

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AYUSH**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-645
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09/12/2022**

WHO GCTM

645. SHRI ANUMULA REVANTH REDDY:

Will the **MINISTER OF AYUSH** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has endorsed the association of the WHO Global Centre for Traditional Medicine (WHO GCTM) in Jamnagar, Gujarat and if so the details thereof;
- (b) the reasons behind the selection of Gujarat State to felicitate the project;
- (c) the number of global wellness, bolster evidence-based research, training, and awareness Programme for Traditional Medicine conducted in the last two years, State-wise and year-wise; and
- (d) the funds allocated and utilized under the Global Centre for Traditional Medicine?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF AYUSH
(SHRI SARBANANDA SONOWAL)**

- (a) Yes, the Government of India endorsed the association of the WHO Global Centre for Traditional Medicine (WHO GCTM) in Jamnagar, Gujarat. The Ministry of Ayush, Government of India signed a Host Country Agreement with WHO on 25.03.2022 for the same.
- (b) The decision for the selection of Gujarat state for felicitating the project, was jointly taken by the Ministry of Ayush and World Health Organization (WHO).
- (c) The Ministry of Ayush has undertaken various evidence-based research, trainings, and awareness Programmes for global wellness through Traditional Medicine. Details for the same are as follows:

- Signed 40 Institute Level MoUs with foreign Institutes for undertaking Collaborative Research/ Academic collaboration etc.
- Clinical trial of Ashwagandha for promoting recovery from Covid-19 in the UK in collaboration with the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine (LSHTM), UK.
- Understanding the Molecular Mechanism of Guduchyadi Tablet in Combating Covid-19 Infection in-Vitro & in-Vivo Study in collaboration with Frankfurter Innovationszentrum Biotechnologie (FIZ) GmbH, Germany.
- AYUSH PHFI research study entitled “Assessment of integration of AYUSH into the public health system for combating COVID-19” in collaboration with WHO.
- Evidence-based research for traditional medicine being undertaken at CSIR-Institute of Himalayan Bioresource Technology (IHBT), Palampur are as follows:
 - Validation of immuno boosting properties of Carum carvi and Bunium persicum based on traditional knowledge is being done.
 - An ayurvedic medicine, Phalatrikadi kwath was found efficacious against NAFLD in rat models.
 - The scientific validation of Ayurveda formulations Arjuna ksheerapaka and Trikatu were also performed.
- Training Programs
 - CSIR – National Institute for Interdisciplinary Science and Technology (NIIST), Thiruvananthapuram, imparted training to MSME industries in Ayurveda on 24th January 2020 on Quality Assurance in collaboration with Ayurveda Manufacturers Association Research Foundation Kerala and Kerala Ayurveda Cooperative Society, Calicut
 - One awareness cum training program "Continuing Medical Education (CME) programme for Teachers and Doctors" of the AYUSH discipline was Organized in association with Rashtriya Ayurveda Vidyapeeth (National Academy of Ayurveda) at CSIR-Indian Institute of Chemical Technology(IICT), Hyderabad between 25th-30th May 2022.

- organized a three-day mega event 'Global Ayush Investment and Innovation Summit' from 20 to 22 April 2022 at Gandhinagar, Gujarat which provided a platform for the global investors from different countries working in the different fields of Health care sector.

(d) The financial implications of Rs. 130.00 Cr (approx.) have been approved by the Ministry of Ayush towards the functional cost of the Interim Office of WHO-GCTM and Funds of Rs. 63.26 Cr have been released till date.
