

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**MINISTRY OF AYUSH**  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-172**  
**ANSWERED ON 22/07/2025**

**“Benefits of Global Traditional Medicine Centre”**

**172. Shri Sanjay Singh:**

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

- (a) the number of persons benefited so far under the Global Traditional Medicine Centre (GTMC);
- (b) whether it is a fact that Government has signed 13 Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) to set up AYUSH Academic Chairs in foreign universities, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether Government is implementing any action plan to promote research and evidence-based studies in AYUSH systems, if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) To address the global demand, World Health Organization (WHO) established the Global Traditional Medicine Centre (GTMC) in 2022 with the support from the Ministry of Ayush, Government of India. The GTMC is a WHO Headquarters department, in the Division of Universal Health Coverage and Life Course, that is outposted to Jamnagar, Gujarat, India. The Centre focuses on advancing research, facilitating knowledge exchange, conserving biodiversity, and fostering partnerships to catalyse ancient wisdom and modern science for the health, well-being of people and planet.

The first WHO Traditional Medicine Global Summit took place on 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> August 2023 in Gandhinagar, Gujarat, India which explored the vast potential and applications of Traditional Medicine amid important challenges and opportunities to achieve Universal Health Coverage (UHC) and well-being for people and the planet. It served as a platform for stakeholders to share

contributions of Traditional Medicine to health and sustainable development around the core themes of evidence and learning, data and regulation, biodiversity, innovation and digital health. Around 500 participants on-site in Gandhinagar and 115 speakers from 34 member states had participated.

**(b)** The Ministry of Ayush, Government of India has signed 15 MoUs with international institutes for setting up of AYUSH Academic Chairs in foreign nations. Details are at Annexure.

**(c)** The Ministry of Ayush is implementing the Central Sector Scheme namely AYURGYAN Scheme from FY 2021-22. The Scheme has 03 components viz. (i) Capacity Building & Continuing Medical Education (CME) in Aysuh (ii) Research & Innovation in AYUSH and (iii) Ayurveda Biology Integrated Health Research is also added under the scheme from this FY 2023-24. To promote Research & evidence-based studies in Ayush, financial assistance is provided to the eligible organizations, as per the provision contained in the scheme guidelines, for Research & Development activities under Research & Innovation in AYUSH (R & I) component and Ayurveda Biology Integrated Health Research.

In order to encourage the private organizations to perform Research and Development activities in AYUSH, the following initiatives of Ministry of Ayush like Ayurswasthya Yojana, Ayurgyan Scheme, Ayush Oushadhi Gunvatta Evam Utpadan Samvardhan Yojana (AOGUSY) Scheme and Promotion of International Co-operation in Ayush (IC Scheme) have been implemented.

S.No	Details of MoU	Country	Date of Signing
1.	"Memorandum of Understanding between CCRAS and Rangsit University, Thailand on The Establishment of the “ACADEMIC CHAIR” in Ayurveda"	Thailand	29.06.2015
2.	Memorandum of Understanding between CCRAS and University of Primorska (Univerza na Primorskem Universita del Litorale), <b>Slovenia</b> on A Grant for the Visiting Professor for AYURVEDA.	<b>Slovenia</b>	10.03.2016
3.	MoU between CCRAS and Udayana University, Bali on The Establishment of an Academic Chair in Ayurveda, Indonesia	Indonesia	04.11.2015
4.	MoU between CCRAS, Republic of India and Peoples’ Friendship University of Russia on Cooperation in the field of AYURVEDA, Russia	Russia	24.12.2015
5.	MoU between CCRAS, Republic of India and University of Latvia on the Establishment of Academic Chair in Ayurveda	Latvia	19.08.2016
6.	MoU between CCRAS, Republic of India and Instituto Universitario del Gran Rosario and The Government of Foundation de Salud Ayurveda Prema Argentina on the Establishment of Academic Chair in Ayurveda	Argentina	30.11.2016
7.	MoU Between CCRAS and University of Debrecen, Hungary on the establishment of the “ACADEMIC CHAIR” in Ayurveda	Hungary	07.01.2014
8.	MoU Between ITRA and Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman (UTAR), Malaysia on the establishment of the “ACADEMIC CHAIR” in Ayurveda	Malaysia	22.10.2021
9.	MoU Between CCRAS and University of West Indies, <b>Trinidad and Tobago</b> for the post of the	T&T	06.01.2012

	“AYURVEDA CHAIR”		
<b>10</b>	MoU between CCRAS and University of Mauritius for the post of the “AYURVEDA CHAIR”	Mauritius	12.03.2018
<b>11</b>	MoU between CCRUM and University of the Western Cape, South Africa for the post of the “Unani CHAIR”	South Africa	06.08.2010
<b>12</b>	MOU Between CCRUM and Hamdard University Bangladesh for the post of the “Unani CHAIR”	Bangladesh	10.02.2018
<b>13</b>	MoU between CCRH and vi. Yerevan State Medical University (YSMU), Armenia for the post of Homeopathy Chair	Armenia	09.04.2016
<b>14</b>	MoU between Western Sydney, Australia and AIIA, Ministry of Ayush signed for establishing Ayurveda Academic Chair	Australia	02.09.2021
<b>15</b>	MoU between CCRAS and Universidad Autonoma De Nuevo Leon Mexico for establishment of Academic chair	Mexico	19.04.2022