



**CERTIFICATION OF
TRADITIONAL COMMUNITY
HEALTH PRACTITIONERS
*A NEW SKILL INITIATIVE***

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INTRODUCTION

- The term **Folk Medicine** is also referred as Traditional Medicine or Indigenous Medicine
- Folk Medicine deals with traditional health practices known to the **Traditional Community Health Practitioners (TCHP)** (also called folk healers or *gram vaidyas*) having Prior Knowledge and Skill



CURRENT SCENARIO

- Shortage of health workers
- The **TCHP** constitute more than a million of community health resources in India & accessible in interior rural areas
- Considering the popular mass base of the **TCHPS** there is an urgent need to decipher their knowledge, develop standardized framework and methodology based on -

Internationally Accepted Best Practices

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PILOT CERTIFICATION (2010-12)

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INITIATOR OF SCHEME & CERTIFYING AGENCY - IGNOU

ACCREDITATION AGENCY - QCI

TECHNICAL COLLABORATOR – FRLHT



PILOT – TCHPs CERTIFIED

District / State where certified	No of TCHPs certified
Korba / Chattisgarh	62
Mayurbhanj / Odisha	21
Shimoga / Karnataka	111
Vellore / Tamil Nadu	134
Udaipur / Rajasthan	98
Dang / Gujarat	91
Total	517



GAPS TO BE FILLED

- Tools for documentation of resources, practices & customer information
- Certification for recognition of their knowledge, skills & services
- Skill up-gradation training
- Continuous information & technical assistance for the Certified TCHPs

QCI & FRLHT joined hands to fill the gaps and launched the Scheme formally in Mar 2017

Voluntary Certification Scheme for Traditional Community Health Practitioner (VCSTCHP)





STRUCTURE OF THE SCHEME

- Minimum Standards of Competency
- Certification process
- Criteria & process for provision approval of Personnel Certification Bodies (PrCB)
- Criteria & process for provisional approval of Training Institutes



STREAMS OF PRACTICE

- (1) Jaundice
- (2) Common Ailments
- (3) Traditional Birth Attendants
- (4) Traditional Bone Setting
- (5) Rheumatoid Arthritis
- (6) Poisonous Bites
- (7) Skin conditions - planned
- (8) Women specific health conditions - planned
- (9) Ano-Rectal Disorder - planned
- (10) Infertility and Impotency - planned



ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Applicant should be a practicing TCHP having

- Completed at least 28 years of age
- Completed at least 10 years of experience
- Endorsement by the *Gram Panchayat* /Local Community regarding the residential address and practice by the TCHP in the respective stream(s).



CERTIFICATION PROCESS

- TCHP application to be endorsed by *Gram Panchayat*
- Scrutiny of application
- Panel of 3 independent examiners
- No written examination
- Oral Examination / Viva
- Practical Demonstration
- On site visit to the TCHP's practice station



WAY FORWARD.....

- **Action points**

Demonstration of a focused approach towards capacity building & standardization of traditional community health practices

- **Current Scheme**

- National Scheme
- Joint Scheme Owner – QCI & FRLHT
- Systematic assessment, training & certification of the TCHPs mostly for rural community health services



OPPORTUNITIES FOR TCHPs



**Sustainable
Livelihood**



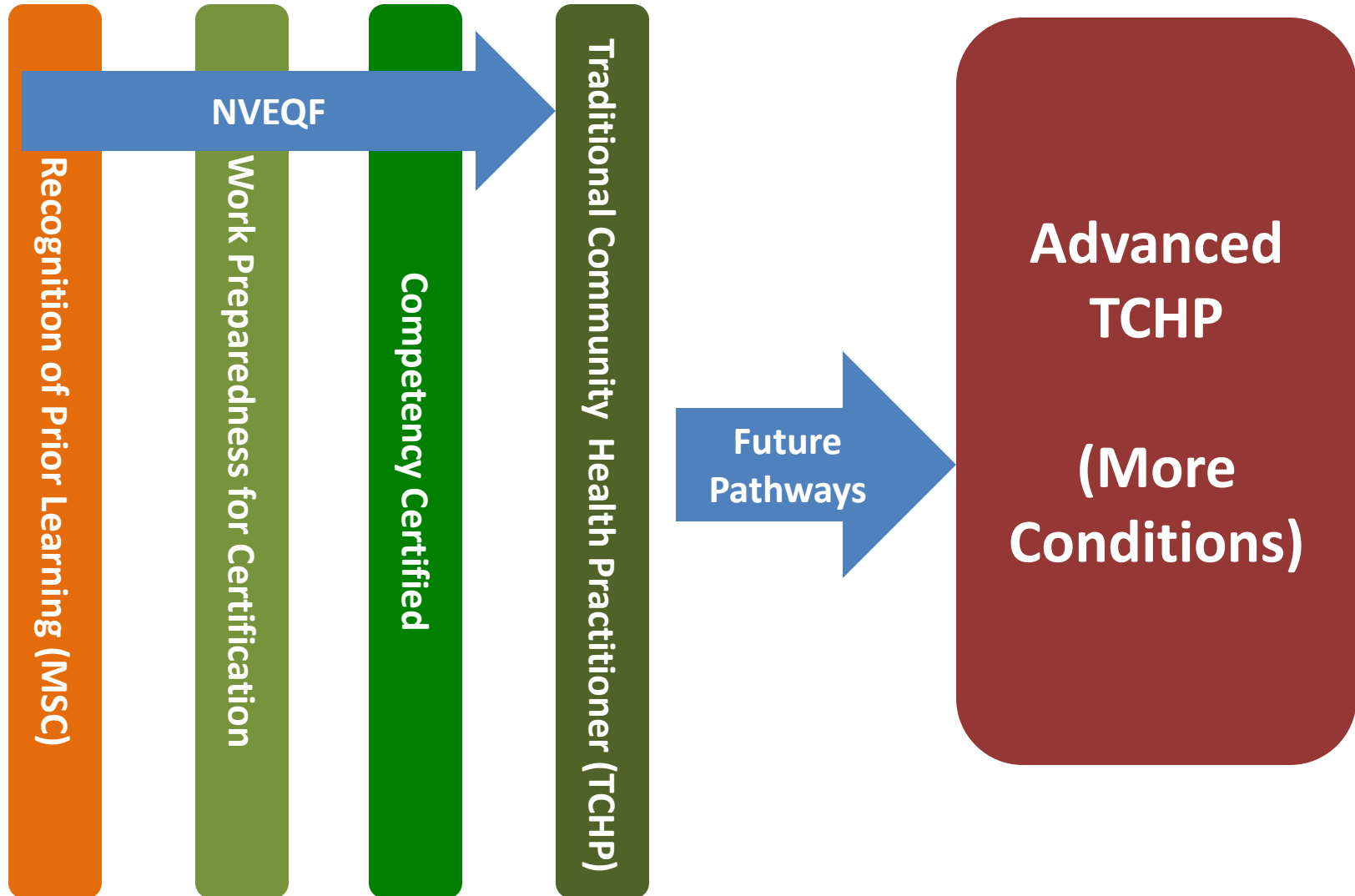
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**Revitalising
Knowledge**



PROCESS AND FUTURE PATHWAYS





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Thanks
Any Questions