

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF AYUSH**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-2225  
ANSWERED ON 15/12/2023**

**PROMOTION OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN AYUSH SYSTEM**

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Will the Minister of Ayush be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to increase cooperation and promotion of the AYUSH system of medicine at the global level;
- (b) whether the Government has signed agreements with the countries to increase the demand of AYUSH system of medicine;
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed on cooperation in the fields of traditional, complementary and integrative medicines; and
- (d) the details of the new schemes approved and launched in the healthcare sector during the last five years and the current year?

**ANSWER  
THE MINISTER OF AYUSH  
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(a) to (c) The steps taken by the Government to increase cooperation and promotion of the AYUSH system of medicine at the global level are as follows:

- The Ministry has developed a Central Sector Scheme for Promotion of International Co-operation in Ayush (IC Scheme) under which Ministry of Ayush provides support to Indian Ayush Manufacturers/ Ayush Service providers to give boost to export of Ayush products & services; facilitate 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 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.

- Supported the establishment of 39 Ayush Information Cells in 35 foreign nations.
- Offering Ayush scholarships to foreign nationals for undertaking Ayush courses in recognized Ayush institutions in India.
- Signed MoU with London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine (LSH&TM), UK and Frankfurter Innovationszentrum Biotechnologie GmbH (FIZ), Frankfurt Germany for clinical research studies on mitigation of Covid-19 through Ayurveda.
- Providing Training to regulators of foreign nations to generate awareness about the Ayush systems.
- WHO-GMP (COPP) has been provided to Ayush Drug manufacturers to facilitate the export of Ayurveda, Siddha, and Unani & Homoeopathy Drugs. The details of products certified as Pharmaceutical products (COPP) granted as per the WHO-GMP Certification Scheme by CDSCO are available at <https://cdsco.gov.in/opencms/opencms/en/Aayush/>.
- The Ministry of Ayush and WHO have signed an agreement to establish the WHO Global Centre of Traditional Medicine in India (GCTM) in Jamnagar, Gujarat. The WHO-GCTM is intended to provide global health leadership to India and WHO member states to strengthen the evidence-based foundation of Traditional Medicinal systems and services and provide technical guidance and country support for implementation to generate greater impact for health and wellbeing.
- The Ministry of Ayush is engaged for multilateral cooperation on Traditional Medicine with forums viz. Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO), Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC), G20 etc. The initiatives taken by Ministry has led to establishment of India-EU Technical Working Group (TWG) on Ayurveda, and an Expert Working Group (EWG) on Traditional Medicine under SCO. The Ministry organized B2B meeting under SCO and conference of ASEAN countries in 2023. The ministry also participates in various trade agreements and bilateral trade meetings by the Ministry of Commerce.
- Government of India introduced a new Visa Regime under chapter 11A i.e. Ayush (AY) visa for foreigners visiting India for treatment under Ayush systems/ Indian systems of medicine and also to provide e-Ayush visa and e-Ayush Attendent visa to such foreigners.
- Supported the establishment of Ayush Export Promotion Council (AYUSHEXCIL) to promote the export of Ayush products/ medicines as well as Ayush services.

The following Memorandum of Understanding (MoUs) for cooperation in the field of Traditional Medicines signed by the Ministry of Ayush are as follows,

- Signed 24 Country to Country MoUs with Bangladesh, Hungary, Trinidad & Tobago, Malaysia, Mauritius, Mongolia, Turkmenistan, Myanmar, Germany, Iran, Sao Tome & Príncipe, Equatorial Guinea, Cuba, Colombia, Bolivia, Gambia, Republic of Guinea, China, Saint Vincent & the Grenadines, Zimbabwe, Suriname, Brazil, Nepal, and WHO Headquarters, Geneva.
- Signed 46 MoUs with international institutes for undertaking Collaborative Research / Academic collaboration (Annexure-1).
- Signed 15 MoUs with international institutes for setting up AYUSH Academic Chairs in foreign nations (Annexure-2).

