



**BUREAU OF INDIAN STANDARDS**

**Minutes - Fourth Sectional Committee Meeting**

Name of the Sectional Committee	No. of meeting	Date	Time	Venue
AYD 05 – Siddha Sectional Committee	Fourth (4 <sup>th</sup> )	26 <sup>th</sup> September, 2024 Thursday	2.30 - 4 pm	National Institute of Siddha, Chennai (Hybrid Mode)

**CHAIRPERSON:** Prof. Dr. R. Meenakumari, Director, National Institute of Siddha

**MEMBER SECRETARY:** Dr. G. Kiruthiga, Scientist B/Assistant Director, BIS

**List of Participants:** Please see Annexure-A

**ITEM 0 GENERAL**

**0.1 Welcome by BIS**

Dr. G. Kiruthiga, Member Secretary of the Siddha Sectional Committee, welcomed the Chairperson and all the participating members of AYD-05 to the fourth meeting of the Siddha Sectional Committee. She expressed gratitude to them for sparing their valuable time to support the Ayush Department at BIS in its standardization efforts. Dr. Kiruthiga briefed the members on the ongoing activities since the last meeting and encouraged all members to attend meetings regularly and provide valuable feedback on all drafts, especially the P Drafts circulated by BIS. She extended thanks to the Chairperson for her constant support and acknowledged the active panel members for their efforts in preparing P drafts.

**0.2 Opening Remarks by Chairperson, Siddha Sectional Committee (AYD-05)**

Prof Dr. R. Meenakumari, Chairperson of AYD-05, extended a warm welcome to all the members of the Siddha Sectional Committee and the representatives of the BIS Secretariat. She urged the committee members to actively engage in the development of Indian standards for Siddha medicine, emphasizing the current opportunity for stakeholders in Siddha medicine to benefit from the establishment of robust Indian standards in this field. She also emphasized the potential for these Siddha Standards to be elevated to the ISO level in the future. She commended the efforts of the various working groups of BIS highlighting the vision of the Secretary, Ministry of Ayush, in



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advancing the development of Indian standards to strengthen Siddha system at both national and international levels. Prof Dr.R.Meenakumari commended active involvement of BIS in standardization work covering all domains of the Ayush system through the Working Groups, Panels and Technical committees. Furthermore, she urged the technical committee members to contribute actively and effectively to the development of Indian Standards for Siddha medicine by providing valuable comments and technical inputs to improve drafts at each stage within a specified timeframe.

Thereafter, item-wise discussions of the Agenda were taken up.

### **ITEM 1 CONFIRMATION AND MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

In the absence of any comments, the committee confirmed the minutes of the Third (3rd) Siddha Sectional Committee (AYD-05) meeting held on March 14th, 2024, which were circulated to the committee members.

### **ITEM 2 SCOPE AND COMPOSITION**

2.1 The committee noted the scope and composition of the Siddha Sectional Committee (AYD-05) as provided in the Item No.2 of Agenda.

2.2 The committee agreed as to co-opt Dr. Mahe Alam, Scientist C, BIS into the working group - 4 (Herbal Raw drugs) as recommended.

### **ITEM 3 ISSUES ARISING OUT OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

3.1 The committee noted the information, that Panels have been renamed as Working Groups and furthermore, the working frame of the technical committees has been aligned into Sectors, Sub sectors for convenience of enhancing the work efficiency of the Technical Committees, as per a recent circular of BIS secretariat.

3.2 The committee noted the Seven working groups created as per the minutes of the last Sectional Committee meeting. Please refer to Item no. 6.

### **ITEM 4 DRAFT STANDARDS/AMENDMENTS FOR FINALIZATION -**

The committee discussed the following WC-Draft and **FINALIZED** for publication:

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Doc. No.</b>	<b>Title of the Draft Standard/WC-Draft</b>
1.	AYD/05/24706	<i>Hemidesmus indicus (L.)</i> R.Br. Root - Rhizome – Specifications for use in Traditional Medicine.



### ITEM5 DRAFT STANDARDS/AMENDMENTS FOR WIDE CIRCULATION APPROVAL

The Committee noted that there are no draft standards pending for wide circulation approval.

### ITEM 6 DRAFTS UNDER PREPARATION

The committee noted the status and details of the drafts that are being prepared under various working groups in accordance with the previous three Sectional Committee Meetings of AYD 05, given as follows:

Panel Number	Subject	Status
AYD05/WG1	Industry -Process specific standards	1) Technical Specifications on Process of Preparation - <i>Kudineer</i> Tablet (Tablet from decoction) 2) Technical Specifications on Process of Preparation - <i>Sathu</i> Tablet (Tablet from extract)
AYD05/WG3	Terminology	1) Glossary of Siddha Terminologies Part 4 – Standardized Terminology on Food 2) Glossary of Siddha Terminologies Part 5 – Standardized Terminology for Structure and Functions 3) Glossary of Siddha Terminologies Part 6 – Standardized Terminology for Processes and Medicine
AYD05/WG4	Raw drugs - Medicinal Plants	1) <i>Cirutekku (Clerodendrum serratum (L.) Moon. Root</i> -Specifications for use in Traditional Medicine. 2) <i>Punaikali Vitai (Mucuna pruriens (L). DC.) Seed</i> -Specifications for use in Traditional Medicine. 3) <i>Talicappattiri (Taxus wallichiana Zucc.) Leaf</i> - Specifications for use in Traditional Medicine.
AYD05/WG5	Varmam	1) Glossary of Siddha Terminologies Part 7 – Standardized Terminology on Fundamentals of <i>Varmam</i> .
AYD05/WG6	Siddha Pharmaceutical Equipment – Kalvam and Idi Ural	2) Siddha Pharmaceutical Equipments – <i>Kalvam</i> 3) Siddha Pharmaceutical Equipments <i>Idi Karuvi - Ural</i>



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<b>AYD05/WG7</b>	<b>Siddha Therapeutic Procedures – Pugai and Podi Thimirthal</b>	4) Siddha Therapeutic Procedures – <i>Pugai</i> 5) Siddha Therapeutic Procedures – <i>Podi Thimirthal</i>
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The Committee asked the Member secretary to inspect the working drafts received namely, Draft 1 of WG1; Draft 1 of WG3; Drafts 1,2,3 of WG4 and Draft 1 of WG5 and circulate them as P-drafts through BIS portal for two weeks.

The Committee expressed significant concern about the potential delay in completing the P-drafts and urged the working groups to submit the remaining drafts within a period of one month.

### ITEM 7 NEW SUBJECTS

As part of the deliberations, the Committee suggested taking up important Siddha subjects such as *Chunnam*, *Muppu*, *Theeneer*, *Kattu*, *Kalangu*, *Kuzhambu*, and *Pooneeru* for the development of Indian Standards. This will provide deeper insights into Siddha at both the Indian and international levels. The committee has agreed to address these new subjects in the upcoming meetings.

### ITEM 8 TECHNICAL ISSUES

The committee noted that there are no specific technical issues to be discussed and decided upon.

### ITEM 9 PROGRAMME OF WORK

The committee noted the programme of work for AYD -05.

### ITEM 10 DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

The committee recommended organizing the next meeting tentatively in the month of December, 2024 in consultation with Chairperson.

### ITEM 11 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There being no other business, meeting ended with a warm note of thanks to Chair.