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MoU between Ministries of AYUSH and Social Justice and Empowerment

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Will the Minister of *Ayush* be pleased to state:

- (a) the programmes and schemes to be launched under the MoU between Ministries of AYUSH and Social Justice and Empowerment to enhance geriatric healthcare and combat substance abuse;
- (b) the manner in which Government plans to integrate AYUSH based interventions with existing healthcare and de-addiction programmes at the State and District levels;
- (c) whether additional financial support will be provided to the State Governments for implementing AYUSH based geriatric and de-addiction programmes;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether any State or region have been selected for pilot implementation before nationwide expansion, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE (IC) OF THE MINISTRY OF AYUSH
(SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV)

- (a) to (e) A MoU was signed between Ministry of Ayush (MoA) and Department of Social Justice and Empowerment (DoSJE) on 12.02.2025 with the following objectives -
- i. Develop cooperation, convergence and synergy between MoA and DoSJE to have innovative initiatives to promote health of senior citizens and also to attempt reducing demand for drugs and substance abuse, their treatment and mental rehabilitation

through, awareness generation, capacity building of service providers through Ayush systems.

- ii. Promote research in the area of Geriatric health, substance abuse and mental health
- iii. Any other activities for the purpose of health promotion of geriatric as well as drug addict population.

As per the MoU, the roles and responsibilities of Ministry of Ayush for geriatric healthcare are to develop training module and treatment protocol of Ayush system in the field of geriatric caregivers, develop video module on yoga training program, share knowledge and practices in preventive and curative care, provide Ayush related technical support and provide geriatric healthcare through autonomous bodies under Ministry of Ayush.

Under the MoU, DOSJE is responsible for facilitating the Ayush Autonomous bodies in establishing the Geriatric Health Centers, support the research in the area of geriatric health, promote the integration of any of Ayush services in old age homes, to incorporate the Ayush system in preventive and curative aspects of senior citizens, create awareness about the Ayush system amongst the senior citizens, to support and develop IEC material on geriatric care, to support in organizing the training programs, workshops and seminars aimed at capacity building of geriatric caregivers. Copy of the MoU has been shared with the Regional Resource Training Centres (RRTCs) under Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment to expand the reach of the MoU for the welfare of the senior citizens of the country.
