

## National Ayurveda Research Institute for Panchakarma bags NABL Accreditation

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The Department of Biochemistry and Pathology of National Ayurveda Research Institute for Panchakarma (NARIP), Cheruthuruthy, Thrissur, Kerala has received NABL M(EL)T Accreditation for its clinical laboratory services. NARIP is one of the premier research institutes under the Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS), Ministry of AYUSH, Government of India. This is the first institute under CCRAS to get NABL (National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories) accreditation for its clinical laboratory services.

Professor Rabinarayan Acharya, Director General, CCRAS recently inaugurated the NABL accredited lab during a programme held on this occasion in the presence of senior officials of the council. The programme was presided by Dr D Sudhakar, Director, NARIP. All the officials of the NARIP attended the inauguration programme.

The certification is provided by the National Accreditation Board for Testing & Calibration Laboratories (A Constituent Board of Quality Council of India). The accreditation of the laboratory ensures that citizens get quality healthcare service, especially for those residing in villages and small towns.

Members of scientific communities including those working on diverse research projects, outreach medical camps etc. also benefit from accredited labs. Dr N Thamizh Selvam, Assistant Director, Biochemistry informed that the laboratory is equipped with advanced instruments such as a fully automated biochemistry analyser, fully automated haematology analyser, and ELISA systems with periodical calibration.