(d) The details of the new schemes approved and launched in the healthcare sector by the Ministry of Ayush during the last five years and the current year are as follows:

**(1) Ayush Oushadhi Gunavatta evam Utpadan Samvardhan Yojana (AOGUSY)-**

Ayush Oushadhi Gunavatta evam Utpadan Samvardhan Yojana (AOGUSY), a Central Sector Scheme approved and launched in the year 2021 with the following components:

- Strengthening and up-gradation of Ayush Pharmacies and Drug Testing Laboratories to achieve higher standards.
- Pharmacovigilance of ASU&H drugs including surveillance of misleading advertisements.
- Strengthening of Central and State regulatory frameworks including Technical Human Resource & Capacity Building programs for Ayush drugs.
- Support for development of standards and accreditation/ certification of Ayush products & materials in collaboration with BIS, QCI and other relevant scientific institutions and industrial R&D centres.

Detailed guidelines are available at <https://ayush.gov.in/images/Schemes/aoushdhi.pdf>

**(2) AYURGYAN-**

Ayurgyan Scheme, a Central Sector Scheme approved and launched in the year 2021 with the following components:

- Capacity Building and Continuing Medical Education (CME) in AYUSH
- Research and Innovation in AYUSH
- Ayurveda Biology Integrated Health Research under Ayurgyan Scheme. It has been added further as a third component in the year 2023.

Detailed guidelines are available at <https://email.gov.in/service/home/~/?auth=co&loc=en&id=296366&part=3>

**(3) AYURSWASTHYA-**

AYURSWASTHYA, a Central Sector Scheme approved and launched in the FY 2021- 22 with the following main components:

- AYUSH and Public Health.

- ii. Up-gradation of facilities to Centre of Excellence

Detailed guidelines are available at <https://ayush.gov.in/images/Schemes/Ayurswasthya.pdf>

#### **(4) Champion Services Sector Scheme-**

Champion Services Sector Scheme for Medical Value Travel (CSSS), a Central Sector Scheme approved and launched in the year 2019 with the following components:

- i. Establishment of World Class, State of the Art Super Specialty Hospitals/ Day Care Centers
- ii. Skill Development in Ayush Sector and
- iii. Establishment of Ayush Grid.

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## Annexure-1

### Institute to Institute MoU Details

S. No	Details of MoU	Country
1.	MoU between Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS), Ministry of AYUSH (on behalf of all the research councils-CCRAS, CCRUM, CCRS, CCRH, CCRYN) and the University of Mississippi, USA, on behalf of National Centre for Natural Products Research (NCNPR) for cooperation in the field of traditional medicine	USA
2.	MoU between CCRH and Royal London Hospital for Integrated Medicine, UK	United Kingdom
3.	MoU between Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy (CCRH) and College of Homeopaths of Ontario (CHO), Canada	Canada
4.	United States Pharmacopoeia Convention and Pharmacopoeia Commission of Indian Medicine	USA
5.	MoU on cooperation in the field of Research and Education in Homeopathy Medicine was signed between CCRH and Universidad Maimonides, Buenos Aires, Argentina	Argentina
6.	MoU on Cooperation in Research and Development in the field of Ayurvedic Science was signed between Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS) and the Medical Research Infrastructure and Health Services fund of the Tel Aviv Sourasky medical Institute (TASMC), Israel	Israel
7.	MoU between Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Science, on Behalf of All Research Councils, Ministry of AYUSH(Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homeopathy), Government of India located in New Delhi, ("CCRAS") and The Governors of the University of Alberta as Represented by the Integrative Health Institute Located in Edmonton, ALBERTA, Canada	Canada
8.	MoU between National Institute of Ayurveda and Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman, Kaula Lumpur, Malaysia in the field of Education, Training, Research, Publication and Popularization of Ayurveda in Malaysia	Malaysia
9.	MoU between Pharmacopoeia Commission for Indian Medicine & Homoeopathy (PCIM&H) and Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy (CCRH) with Homoeopathic Pharmacopoeia Convention of the United States (HPCUS)	USA
10.	MoU between Scientific Society for Homoeopathy (WissHom), Germany and Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy (CCRH)	Germany
11.	Agreement on cooperation in the field of Research and Education in Homoeopathy between Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy (CCRH) and Federal University of Rio De Janerio (FURJ), Brazil	Brazil
12.	MoU on cooperation and collaboration in the field of Ayurveda between the All India Institute of Ayurveda, (AIIA), Ministry of AYUSH and European Academy of Ayurveda (Birstein), (REAA) Germany	Germany
13.	MoU on Cooperation in the field of Research in Homeopathic Medicine was signed between Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy (CCRH) and Centre for Integrative Complementary Medicine, Shaare Zedek Medical Center, Jerusalem, Israel	Israel
14.	MoU on cooperation in the field of Research in Homeopathy was signed between Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy (CCRH) and National Institute of Integrative Medicine (NIIM), Australia	Australia
15.	MoU on Establishment of an Academic Collaboration in Ayurveda between All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA) and College of Medicine (UK) was signed during the visit of Hon'ble PM of India to	United Kingdom

