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Eighth Session of the Codex Committee on Spices and Culinary herbs (CCSCH8)



**13 - 17 October 2025
at Guwahati, Assam, India**

OVERVIEW OF CCSCH8

The 8th Session of the Codex Committee on Spices and Culinary Herbs (CCSCH8) will be held in Guwahati, Assam, from 13 to 17 October 2025. The sessions will take place at Hotel Vivanta Guwahati.

The working languages of the session will be English, French, Spanish, and Arabic, with simultaneous interpretation available in all four languages.

- ▲ The Opening Session will commence at 09:30 IST on Monday, 13 October 2025.
- ▲ Plenary sessions will be held on 13, 14, and 15 October 2025, from 09:30 to 17:00 IST.
- ▲ The Draft Report of the session will be made available in English, French, and Spanish.
- ▲ The Adoption of the Report will take place on Friday, 17 October 2025, starting at 09:30 IST.

Details regarding virtual pre-meetings (if any), registration, and the programme of the session will be published on the [CCSCH8 web page of the Codex website](#).





REGISTRATION FOR CCSCH8

Delegates are requested to use the [Codex online registration system to take part in the session.](#)

Onsite registration facilities will be available at the venue as follows:

Sunday, 12 October 2025: from 13:00 to 18:00 IST

Monday, 13 October 2025: from 08:00 IST onwards

Registration will take place outside the plenary hall at Hotel Vivanta Guwahati.

Registration Desk will be available to provide information and assistance to all participants. After registering, delegates are requested to collect their badges, which must be worn at all times during CCSCH8 sessions and official functions.

DOCUMENTS

All documents for the Sessions will be made available in English, French and Spanish on the [CCSCH8 web page](#)



INDIA & CCSCH

India, often referred to as the 'Spice Bowl of the World', has been home to a rich variety of unique spices and culinary herbs since time immemorial. Fittingly, India has also been the host country of the Codex Committee on Spices and Culinary Herbs (CCSCH) since its inception in 2014.

We are pleased to welcome all participants to Assam, the gateway to North-east India, for the 8th Session of the CCSCH (CCSCH8). The vibrant city of Guwahati will serve as the host for this important gathering.

Located in the north-eastern corner of India, Assam is a land of breathtaking natural beauty and cultural richness. Cradled by the majestic Brahmaputra River and surrounded by lush green landscapes, Assam captivates visitors with its unique charm. Renowned for its rich biodiversity, world-famous tea gardens, and diverse cultural heritage, Assam invites you to experience its mystical rivers, verdant forests, and vibrant traditions.

TRAVELING TO CCSCH8

(a) VISA REQUIREMENTS

Please visit the Government of India's [Authorized Portal for Visa Application to India](#) for details of applying for Indian visa.

ACCESSIBILITY BY AIR

Lokpriya Gopinath Bordoloi International Airport, Guwahati (GAU) is the primary airport of Northeast India and is located at Borjhar, and 21 Kms from Guwahati.

ACCESSIBILITY BY RAIL

Trains from the two main railway stations, Guwahati Junction and Kamakhya Junction, connect the city to all major railway stations in India.



GETTING TO THE VENUE

The CCSCH8 session will be held at Vivanta Guwahati, located at Khanapara. The venue hotel is approximately 25 Kms away from the Lokpriya Gopinath Bordoloi International Airport, Guwahati (GAU). Prepaid taxis are available at both the national and international terminals. Uber and Ola cab services are also available.



Vivanta Guwahati

613, Mahapurush Srimanta Sankardev Path,
Khanapara, Guwahati, Assam 781022
Tel: 0361 710 6710

ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS

Hotel Name	Distance from Venue hotel (approx.)
Novotel Guwahati GS Road	3.2 km
Hotel Rajmahal	11.1 km
Ratnamouli Palace	3.3 km
Mayfair Spring Valley Resort	8.9. km
Radisson Blu Hotel, Guwahati	20.5 km
Kiranshree Grand	30.7 km
Rohika AAU-IGH	1.2 km



(a) LOCAL CURRENCY

India's official currency is the Indian Rupee. Currency exchange facilities are available with major banks, at the airport and with the authorized dealers in the city. ATMs are available at the Airport as well as near the venue hotel. International credit cum debit cards are accepted in most shops.

(b) ELECTRICAL SYSTEM

India uses 230 volts, 50 Hz alternating current as the power source. The two pin plug is also called the Europlug. It has two round 4 mm (0.157 in) pins. The three pin plug is rated at 6A / 250V. It has three round pins in a triangular pattern

(c) LANGUAGE

People in Guwahati generally speak Assamese, Hindi, Bengali and English

(d) WEATHER

October in Guwahati marks the onset of autumn, with temperatures ranging from nearly 21C to 29C. The weather is pleasant and comfortable, making it an ideal time to explore the city and its attractions.

(e) TIME ZONE

Guwahati is in the Indian Standard time zone (IST). GMT + 5.30 hours. There is no daylight saving.

(f) INTERNET FACILITIES

Free Wi-Fi facility will be available in the meeting hall.

(g) CORRESPONDENCE

All correspondence concerning the meeting should be addressed to:



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Fire Services: 101

PLACES OF INTEREST IN AND AROUND GUWAHATI

Guwahati offers a blend of religious sites, wildlife sanctuaries, cultural attractions, and natural beauty. Key places to visit include the Kamakhya Temple, Umananda Temple, and the Assam State Zoo. For wildlife enthusiasts, Pobitora Wildlife Sanctuary and Kaziranga National Park are popular destinations. Additionally, Guwahati Planetarium, Assam State Museum, and Srimanta Sankardev Kalakshetra offer cultural and educational experiences.

Guwahati offers diverse shopping experiences, from bustling street markets to modern shopping malls. For traditional items, Paltan Bazaar and Fancy Bazaar are excellent choices. Paltan Bazaar is known for its Assamese silk sarees, Mekhela Chadors, and handicrafts. Fancy Bazaar offers a wider variety, including tribal jewelry, wooden crafts, and decorative items. For a more contemporary experience, Guwahati has several malls like Central Mall and So hum Mall.

Please visit the official [Assam Tourism website for more information.](#)



CUISINE

Assamese cuisine reflects its culture and traditions which has its own style and pattern, quite distinct from the rest of the country as well as the other North-eastern states. The traditional food of Assam comes across as a blend of many exotic spices, herbs and condiments. With a wide variety of food to offer, the cuisine of Assam is famous for its distinctive flavouring and influences. The delicacies of Assam boast of a unique charm derived from exotic herbs and vegetables that are used in the dishes adding freshness and magnificent taste.

A traditional meal in Assam comprises of daal, leafy vegetables (xaak), fish (maas) meat (mangkho), khar (alkaline dish), sour dishes (tenga) and a slice of the famous Assamese lemon (nemu). Although all Assamese people cannot be categorised as non-vegetarians but they have their share of flesh for every special occasion be it a pigeon meat, pork, chicken, mutton or a duck roast. Ideally the traditional meal starts with khar (alkaline dish) and ends with a tenga jhul (sour curry) mostly made with fish.

