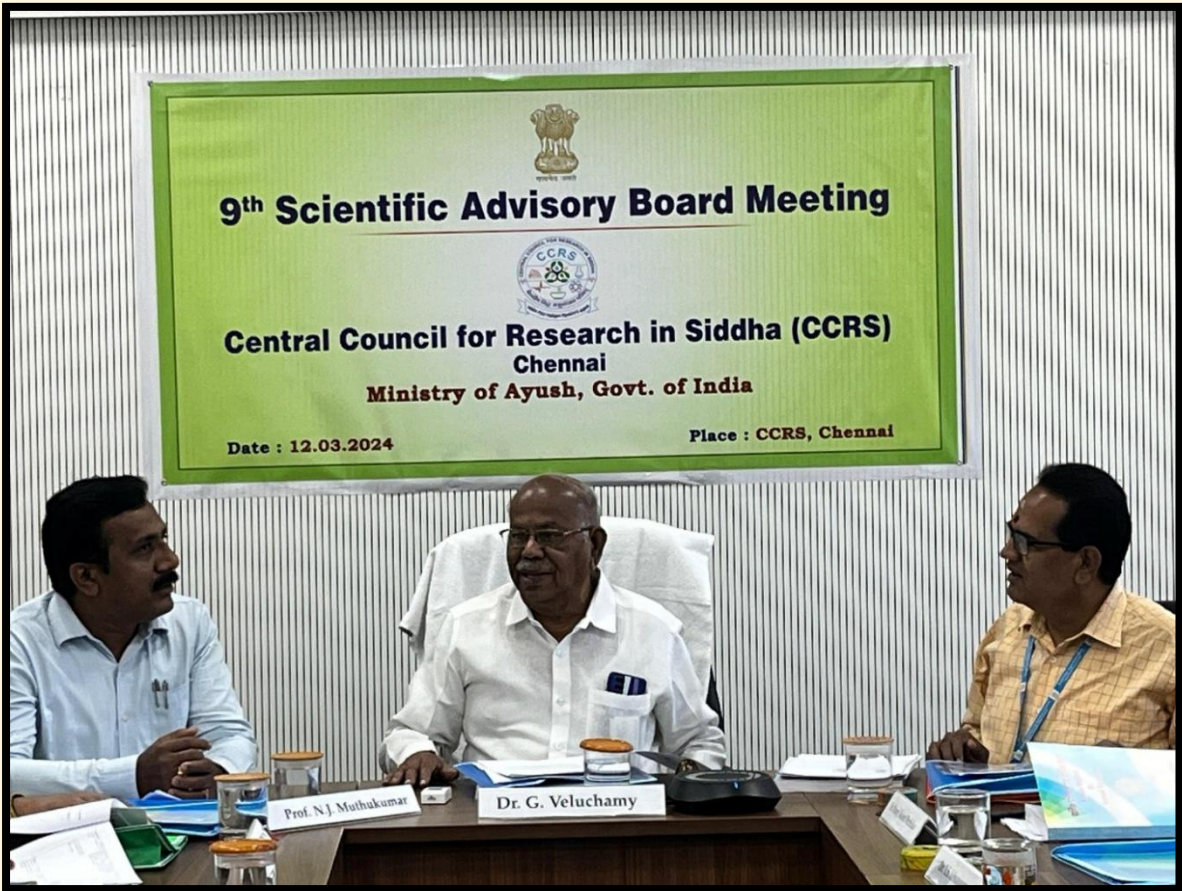
A key outcome of the meeting was the evaluation and **approval of eleven (11) new research projects** spanning literary, drug, and clinical research domains. The approved projects focused on the annotation, translation, deciphering, and preservation of classical Siddha texts, strengthening the documentation and dissemination of traditional knowledge. The Board also endorsed initiatives aimed at drug standardization and validation, along with clinical and observational studies to generate scientific evidence for Siddha diagnostic principles and therapeutic interventions.

The approved projects reflect CCRS's continued commitment to integrating traditional Siddha knowledge with contemporary research methodologies, thereby strengthening the evidence base and global relevance of the Siddha system of medicine.

Prof. Dr. N. J. Muthukumar, Director General, CCRS and Member Secretary of the Scientific Advisory Board, conveyed sincere gratitude to the Chairperson and Members for their valuable guidance and support.

