

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AYUSH**

**RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION No. 169
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.08.2025**

Institutional integration of Ayush in healthcare

169 # Shri Mayankkumar Nayak:

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

- (a) the steps taken so far to promote integration of Ayush within the national public health system;
- (b) the details of integrative medicine departments established in Central Government hospitals;
- (c) the number of health centres where Ayush services have been co-located under the national health programmes; and
- (d) the details of the specific amount allocated for institutional Ayush integration?

ANSWER

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

- (a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

The Statement referred in reply to Rajya Sabha Starred Question No. 169 for 05.08.2025

(a) to (c) Government of India has adopted a strategy of Co-location of Ayush facilities at Primary Health Centres (PHCs), Community Health Centres (CHCs) and District Hospitals (DHs), thus enabling choice to the patients for different systems of medicines under single window. The engagement of Ayush Doctors/paramedics and their training is supported by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare under National Health Mission (NHM), while the support for Ayush infrastructure, equipment /furniture and medicines is provided by Ministry of Ayush under National Ayush Mission (NAM) as shared responsibilities. Ayush services have been co-located at 13,152 health facilities (476 DHs, 3002 CHCs, 216 Other than CHCs at or above block level but below district level, 6349 PHCs and 3109 Other health facilities above Sub Centre but below block level) as on 31st December 2024 since the inception of NHM. Ayurveda graduates with certificate course in Community Health are working as Community Health Officer at Ayushman Arogya Mandir (AAM), leading the primary healthcare team at Sub-health centre AAM to deliver comprehensive primary healthcare services closer to the homes of people. Additionally, the Ayurveda practitioners are providing services under Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram (RBSK) screening children for early detection of major health issues. Besides, as per the States' policy, Ayush graduates are also employed under various other national health programs.

The Ministry of Ayush and Ministry of Health & Family Welfare have jointly established Integrated Ayush Departments in Central Government Hospitals to promote integrative healthcare. As part of this initiative, the Department of Integrative Medicine has been set up and is operational at Vardhman Mahavir Medical College & Safdarjung Hospital and Lady Hardinge Medical College, New Delhi. Further, details of initiatives taken by the Research councils and National Institutes under the Ministry of Ayush for integration of Ayush with modern medical system are given as **Annexure**.

Furthermore, five Centres have been set up in collaboration with ICMR at 4 AIIMS viz., AIIMS Delhi (Gastro-intestinal Disorders and Women and Child Health), AIIMS Jodhpur (Geriatric Health), AIIMS Nagpur (Cancer Care), AIIMS Rishikesh (Geriatric Health) to conduct high-quality integrative research and clinical trials in priority health areas. Ayush services are being provided at AIIMS to facilitate integrative healthcare delivery.

In addition, National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences (NIMHANS), Bengaluru has developed a model of integrative healthcare combining modern and traditional systems through clinical care, research, and education for mental health care.

(d) Under NAM, as per proposals received from State/UT Governments through State Annual Action Plans (SAAPs), an amount of Rs. 535.08 Crore has been allocated/sanctioned from 2014-15 to 2024-25 for infrastructure development, supply of essential Ayush medicines and contingency etc at co-located Ayush facilities at PHCs, CHCs & DHs of different States/UTs.

Annexure

Details of initiatives taken by the Ministry of Ayush through its Research councils and National Institutes

S. No	Research councils/ National Institutes	Details of initiatives Institute
1.	Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS)	The Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS) has undertaken research studies such as Operational study to explore the feasibility of integrating Ayurveda with modern system of medicine in a tertiary care hospital (Safdarjung Hospital New Delhi) for the management of Osteoarthritis (Knee), Feasibility of introducing the Indian System of Medicine. (Ayurveda) in the National Reproductive and Child Health services at the Primary Health Care (PHC) level in Himachal Pradesh and Integration of Ayush systems in the National Programme for Prevention and Control of Cancer, Diabetes, Cardiovascular Diseases & Stroke (NPCDCS) and Feasibility of introducing Ayurveda Intervention in Reproductive and Child Health (RCH) in PHCs of the Selected district (Gadchiroli) of Maharashtra (Effectiveness of Ayurvedic intervention for Ante-Natal care (Garbhini Paricharya) at Primary Health Care level. A Multi Centre Operational Study). Further, Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) and CCRAS has taken and initiative to set up Ayush-ICMR Advanced Centre for Integrative Health Research (AI-ACIHR), at AIIMS to conduct research on identified areas focusing on integrative healthcare under Extra Mural research Scheme of ICMR.
2.	Central Council for Research in Unani Medicine (CCRUM)	Central Council for Research in Unani Medicine (CCRUM) has established four re-location centers at Dr. RML Hospital, Dr. DDU Hospital, Safdarjung Hospital, New Delhi and J.J. Hospital at Mumbai. Collaborative projects with modern academic/ research Institutions have also been under taken by the Council to integrate and promote Unani Medicine.
3.	Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy (CCRH)	The Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy (CCRH) is working towards integration of Homoeopathy with mainstream healthcare by undertaking research in collaboration and cooperation in the field of integrative medicine. The Council has co-location of homoeopathy treatment centre in allopathic hospital for providing treatment on various clinical conditions at Safdarjung Hospital, New Delhi, Lady Hardinge Medical College & Hospital, New Delhi, Delhi Cantonment General Hospital, New Delhi, Clinical trial Unit, at BRD Medical

