GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AYUSH

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AYUSH CHINTANSHIVIR

2809 # SHRI RAJENDRA DHEDYA GAVIT:

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

(a) whether the first "ChintanShivir" was conducted by AYUSH Ministry at Kaziranga National Park, Assam;
(b) if so, the details thereof and the roadmap chalked out at the Shivir;
(c) whether the Government proposes to start digital health technology in AYUSH sector, if so, the details thereof; and
(d) whether the Government has any plan to promote young researchers and scientists for R&D in AYUSH sector and if so, details thereof?

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF AYUSH
(SHRI SARBANANDA SONOWAL)

(a) Yes Sir, the first ChintanShivir of Ministry of Ayush was conducted from 27th-28th February 2023 at Kaziranga National Park, Assam.

(b) This ChintanShivir was organised for having brainstorming sessions on various policy and programmes of Ministry of Ayush and to deliberate on future initiatives and roadmap in Ayush Sector. The Shivir had following five sessions for discussion

 i. Digital Health and Technology in Ayush
 ii. Ayush Research: Future Strategy, Challenges and Way Forward
 iii. Ayush Education: Future initiatives, Capacity building, Employment generation and NEP
 iv. Current Challenges and way forward in Ayush Drug Industries, Services & Standardization of Ayush
 v. Ayush in Public Health: Challenges and Way Forward

These sessions had detailed discussions on key policy/programmes of Ministry of Ayush and also deliberated upon the problems faced in implementation of these policies. All the five session also witnessed participation from various invitee speakers.Key Discussion/Suggestion points of ChintanShivirare placed in **Annexure**.

(c)   The Ministry of Ayush is already committed for developing digital ecosystem for Ayush Sector. Ministry has conceptualised Ayush Grid project for digitalization of entire Ayush sector. This project has been planned for leveraging digital health technology to transform operational efficiency, improve service delivery and enhance quality of services in Ayush. The IT backbone in Ayush i.e. Ayush Grid project will help in integration of all stakeholders and functions/ services related to Ayush.

(d)   Ministry of Ayush through its Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS),conductstwo Programmes to promote young researcher and scientists for R&D inAyush Sector:

i.   CCRAS Post-Doctoral Fellowship

CCRAS Post-Doctoral Fellowship is aimed to identify motivated young researchers of Ayurveda and related science disciplines to provide them support for doing research in frontier areas of Ayurveda and to enhance their academic and research capabilities. The fellows will work under a mentor, at reputed organizations like CSIR, ICMR, DBT, National Institutes, recognized Universities and National Institutions of Ayush etc. for the tenure of two (2) years.

ii.   Studentship Programme for Ayurveda Research Ken (SPARK)

The Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS) has initiated the Studentship Programme for Ayurveda Research Ken(SPARK) in order to promote interest and aptitude for research among Ayurveda undergraduates. The main objective of this program is to provide an opportunity to undergraduate Ayurveda students to familiarize themselves with research methodology and techniques by being associated for a short duration with their seniors on ongoing research program or by undertaking independent projects.

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Key Discussion/Suggestion points of ChintanShivir

Session	Key Discussion/suggestion points
Digital Health and Technology in Ayush	Digitization of Ayushwith Ayush Grid and AI Integration, Ayush Healthcare Information Management System
Ayush Research: Future Strategy, Challenges and Way Forward	Evidence based research, Meeting safety standards, quality benchmarking, Academia-Research-Technology-Industry integration, cross system sensitization, statistical validation of Ayush treatments and therapies.
Ayush Education: Future initiatives, Capacity building, Employment generation and NEP	Spreading Indian Knowledge Perspective to masses, suggestions to reinvent education in Ayurveda incorporating AI, innovation and automation in healthcare; suggestion for a health university, integrative medicine as teaching philosophyin medical colleges, Ways to boost employment generation in Ayush, Lesser compliances.
Current Challenges and way forward in Ayush Drug Industries, Services & Standardization of Ayush	Solving supply chain and export related challenges, Digital integration, Improving Research and Documentation in Ayush and countering Negative Media, Ayush pharmacy and allied healthcare professional bill was discussed, possibilities for setting up of Central Ayush University were discussed.
Ayush in Public Health: Challenges and Way Forward	Primary-Secondary-Tertiary-Quaternary Integrated Care Ecosystem build on Ayush Grid infrastructure, Ayush wellness centres as health transformation centres , focus on proactive healthcare instead of reactive healthcare, Expanding insurance coverage, strengthening institutional mechanism in Ayush, Inclusion of Ayush in national level programs, formation of Public Health Cadre, co-located facilities, stress on capacity building