

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AYUSH
RAJYA SABHA
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“Promotion of Indian traditional medicine systems global”

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

- (a) the initiatives taken by the Ministry to promote Indian traditional medicine systems globally;
- (b) the countries with which India has signed MoUs for collaboration in the field of AYUSH during the last two years; and
- (c) the manner in which WHO-GCTM (Global Centre for Traditional Medicine) is contributing to international recognition of Ayush practices?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE (IC) OF THE MINISTRY OF AYUSH
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- a) Ministry of Ayush has undertaken following initiatives to promote Indian traditional medicine systems globally;
 - The Ministry has developed a Central Sector Scheme for the Promotion of International Co-operation in Ayush (IC Scheme) under which the Ministry of Ayush provides support to Indian Ayush drug Manufacturers/ Ayush Service providers to give boost to the export of Ayush products & services; facilitates the International promotion, development and recognition of Ayush system of medicine; foster interaction of stakeholders and market development of Ayush at international level; promote academics and research through the establishment of Ayush Academic Chairs in foreign countries and holding training workshop/symposiums for promoting and strengthening awareness and interest about Ayush Systems of Medicine at international level.
 - Signed an agreement with WHO to establish WHO-GTMC in Jamnagar, Gujarat. This Centre aims to provide support to implement WHO's traditional medicine strategy and to

support nations in developing policies & action plans to strengthen the role of traditional medicine as part of their journey to universal health coverage.

- Benchmark document for training and practice of Ayurveda & Unani published in 2022 as an outcome of Project Collaboration Agreement signed with WHO on 13th May, 2016.
- Terminology document published by WHO in Ayurveda, Unani and Siddha as a outcome of Project Collaboration Agreement on integration of traditional and complementary medicine into health care system between WHO and Ministry of Ayush.
- An agreement was signed between the Ministry of Ayush and the World Health Organization (WHO) on May 24, 2025. The agreement marks the beginning of work on a dedicated Traditional Medicine module under the International Classification of Health Interventions (ICHI).
- In addition, the Ministry of Ayush has signed 25 Country to Country MoUs for Cooperation in field of Traditional Medicine and Homoeopathy with foreign nations, 15 MoUs with International Institutes for setting up of AYUSH Academic Chairs in foreign nations, 52 Institute to Institute level MoUs with foreign institutes for undertaking Collaborative Research / Academic collaboration and supported the establishment of 43 Ayush Information Cells in 39 foreign nations for propagation and promotion of Ayush at global stage. Further, Ministry of Ayush offers scholarships to foreign nationals for studying Ayush courses in recognized Ayush institutions in India under International Ayush Fellowship/Scholarship Program.

(b) The MoUs signed with foreign countries for collaboration in the field of Ayush during last two years is attached at Annexure.

(c) India is positioning itself as a global leader in traditional medicine through initiatives like the WHO Global Traditional Medicine Centre (GTMC). This center, established in partnership with the World Health Organization, is a key step in promoting traditional medicine. It will serve as a key knowledge hub for evidence-based Traditional, Complementary and Integrative Medicine (TCIM) on a global scale.

S. No	Details of MoU	Country	Date of Signing
Country to Country level MoUs			
1.	MoU between The Government of the Republic of India and The Government of Malaysia on Cooperation in the Field of Traditional Systems of Medicine	Malaysia	20.08.2024
2.	MoU between the Government of the Republic of India and The Republic of Angola on cooperation in the Field of Ayurveda and other Traditional Systems of Medicine.	Angola	02.05.2025
Institute to Institute level MoUs			
3.	MoU between the Institute of Teaching & Research in Ayurveda (ITRA), Ministry of AYUSH, Government of India, and the National Institute of Health, Republic of Peru for Academic Collaboration in Ayurveda	Peru	15.04.2023
4.	MoU between National Institute of Ayurveda (NIA), Jaipur, Ministry of Ayush of India and Department of Thai Traditional and Alternative Medicine (DTAM), Ministry of Public Health of Thailand, on the Establishment of an Academic Collaboration in Ayurveda and Thai Traditional Medicine	Thailand	27.02.2024
5.	An Institute level MoU between All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA), Ministry of Ayush and Sri Vajera Foundation, Brazil and associated institutions (Yoga Brahma Vidyalaya, Brazil) in the field of Ayurveda and Yoga.	Brazil	09.01.2024
6.	MoU between ITRA and Southern California University of health Sciences, USA	USA	13.01.2024
7.	A Tripartite MoU between Charles University Czech Republic with NIA, Jaipur and MDNIY New Delhi was signed on 17.07.2024 on the Establishment of Academic Collaboration in Ayurveda and Yoga.	Czech Republic	17.07.2024
8.	MoU between the School of Persian Medicine, Tehran University of Medical Sciences (TUMS), Iran, and Central Council for Research in Unani Medicine (CCRUM) on Cooperation in the Field of Unani and Persian Medicine	Iran	21.11.2024
9.	MoU between Indonesian Food and Drug Authority of the Republic of Indonesia and Pharmacopoeia Commission for Indian Medicine & Homoeopathy, Ministry of Ayush of the Republic of India on cooperation in the field of traditional medicine quality assurance	Indonesia	Signed on 21st January 2025 at Jakarta, and 22nd January 2025 at new

			Delhi, and exchanged on 25th January, 2025
10.	Memorandum of Understanding between All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA) and Open Health Systems Laboratory (OHSL),USA has been signed on 6 th March 2025.	USA	06.03.2025
11.	MoU between Institute of Teaching & research in Ayurveda (ITRA), Ministry of Ayush, Government of the Republic of India and institute of Traditional and Alternative Medicine, PMB 31, Ho, Ghana	Ghana	02.07.2025