

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AYUSH**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1942
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Integrated Health Research in AIIMS

1942 Shri Chavan Vasant Rao Balwantrao:

Shri Dhairyasheel Sambhajirao Mane:

Shri Sudheer Gupta:

Will the Minister of AYUSH be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has launched the AYUSH-ICMR advanced Centre for Integrated Health Research in All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS);
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the salient features of the said Centre;
- (c) whether the Government has also announced mega joint initiatives between the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and Ministry of AYUSH;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the kind of AYUSH healthcare facilities that will be provided in these Centres;
- (e) whether the Government publishes Indian Public Health Standards(IPHS), uniform standards to improve the quality of healthcare delivery in the country and if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the other measures that have been taken by the Government so that common public can avail the benefits of AYUSH medical services for complete healthcare?

ANSWER

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

(a), (b), (c) and (d)

Yes, Ministry of Ayush and Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) under Ministry of Health and Family Welfare signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on 11.05.2023 with objectives to promote and develop cooperation and collaboration on health research between Ministry of Ayush and ICMR to-

- a. Explore the areas of collaboration, convergence and synergy between Ministry of Ayush and ICMR for integrative health research.

b. Strengthening research capacity between Ministry of Ayush and ICMR.

As per the MoU, one of the priority areas is establishment of Ayush-ICMR Centers for Advanced Research in Integrative Health at All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS).

The salient features of these centers are as under:-

- To develop dynamic and vibrant ecosystem of integrative health research through integrating Ayush system with conventional bio-medicine, and modern technology to bring integrative health care to the people through innovations related to diagnostics, preventive, health promotive, restorative as well as treatment methods.
- Generating robust evidence for mainstreaming the integrative health approaches for diseases of national importance through channelizing the existing Human resources, Infrastructure and available resources.

(e)

Yes, the Government published the Indian Public Health Standards (IPHS) for Ayushman Arogya Mandir (Ayush) and Ayush hospitals on 04.03.2024. These standards aim to bridge the existing gaps in service delivery by providing a standardized framework. This framework encompasses not only the physical infrastructure of the Ayush healthcare facilities but also the quality of care provided, standards on availability of human resources, capacity building, medicines, diagnostics, equipment and governance etc. ensuring the availability of the highest standards of healthcare delivery across the nation.

(f)

- i. The Government is implementing the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National Ayush Mission (NAM) through State/UT Governments and providing financial assistance to them for against their proposals received through State Annual Action Plans as per the provisions of NAM guideline so that common public can avail the benefits of Ayush medical services.
- ii. The Government is also providing Ayush medical services for the common public through healthcare facilities set up under the five Research Councils and twelve National Institutes under the Ministry of Ayush. Further, the Ayush medical services are also being provided through the healthcare facilities under various Ministries viz. Directorate General of Armed Forces Medical Services (DGAFMS) and Directorate General, Defence Estates (DGDE), Ministry of Defence; Ministry of Railways; Ministry of Health and Family Welfare; and Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC), Ministry of Labour and Employment.