

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**MINISTRY OF AYUSH**  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO - 163**  
**ANSWERED ON 21/07/2026**

**Initiatives to promote research and training in traditional medicine**

**163 Shri Nathwani Parimal:**

Will the Minister of Ayush be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry has undertaken any schemes or initiatives in collaboration with the World Health Organization (WHO)'s Global Centre for Traditional Medicine (GCTM) to promote research, evidence-based practice and training in traditional medicine;
- (b) the details of any recent Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) or agreements signed with foreign institutes or organizations through GCTM; and
- (c) the steps taken to increase awareness about Ayurveda and other Indian systems of medicine at the national and international levels through the Centre?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) Ministry of Ayush is working with the World Health Organization (WHO), including through the WHO Global Traditional Medicine Centre (GTMC), Jamnagar, to promote research, evidence-based practice, capacity building and global cooperation in traditional medicine. Major initiatives include:

- Establishment and operationalization of the WHO Global Traditional Medicine Centre (GTMC), Jamnagar, under the Host Country Agreement between the Government of India and WHO.
- Organization of the First WHO Global Summit on Traditional Medicine (Gandhinagar, 2023), which culminated in the Gujarat Declaration.
- Organization of the Second WHO Global Summit on Traditional Medicine (New Delhi, 2025), resulting in the adoption of the Delhi Declaration and announcement of SMART (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant and Time-bound) commitments for implementation of the WHO Global Traditional Medicine Strategy 2025–2034.
- Development of global traditional medicine research priorities and roadmap, establishment of technical expert networks, advancement of traditional medicine data standards, and launch of the WHO Traditional Medicine Global Library (TMGL).
- Ongoing development of the GTMC campus at Jamnagar as a global hub for research, innovation, training and international collaboration in traditional medicine.

(b) & (c) Ministry of Ayush has entered into agreements with the World Health Organization (WHO) Global Traditional Medicine Centre (GTMC) for organizing the First and Second WHO Global Summits on Traditional Medicine, held in 2023 and 2025, respectively. These Summits served as important global platforms to showcase Ayurveda and other Indian systems of medicine, facilitating international dialogue, knowledge exchange, scientific collaboration, and enhancing global awareness and acceptance of traditional medicine. The initiatives also contributed to the development of global traditional medicine research priorities and a roadmap, establishment of technical expert networks, advancement of traditional medicine data standards, and launch of the WHO Traditional Medicine Global Library (TMGL).

Further, Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) and other agreements with Member States and partner organizations under the WHO Global Traditional Medicine Centre (GTMC) are concluded by the World Health Organization in accordance with its established international legal framework. Accordingly, such agreements are governed by WHO's policies and legal procedures.