		College and Hospital, Gorakhpur, UP, Civil Hospital, Aizwal, Mizoram and District hospital, Dimapur, Nagaland. The Council has also taken initiative to link Homoeopathy along with mainstream healthcare set-up by undertaking various Public Health programmes such as the Integration of NPCDCS programme for Homoeopathy, Swasthya Rakshan program (SRP), the programme Homoeopathy for Healthy teething', a component of Homoeopathy for healthy child and Schedule Caste Component plan (SC Component plan).
4.	Central Council for Research in Siddha (CCRS)	The Central Council for Research in Siddha (CCRS) has taken initiatives for integrating Siddha practices with the modern healthcare system by encouraging scientific research and clinical trials to validate the efficacy and safety of Ayush treatments along with modern treatments. Integrated Siddha cancer OPD has been functioning at All India Institute of Ayurveda campus and Siddha cancer OPD at Safdarjung hospital aiding the Palliative care of cancer patients through Siddha system through Siddha Clinical Research Unit, Safdarjung, New Delhi under CCRS. CCRS has signed MoU with AIIMS Rishikesh for initiating collaborative research activities for Cancer Management, Reproductive & Childcare and Regenerative Medicine.
5.	Central Council for Research in Yoga & Naturopathy (CCRYN)	The Central Council for Research in Yoga & Naturopathy (CCRYN) is a part of the ICMR Task Force on Multi-centric Study project on Heart Failure across the country.
6.	All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA)	In All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA), New Delhi, integrative medical services are available under Centre for Integrative Ayush Therapy (Unani, Siddha & Homeopathy), Centre for Integrative Cancer Therapy, Centre for Integrative Dentistry, Centre for Integrative Critical Care & Emergency Medicine, Centre for Integrative Orthopedics, Centre for Integrative Dietetics and Nutrition and Causality OPD Section. Integrated services are also provided through Satellite Clinical Services Units established at Integrative Medical Services Unit at Safdarjung Hospital, New Delhi, Integrative Medical Services Unit AIIMS Jhajjar and Centre for Integrative Oncology at National Cancer Institute - AIIMS, Jhajjar. Further, a Centre for Integrative Oncology (CIO) has been established at AIIA, New Delhi as a joint venture of AIIA and Indian Council of Medical Research National Institute of Cancer Prevention and Research (NICPR-ICMR). Ayush Journal of Integrative Oncology (AJIO) is being published from Centre for Integrative Oncology (CIO) at AIIA. This Institute also has an International Collaborative Centre for global promotion and research in Ayurveda.

7.	The Institute of Teaching & Research in Ayurveda (ITRA)	The Institute of Teaching & Research in Ayurveda (ITRA) conducts integrative research with the modern medical system.
8.	National Institute of Siddha (NIS)	To promote integrated research in the Siddha system of medicine and provide Siddha treatment to the patients visiting Chettinad Hospital and Research Institute (CHRI), National Institute of Siddha (NIS) inaugurated an upgraded Siddha specialty OPD at Kelambakkam jointly with Chettinad Academy of Research Education (CARE). NIS has been conducting a Specialty Integrative Traditional Siddha Medicine OPD (SISMO) at Centre for Integrative Medicine Research, Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE), Manipal, Karnataka. Further, NIS started a Siddha Integrated Cancer Care Centre(S-IC Care Centre) to provide integrated treatment to cancer patients.