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About the Conference

Ayurveda, the traditional Indian system of medicine, remains one of the world's most ancient yet living medical traditions, grounded in a comprehensive understanding of health that integrates physical, psychological, philosophical, ethical, and spiritual health. While the Western medical system has advanced through validated research and modern technology, Ayurveda still holds vast untapped potential, particularly in the areas of pharmacology, pharmacokinetics, and pharmacovigilance. This conference on Recent Advancements in Herbal Drug Research seeks to foster critical dialogue, collaborative research, and knowledge-sharing to strengthen Ayurveda through a modern scientific lens. It emphasizes the need to validate the foundational principles and therapeutic modalities of Ayurveda using cutting-edge tools from disciplines such as molecular biology, proteogenomics, nanotechnology, bioinformatics, pharmacovigilance, and systems biology. It aims to encourage a robust, evidence-based approach to Ayurvedic medicine while remaining true to its philosophical roots. By promoting translational research and integrative healthcare, the conference hopes to pave the way for new therapeutic innovations that combine tradition with technology. Through keynote lectures, technical sessions, and discussions, this event will provide a vibrant platform for researchers, clinicians, academicians, and policymakers to exchange ideas, present their findings, and shape the future of Ayurveda as a validated and robust health science. There are 10 highly reputed institutions from India and abroad have the joint partner for organising this international event.

About the University

Banaras Hindu University (BHU), located in the sacred city of Varanasi, is a globally acclaimed center of higher education and one of the eight public institutions designated as an Institute of Eminence by the Government of India. Spanning over 1,300 acres of verdant land, BHU is the largest residential university in Asia, home to more than 30,000 students, including around 18,000 living on campus. Established in 1916 by the visionary nationalist Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya, the university has evolved into a comprehensive academic hub equipped with extensive teaching and research infrastructure.

The university encompasses six Institutes, 14 Faculties, 144 Departments, four Interdisciplinary Centers, a Constituent Women's College, and three Constituent Schools. It offers a wide spectrum of disciplines, ranging from the humanities and social sciences to science, technology, medicine, fine arts, and performing arts. BHU also features six Centers of Advanced Studies, ten departments under the Special Assistance Program, and several specialized research units, reinforcing its status as a leading institution in academics and innovation.

Renowned for its scenic campus and distinctive architecture, BHU fosters a peaceful and intellectually stimulating environment. Its focus on holistic education, supported by cutting-edge facilities and distinguished faculty, draws students and researchers from across the world. With a strong commitment to excellence, BHU continues to play a vital role in advancing education and research at both the national and global levels.

About the Department

The Department of Dravyaguna at Banaras Hindu University, established in 1927, stands as a pillar of Ayurvedic education and research within the Faculty of Ayurveda, Institute of Medical Sciences (IMS). As one of the foundational departments of traditional Indian medicine, it has continually evolved in both infrastructure and academic scope. The department was elevated to postgraduate status in 1963 and became part of the newly formed IMS in 1971, following the merger of the College of Medical Sciences with the Post Graduate Institute of Indian Medicine.

Housed in a modern, double-storied facility spanning approximately 11,500 sq. ft., the department is equipped with smart classrooms, a dedicated library, conference hall, museum, well-equipped laboratories, and well-appointed faculty chambers, creating a holistic academic environment. It offers comprehensive education and training at undergraduate, postgraduate, and doctoral levels, emphasizing both classical Ayurvedic knowledge and modern scientific interpretation.

The department aims to produce skilled educators, researchers, and practitioners by fostering a critical understanding of medicinal substances, quality control of raw materials, evidence-based validation of Ayurvedic drugs, and conservation of biodiversity. Through the development of digital herbaria, raw drug repositories, and training programs for farmers, gardeners, and traditional healers, it actively contributes to India's green and sustainable future.

Themes

- **Phytochemistry & Bioactive Compounds:** Isolation, characterisation, mechanisms of plant-derived molecules.
- **Standardisation & Quality Control:** Analytical methods, GMP compliance, reproducibility in herbal products.
- **Herbal Drug Formulation & Novel Delivery Systems:** Nanoformulations, transdermal patches, liposomes, bioavailability enhancement.
- **Ethnopharmacology & Traditional Knowledge:** Documenting, validating, protecting indigenous medicinal systems.
- **Pre-Clinical and Clinical Research in Herbal Medicine:** In vitro, in vivo models and human clinical trials to establish safety, efficacy, therapeutic dosage of herbal drugs.
- **AI, Bioinformatics & Computational Drug Discovery from Botanicals:** In-silico screening, molecular docking, artificial Intelligence, machine learning applications.
- **Research Models:** Virtual, in-vitro, and in-vivo model generation and development.
- **Transdisciplinary Research:** Research work integrated with two or more than two disciplines, such as veterinary sciences, engineering, agricultural sciences, basic sciences, social sciences, and others.

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The Academy of Interdisciplinary Sciences

The Academy of Interdisciplinary Sciences, proposed to be established in November 2026, aims to foster innovation through integrated research, education, and collaboration across diverse scientific disciplines. Rooted in the cultural and intellectual heritage of Varanasi, the academy envisions advancing transformative knowledge for societal and global development.



