

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AYUSH
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1926
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10TH MARCH, 2026

“Integrative research and care centres”

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Will the Minister of Ayush be pleased to state:

- a) whether Government proposes to establish more Integrative Research and Care Centres like the recently inaugurated Integrative Oncology Research and Care Centre (IORCC) at All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA), Goa, across other States and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the extent of collaboration between AIIA, ACTREC and other national medical and research institutions to promote evidence-based integrative oncology and rehabilitation; and
- (c) the measures being taken to develop standardised clinical protocols, research frameworks and capacity building programmes to advance integrative health research combining Ayurveda and modern medicine?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE (IC) OF THE MINISTRY OF AYUSH

(SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV)

(a) At present no such proposal is under consideration to establish more Integrative Research and Care Centres like the recently inaugurated Integrative Oncology Research and Care Centre (IORCC) at All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA), Goa, across other States. However, at AIIA, New Delhi, Centre for Integrative Oncology (CIO) has been established in September 2017, as joint venture of All India Institute of Ayurveda, New Delhi (AIIA, New Delhi) & ICMR-National Institute of Cancer Prevention and Research, Noida (ICMR-NICPR, Noida) with an objective to integrate the disciplines of modern medicine and traditional Indian medicine systems for collaborative research projects.

(b) A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA Goa), Directorate of Health Services (DHS), Goa, and Advanced Centre for Treatment, Research and Education in Cancer (ACTREC Mumbai) on 23rd September 2025 on the occasion of Ayurveda Day. Under this MoU, a monthly joint clinic has been initiated, wherein patients receive integrated oncology care through the combined expertise of specialists from Ayurveda and modern oncology.

(c) The following measures are taken to develop standardised clinical protocols, research frameworks and capacity building programmes to advance integrative health research combining Ayurveda and modern medicine :-

I. Development of Standard Treatment Guidelines (STGs): To support evidence-based clinical practice and facilitate coordinated care, Standard Treatment Guidelines (STGs) for Ayush systems has been developed by the Ayush Vertical under the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS). STGs for six common musculoskeletal disorders were published in 2024 and for five common metabolic disorders in 2025. Following their publication, national-level Master Trainer programmes have been conducted in collaboration with the Central Health Education Bureau to support capacity building and facilitate cascading training programmes across States and Union Territories.

II. The Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS) has undertaken various research studies to examine the benefits and feasibility of integration of Ayurveda through the following research projects with modern system of medicine:

- i. A Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) was signed between the Indian Council of Medical Research and the Ministry of Ayush on 11th May 2023, to promote Integrative Health Research. Under this collaboration, a community-based clinical trial on Iron Deficiency Anaemia among non-pregnant women has been initiated and is currently ongoing.
- ii. In addition, the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), and Ministry of Ayush through CCRAS have jointly undertaken a major initiative to establish Ayush-ICMR Advanced Centres for Integrative Health Research (AI-ACIHR) at select AIIMS institutions. These centres aim to develop high-quality evidence in priority disease areas and create robust models for integrative healthcare. The identified areas are:

A. AIIMS Delhi:

- a) Advanced Centre for Integrative Health Research in Gastrointestinal Disorders
- b) Advanced Centre for Integrative Health Research in Women and Child Health

B. AIIMS Jodhpur: Advanced Centre for Integrative Health Research in Geriatric Health

C. AIIMS Nagpur: Advanced Centre for Integrative Health Research in Cancer Care

D. AIIMS Rishikesh: Advanced Centre for Integrative Health Research in Geriatric Health

In these centres research studies on Osteo-arthritis, Mild cognitive impairment, Pulmonary rehabilitation in Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) and Pneumoconiosis, Abnormal Vaginal Discharge, Polycystic Ovarian Syndrome, Gestational Diabetes, Metabolic Dysfunction-Associated Steatotic Liver Disease (MASLD), Pancreaticobiliary diseases, Crohns disease, Ulcerative colitis, Gastro-Oesophageal Reflux Disease (GERD), Pre-malignant oral lesions, Head Neck Squamous Cell Carcinoma and Sarcopenia have been undertaken.

III. Steps taken by the All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA) :-

- i. At All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA), emphasis has been given to the conduct of evidence based research in compliance with the existing regulatory and ethical guidelines of national and international importance.
- ii. The Division of Translational Research and Biostatistics is entrusted with setting up of standard frameworks of all types of research.
- iii. Standard clinical trial protocol format has been developed by AIIA for all types of clinical trials.
- iv. The Institutional Research framework includes, standard protocol writings as per the national and international regulatory guidelines.
- v. Institutional Human Ethics Committee for the review of Ethical compliance and scientific merit of the protocol including statistical power and analysis plan.
- vi. Data Safety and Monitoring Board (DSMB) for reviewing the research works and do the interim analysis with an emphasis to safety of the study participant.
- vii. Clinical Trial Cell to centrally monitor all clinical trials registered at AIIA to review and monitor the progress including patient safety.
- viii. Reporting of Adverse Drug Reactions/ Adverse Events/ Serious Adverse Events of all study participants to National Pharmacovigilance cell.
- ix. The capacity building program at AIIA is a continuous activity of learning in which all the faculties and scholars from within and outside institute are trained in various specialty areas such as Good Clinical Practices, Research protocol Writing, Publication Ethics and Academic Writing, Research methodology and Biostatistics, Quality Control Analysis, Pharmacology, In-silico analysis, In-vitro studies, etc.
- x. AIIA, Goa has conducted A National Workshop on the development of a Clinical Algorithm for the Integrative Management of Colon Cancer was held on 11th and 12th December 2025. The workshop convened multi-disciplinary experts in integrative oncology from across the country, who engaged in in-depth deliberations and collaborative discussions to formulate a structured, evidence-based clinical algorithm aimed at strengthening comprehensive and integrative care for patients with colon cancer.
- xi. Centre for Integrative Oncology (CIO) at AIIA, New Delhi Published two integrative care algorithms
 - Algorithm for Integrative Management of Breast Cancer
 - Algorithm for Integrative Management of Lukemia
