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## About Center for Indian Knowledge Systems (CIKS), IIT Guwahati

The Centre for Indian Knowledge Systems is an academic center involving multi-disciplinary research for preserving, documenting, and building upon a philosophic and scientific understanding of Indian Traditional Knowledge Systems. More details about the centre are available at <https://www.iitg.ac.in/ciks/>

## Venue

Conference Hall 1, near main auditorium, IIT Guwahati

# Two-Day Seminar on Traditional Healing Practices of Assam

February 27–28, 2026



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## About The Seminar

Project for Recording Assam's Traditional Health Activities (PRATHA), funded by AYUSH, Government of Assam, collaborates with the Centre for Indian Knowledge Systems (CIKS), IIT Guwahati to record medicinal plants, therapies, and ethnomedicinal practices. It bridges traditional wisdom and modern science through a digital repository, involving healers, researchers, and students. The project involves Survey to identify Traditional healers in Assam with specific objectives:

- 1. Benefits for Traditional Healers:** Documentation protects against biopiracy by creating verifiable records, preventing unauthorized patenting of tribal knowledge as seen in past Indian cases. This shields healers from exploitation and enables benefit-sharing under laws like the Biological Diversity Act 2002.
- 2. Entrepreneurship Opportunities:** Village-level surveys can evolve into validated products, fostering rural startups in herbal therapies or eco-tourism. Healers gain recognition, market access, and income via community enterprises, aligning with AYUSH goals for sustainable healthcare.

Seminar topics will include but not limited to

1. Biopiracy
2. Scientific Validation of herbs
3. Opportunity for Traditional Healer

Vis-a-vis Pharma industry, Entrepreneurship, AYUSH support

## About the Project

Project for Recording Assam's Traditional Health Activities (PRATHA) aims to bridge traditional wisdom with modern scientific approaches by recording, studying, and analyzing Assam's indigenous health systems. We collaborate with local healers, researchers, and students to create a comprehensive digital repository of medicinal plants, therapies, and ethnomedicinal practices.

This initiative is supported by AYUSH, Government of Assam in collaboration with Centre for Indian Knowledge Systems (CIKS), IIT Guwahati, We aim to celebrate and safeguard this living heritage of traditional healers of Assam for research, education, and the well-being of future generations.