University of Colombo



It was established in 1921 and is Sri Lanka's oldest higher education institution, known for academic excellence and diverse disciplines. With multiple faculties and strong global collaborations, it offers quality education while promoting cultural diversity and holistic student development. The University of Colombo actively engages in improving student life in numerous ways to supplement academic learning. For more: <https://cmb.ac.lk>

Rajiv Gandhi University of Knowledge Technologies

It was established in 2008 by the Government of Andhra Pradesh, is a unique technical university offering a six-year integrated PUC and B.Tech program. It focuses on providing high-quality, residential education to meritorious rural students with an emphasis on innovation and digital learning. With modern ICT-based pedagogy, strong academic rigor, and multiple campuses, RGUKT nurtures skilled engineers equipped with technical expertise. For more: <https://www.rgukt.in/>



VIT Bhopal University



It is a leading technological university dedicated to modern education, research, and innovation. It supports sustainable development and strengthens the industrial sector in Madhya Pradesh through advanced technologies and outreach. With strong digital infrastructure, diverse faculties, and specialized research centers, it plays a vital role in enhancing technical proficiency and supporting the global workforce. For more: <https://vitbhopal.ac.in>

The Indira Gandhi National Tribal University, Amarkantak

It has been established by an Act of the Parliament of India. It came into existence through the Indira Gandhi National Tribal University Act, 2007, and became operational with the joining of the first Vice-Chancellor, Prof. C.D. Singh, on 8 July 2008. The jurisdiction of the University extends to the whole country, and it is fully funded by the Central Government through the University Grant Commission. For more: <https://www.igntu.ac.in/>



Mar Athanasius College



It is a premier institution in Kerala, accredited with an A+ grade by NAAC and recognized for academic excellence and national rankings. Set in a vibrant campus with sister institutions, it offers holistic, value-based education. Guided by its vision to build individuals with character and integrity, the college's mission is to prepare students for life through academic excellence, and strong moral values. For more: <https://www.macollege.ac.in/>

Chitkara University

Established in 2002, it is a leading private university in North India known for industry-oriented education, innovation, and research excellence. Located near Chandigarh, it offers diverse multidisciplinary programs designed to develop industry-ready professionals. Guided by strong academic values and modern infrastructure, the university focuses on practical learning and holistic development to prepare future leaders. For more: <https://www.chitkara.edu.in/>



JSS Academy of Higher Education & Research



Established in 2008, it is a NAAC A++ accredited deemed university in Mysuru known for excellence in teaching, research, and healthcare education. It offers value-based, multidisciplinary learning with strong academic and research focus. Guided by visionary leadership, the university emphasizes holistic development, advanced facilities, and societal contribution through skilled graduates and researchers. For more: <https://www.jssuni.edu.in/>

Major S.D. Singh Ayurvedic Medical College

It is dedicated to advancing Ayurveda through a balanced approach of traditional wisdom and modern scientific practices. The institution emphasizes research, quality education, and accessible healthcare while nurturing professionals with strong ethics, compassion, and a commitment to global health. It also strives to empower students with leadership skills and a vision for lifelong learning, enabling them to contribute effectively to society.



Central University of Himachal Pradesh



Emphasizes lifelong learning and continuous progress through its motto "नेति-नेति, चरन्वेति-चरन्वेति." It envisions becoming a research-driven university that blends modern education with Indian traditional knowledge, fostering inclusive, high-quality learning and global citizenship. Its mission focuses on innovative curriculum, research excellence, collaboration, and holistic student development with fairness and accountability. For more: <https://www.cuhimachal.ac.in/>

Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology, Jammu

It is a leading agricultural university dedicated to region-specific education, research, and extension. It supports sustainable farming and strengthens the agricultural sector in Jammu through innovation and outreach. With strong infrastructure, diverse faculties, and KVKs, it plays a vital role in enhancing agricultural productivity and supporting the farming community. For more: <https://skuastjammu.ac.in/>



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Industries	₹5000	₹6000	₹6000
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Faculty Member/ Scientist	100 USD	110 USD	120 USD
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About the city of Varanasi

Varanasi, also known as Kashi or Benaras, is one of the world's oldest living cities and a timeless center of spiritual, cultural, and intellectual heritage. Revered as the abode of Lord Shiva, it is believed that dying in Varanasi grants moksha, liberation from the cycle of rebirth. The sacred Ganges River, flowing through the city, is said to wash away sins. Varanasi has been a seat of learning and culture for over 3000 years, home to great minds like Goswami Tulsidas, the saint-poet who composed the Ramcharitmanas, and institutions like Banaras Hindu University. Rich in arts, crafts, music, and literature, it has nurtured legends like Pandit Ravi Shankar and Ustad Bismillah Khan. Known for its vibrant temples, silk weaving, Ayurveda, and spiritual legacy, Varanasi remains a living museum of India's ancient traditions, harmoniously blending the sacred with the scholarly.

How to reach?

- By Air:** Varanasi is connected by daily flights to major cities via Lal Bahadur Shastri Airport, 35 km from the city.
- By Train:** Varanasi has excellent rail connectivity with major stations like Varanasi Cantt, Banaras, and Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya, linked to all key cities across India.
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Kashi Vishwanath
Temple



Sarnath



Lhaden Chenmo
Tibetan Monastery



Vindhyachal Temple



Ramnagar Fort



Namo Ghat



Sankat Mochan
Temple



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