

Workshop on



Conservation of *Sāncipāt* Manuscript: *Piloting of a Customized Scientific Method of its Conservation*

24-29 November 2021

Venue: Department of Chemical Sciences, Tezpur University

Organized by

Department of Chemical Sciences, Tezpur University

Introduction:

Tens of thousands *Sāncipāt* manuscripts of medieval Assam is a treasure of cultural and literary heritage of Assam. The manuscripts were written on Sancipat, a unique and exquisite writing folio made of *Sānci* tree bark. As *Sāncipāt* was not used in any other part of the world, people of other parts of the world are obviously not interested in its conservation and there is no standard method of conservation of these manuscripts.

We, at the Department of Chemical Sciences, TU, based on our research on conservation of *Sāncipāt*, have come up with a customized scientific method of its conservation and are planning to organize a workshop on “**Conservation of *Sāncipāt* Manuscript: *Piloting of a Customized Scientific Method of its Conservation***” during 24-29 November at Department of Chemical Sciences, Tezpur University.

Objectives of the workshop:

- (1) A piloting – of a proposed customized method of conservation of *Sāncipāt* based on research carried out at the Department of Chemical Sciences, Tezpur University. Conservation of *Sāncipāt* manuscript, including mending of damaged leaf and re-inking of faded letters, as they are required for the conservation.
- (2) Training of participants on the conservation of *Sāncipāt* manuscripts and also on preparation of *Sāncipāt* and *Māhi*, an herbal ink used to write on *Sāncipāt*, as these will be required for the conservation purpose.

Participants:

Anyone interested in conservation of *Sāncipāt* manuscripts or the traditional art form of *Hengul-Hāitāl* may apply for participation briefly mentioning why she/he is interested within 50 words along with complete biodata and proof of full COVID-19 vaccination through email to the convener. There is no registration fee. However, the participants will have to arrange their travel, accommodation and food on their own. The participants must maintain the protocol of Covid19 and strictly follow discipline and precautionary instructions in the workshop venue. The number of participants will very limited.

Tentative Agenda:

24/11/2021	Morning	Inauguration
24/11/2021	Afternoon	Conservation of Sancipat manuscript
25-28/11/2021	Full day	Conservation of Sancipat manuscript
29/2/2021	Morning	Valedictory Program

Last date of applications: 15th November 2021

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