	UK	
16.	MoU on collaboration in the field of Ayurveda was signed between All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA) and the Medical University of Graz, Graz Austria	Austria
17.	MoU on cooperation in the field of Unani medicine was signed between Central Council for Research in Unani Medicine (CCRUM) and State Educational Establishment“ Tajik State Medical University named Abualibn Sino”	Tajikistan
18.	MoU on the establishment of an academic collaboration in Ayurveda has been signed between All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA), Ministry of AYUSH and Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital, USA	USA
19.	MoU CCRAS, Ministry of AYUSH and Department of Neurology and Complementary Medicine, Lutheran, Hospital Hattingen, Germany for Cooperation in the field of Research and Education in Ayurveda	Germany
20.	MoU between All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA) and Wester Sydney University, Australia	Australia
21.	MoU between MORARJI DESAI NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF YOGA (MDNIY) MINISTRY OF AYUSH, GOVT OF INDIA NEW DELHI and DIVINE VALUES SCHOOL, ECUADOR (DVSE)	Ecuador
22.	MoU between Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences, (CCRAS) Ministry of AYUSH Government of the Republic of India and University of Debrecen, Hungary (UD) on the Intention of Establishment of European Institute of Ayurvedic Sciences (EIAS), Hungary	Hungary
23.	MOU between NIA & the University of West Indies for Collaboration in the field of Education, Training, Research, Treatment, Publication etc	West Indies
24.	An Agreement signed between All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA), Ministry of Ayush and London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine (LSHTM), UK for undertaking research on Ashwagandha for promoting recovery from Covid-19 in the UK.	United Kingdom
25.	MoU between Shimane University, Japan and All India Institute of Ayurveda	Japan
26.	MoU between Fizz, Frankfurt, Germany and All India Institute of Ayurveda	Germany
27.	MoC with the Kanagawa Prefectural Govt of Japan	Japan
28.	MoU between CCRUM and Humdard University Bangladesh	Bangladesh
29.	MoU between CCRAS, Ministry of AYUSH and OCCAM, National Cancer Institute National Institutes of Health Department of Health and Human Services, Government of the United States of America	USA
30.	Memorandum of Understanding between Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS), Ministry of AYUSH, and The Institute for Social medicine, Epidemiology and the Health Economics, Charite University Medical Centre, Berlin Germany	Germany
31.	Institute for the History of Medicine, Robert Bosch Foundation,	Germany

