



9th Siddha Day Celebrations:

Honouring Excellence in Siddha Medicine

As part of the 9th Siddha Day celebrations, the Ministry of Ayush, Government of India, in collaboration with the National Institute of Siddha (NIS), Central Council for Research in Siddha (CCRS), and the Directorate of Indian Medicine and Homoeopathy, Government of Tamil Nadu, organized a grand commemorative event at Kalaivanar Arangam, Chennai, on 03 January 2026 under the theme “Siddha for Global Health.” The event featured various activities aimed at promoting Siddha medicine and its global relevance. The celebration marked the observance of the 9th Siddha Day, officially commemorated on 06 January 2026.

The celebrations were inaugurated by **Shri C. P. Radhakrishnan, Hon’ble Vice President of India**, who emphasized the importance of preserving and promoting the rich heritage of Siddha medicine and its ancient literary treasures. He also appreciated the Siddha Heritage Exhibition organized by CCRS, which showcased medicinal plants, raw drugs, classical Siddha formulations, rare manuscripts, and historical medical texts.

The event was graced by distinguished dignitaries including **Shri Prataprao Jadhav, Hon’ble Minister of State (Independent Charge), Ministry of Ayush**; **Shri Ma. Subramanian, Hon’ble Minister for Health, Medical Education and Family Welfare, Government of Tamil Nadu**; **Ms. Monalisha Dash, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Ayush**; **Prof. Dr. N. J. Muthukumar, Director General, CCRS**; and **Prof. Dr. G. Senthilvel, Director, National Institute of Siddha**.

A major highlight of the celebration was the **felicitation of five eminent Siddha practitioners** in recognition of their outstanding contributions to the growth, development, education, research, and clinical advancement of the Siddha system of medicine. The Ministry of Ayush honoured these distinguished personalities for their lifelong dedication and exemplary service in preserving and promoting Siddha healthcare.

The recipients of the honour were:

- **Dr. B. Michael Jeyaraj**
- **Dr. T. Kannan Rajaram**
- **Dr. I. Sornamariammal**
- **Dr. Mohan Raj**
- **Dr. V. Banumathi**

The recognition of these stalwarts reflects the Government of India's commitment to acknowledging excellence and inspiring future generations of Siddha practitioners, researchers, and academicians.

The celebrations also featured a Siddha Herbal Expo and Exhibition, free Siddha medical camps, herbal sapling distribution programmes, national conferences, seminar series, and various academic and student engagement activities. These initiatives highlighted the relevance of Siddha medicine in contemporary healthcare and its growing role in promoting preventive and holistic health practices.

The 9th Siddha Day celebrations reaffirmed the collective commitment of the Ministry of Ayush and its institutions towards strengthening Siddha medicine through research, education, innovation, and global outreach, thereby advancing its contribution to public health and well-being.



Hon'ble Vice President of India, Shri C. P. Radhakrishnan, presenting the Siddha Excellence Award to Dr. B. Michael Jeyaraj



Hon'ble Vice President of India, Shri C. P. Radhakrishnan, presenting the Siddha Excellence Award to Mrs. Mohan Raj, who received the honour on behalf of Dr. Mohan Raj



Hon'ble Vice President of India, Shri C. P. Radhakrishnan, honouring Dr. T. Kannan Rajaram with the Excellence Award



Hon'ble Vice President of India, Shri C. P. Radhakrishnan, honouring Dr. V. Banumathi for her distinguished service to Siddha medicine



Hon'ble Vice President of India, Shri C. P. Radhakrishnan, presenting the Siddha Excellence Award to the son of Dr. I. Sornamariam on her behalf