The successful conduct of the 9th SAB Meeting marked a key milestone in advancing quality research, innovation, and the scientific growth of Siddha medicine.







10th Scientific Advisory Board (SAB) Meeting of CCRS

Strengthens Siddha Research Initiatives

The **10th Scientific Advisory Board (SAB) Meeting** of the **Central Council for Research in Siddha (CCRS)**, **Ministry of Ayush, Government of India**, was convened on **10 March 2025** at the CCRS Headquarters. The meeting served as an important platform for reviewing the progress of ongoing research activities and charting future directions for the advancement of Siddha medicine through scientific research and innovation.

The meeting was chaired by **Prof. Dr. V. Banumathi, Former Director, National Institute of Siddha (NIS)**, whose extensive experience and leadership in the field of Siddha medicine provided valuable guidance to the deliberations.

Prof. Dr. N. J. Muthukumar, Director General, CCRS and Member Secretary of the Scientific Advisory Board, welcomed the Chairperson and esteemed members of the SAB. He highlighted the Council's ongoing efforts in promoting high-quality research, strengthening evidence generation, and enhancing the scientific validation of Siddha principles and practices.

During the meeting, the SAB undertook a comprehensive review of the ongoing research projects being implemented by CCRS across various domains of Siddha medicine. The members evaluated the progress, outcomes, and scientific relevance of these projects and provided valuable recommendations for their effective execution and wider impact.

A significant outcome of the meeting was the approval of **Sixteen (16) new research projects** aimed at addressing priority healthcare needs and generating robust scientific evidence for Siddha interventions. These projects encompass diverse areas of literary research. The newly approved projects are expected to contribute substantially to strengthening the evidence base of Siddha medicine and enhancing its role in integrative healthcare.

The SAB also offered strategic guidance on fostering interdisciplinary collaborations, encouraging innovation in research methodologies, promoting translational research, and expanding national and international research partnerships. Emphasis was laid on generating quality scientific data, publishing research findings in reputed journals, and ensuring that research outcomes effectively benefit healthcare delivery and public well-being.

The 10th Scientific Advisory Board Meeting marked another significant milestone in CCRS's commitment to advancing Siddha medicine through evidence-based research and development.



11th Scientific Advisory Board (SAB) Meeting of CCRS

The **11th Scientific Advisory Board (SAB) Meeting** of the **Central Council for Research in Siddha (CCRS)**, Ministry of Ayush, Government of India, was held on **11 March 2026** at the CCRS Headquarters, Tambaram Sanatorium, Chennai. The meeting served as a significant forum for reviewing the progress of ongoing research activities and charting future directions for the advancement of Siddha medicine through scientific research and evidence generation.

The meeting was chaired by **Prof. Dr. V. Banumathi, Former Director, National Institute of Siddha (NIS)**. **Prof. Dr. N. J. Muthukumar, Director General, CCRS and Member Secretary of the Scientific Advisory Board**, welcomed the Chairperson and the esteemed members of the SAB and presented an overview of the Council's ongoing research initiatives and achievements.

During the meeting, the Director General apprised the SAB of the research activities being undertaken by CCRS and its peripheral institutes and units across the country. The deliberations focused on strengthening research outcomes, enhancing scientific validation of Siddha principles and practices, and identifying priority areas for future research and development.

A major outcome of the meeting was the approval of **Thirteen (13) new research projects** spanning diverse domains of Siddha research. These projects include initiatives related to the collection, preservation, deciphering, digitization, and documentation of ancient Siddha manuscripts and literary resources, thereby contributing to the safeguarding and dissemination of the rich textual heritage of Siddha medicine.

The SAB approved thirteen new research projects covering literary, drug, clinical, and multidisciplinary research domains. The projects focus on documenting and preserving traditional Siddha knowledge, ethnomedicine, paediatric care, toxicology, and indigenous healthcare practices through field-based studies. The Board also endorsed initiatives on pharmacopoeial standards, drug standardization, medicinal plant research, and scientific validation of Siddha concepts through modern biochemical and evidence-based approaches.

The members provided valuable guidance for strengthening the quality, relevance, and impact of Siddha research, with emphasis on evidence generation, interdisciplinary collaboration, and translation of research findings into healthcare applications. The successful conduct of the 11th SAB Meeting marks another significant step in advancing research, innovation, and the scientific foundation of Siddha medicine.





