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## **Meet Focuses on Traditional Knowledge**

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**Bangalore:** The School of Graduate Studies at Jain University and The Institute of Trans-Disciplinary Health Sciences and Technology (IHST) organised a national-level conference, Bioneers-2014 recently. The conference, titled 'Bioveda - A Treasure Trove', established that Indian traditional knowledge was a solution to urban bio-diversity issues.

Academicians and researchers presented papers on the theme 'Urban biodiversity and health'. "Bioneers is a platform for scientific researchers to present their work to people. We are also discussing increasing presence of traditional medicinal practices in modern science," said Anitha Abraham, head, department of life sciences, Jain University.

Dr Padma Venkat, joint director of Institute of Health Sciences and Technology (IHST)/FRLHT, spoke about her ongoing research in building the most affordable water purifier based on principles of Indian traditional knowledge.

She said research on the theories of ancient ayurveda is already underway.

A sudden interest of scientific societies of the West in the benefits and profits of traditional ayurvedic knowledge have helped thrust ayurveda into the limelight, she noted.