	Stuttgart, Germany on Cooperation in the Field of Development of Museum on AYUSH System and Archives on Homoeopathy	
32.	MoU between Morarji Desai National Institute Of Yoga (MDNIY) Ministry Of Ayush, Govt of India New Delhi and Leaders Development Institute, Ministry of Sports Saudi Arabia	Saudi Arabia
33.	MoU between Rashtriya Ayurved Vidyapeeth (RAV) and Fundacion De Salud Ayurveda Prema, Argentina	Argentina
34.	MoU between AIIA and Future Vision Institute, Brazil and University of Sao Paulo Brazil	Brazil
35.	MoU between AIIA and The University General Hospital in La Reunion - CHU de La Reunion in the field of Ayurveda	Chu de La Reunion
36.	MoU between AIIA, The Federal University of Rio De Jenerio (UFRJ) and The Brazilian Academic Consortium for Integrative Health (CABSIN), Brazil	Brazil
37.	MoU between National Institute of Ayurveda Jaipur and Philippines institute of traditional and Alternative Healthcare, Philippines	Philippines
38.	MoU between All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA) and University Health Netwrok, Canada	Canada
39.	Agreement on Co-operation in collaborative research in the field of Ayurveda and Siddha between CCRAS, Romanian Society of Medicine and Suraj Ayurveda Clinic and Research Centre Pune.	Romania
40.	MoU between CCRAS and PHFI for Ayush- WHO-PHFI collaborative project entitled Assessment of integration of AYUSH System into the public health system for combating COVID-19.	WHO
41.	MoU between MDNIY and India Yoga Center (IYC), Korea	Korea
42.	MoU between AIIA and UCMH, Havana Cuba The Establishment of an Academic Collaboration In Ayurveda	Cuba
43.	MoU between AIIA and National Institute of advanced industrial science and technology	Japan
44.	MoU Between MDNIY and Sarv Yoga International Italy	Italy
45.	MoU Between ITRA and National Institute of Health, Republic of Peru	Peru
46.	MoU between AIIA and Kvarner Health Tourism Cluster, Croatia	Croatia

## Annexure-2

### Academic Chair MoU

S.No	Details of MoU	Country
1.	"Memorandum of Understanding between CCRAS and Rangsit University, Thailand on The Establishment of the "ACADEMIC CHAIR" in Ayurveda "	Thailand
2.	Memorandum of Understanding between CCRAS and University of Primorska (Univerza na Primorskem Universita del Litorale), <b>Slovenia</b> on A Grant for the Visiting Professor for AYURVEDA.	<b>Slovenia</b>
3.	MoU between CCRAS and Udayana University, Bali on The Establishment of an Academic Chair in Ayurveda, Indonesia	Indonesia
4.	MoU between CCRAS, Republic of India and Peoples' Friendship University of Russia on Cooperation in the field of AYURVEDA, Russia	Russia
5.	MoU between CCRAS, Republic of India and University of Latvia on the Establishment of Academic Chair in Ayurveda	Latvia
6.	MoU between CCRAS, Republic of India and Instituto Universitario del Gran Rosario and The Government of Fundacion de Salud Ayurveda Prema Argentina on the Establishment of Academic Chair in Ayurveda	Argentina
7.	MoU Between CCRAS and University of Debrecen, Hungary on the establishment of the "ACADEMIC CHAIR" in Ayurveda	Hungary
8.	MoU Between CCRAS and Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman (UTAR), Malaysia on the establishment of the "ACADEMIC CHAIR" in Ayurveda	Malaysia
9.	MoU Between CCRAS and University of West Indies, <b>Trinidad and Tobago</b> for the post of the "AYURVEDA CHAIR"	T&T
10.	MoU between CCRAS and University of Mauritius for the post of the "AYURVEDA CHAIR"	Mauritius
11.	MoU between CCRUM and University of the Western Cape, South Africa for the post of the "Unani CHAIR"	South Africa
12.	MOU Between CCRUM and Hamdard University Bangladesh for the post of the "Unani CHAIR"	Bangladesh
13.	MoU between CCRH and vi. Yerevan State Medical University (YSMU), Armenia for the post of Homeopathy Chair	Armenia
14.	MoU between Western Sydney, Australia and AIIA, Ministry of Ayush signed for establishing Ayurveda Academic Chair	Australia
15.	MoU between CCRAS and Universidad Autonoma De Nuevo Leon Mexico for establishment of Academic chair	Mexico

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