

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AYUSH**

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Promotion of Traditional Indian Medicine System

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Will the Minister of AYUSH be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has implemented any new initiatives or schemes to promote traditional Indian Medicine Systems such as Ayurveda, Yoga, Unani, Siddha, and Homeopathy in recent years;

(b) if so, the details thereof, stream-wise alongwith the impact of these initiatives that have had on public health and wellness;

(c) the current status of integrating AYUSH practices with the mainstream healthcare system across the country; and

(d) the other corrective steps and targets set by the Government to further promote and develop AYUSH practices across the country?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE (IC) OF THE MINISTRY OF AYUSH
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(a) to (d) Ministry of Ayush is implementing the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National Ayush Mission (NAM) through State/UT Governments and supporting their efforts for promotion and overall development of Ayush including Ayurveda, Yoga, Unani, Siddha, and Homeopathy. Under NAM, grant-in-aid is being provided to the State /UT Governments against their proposals received through State Annual Action Plans (SAAPs) as per the provisions of NAM guidelines. The NAM inter-alia makes provision for following activities:

(i) Operationalization of Ayush Health & Wellness Centres (AHWCs) now renamed as Ayushman Arogya Mandir (Ayush).

(ii) Co-location of Ayush facilities at Primary Health Centres (PHCs), Community Health Centres (CHCs) and District Hospitals (DHs)

(iii) Upgradation of existing standalone Government Ayush Hospitals

- (iv) Upgradation of existing Government/Panchayat/Government aided Ayush Dispensaries/
Construction of building for existing Ayush Dispensary (Rented/dilapidated accommodation)
/Construction of building to establish new Ayush Dispensary
- (v) Setting up of 10/30/50 bedded integrated Ayush Hospitals
- (vi) Supply of essential drugs to Government Ayush Hospitals, Government Dispensaries and
Government/Government aided Teaching Institutional Ayush Hospitals
- (vii) Ayush Public Health Programs
- (viii) Ayush Gram
- (ix) Behavior Change Communication (BCC)
- (x) Establishment of new Ayush colleges in the States where availability of AYUSH teaching
institutions is inadequate in Government Sector.
- (xi) Infrastructural development of Ayush Under-Graduate Institutions and Ayush Post-
Graduate Institutions/add on PG/ Pharmacy/Para-Medical Courses.

As per the proposals received from the State/UT Governments through SAAPs under NAM, Ministry of Ayush has released an amount of Rs. 4534.28 Crores from the year 2014-15 to 2023-24. After implementation of NAM Scheme, the scale of achievement for development of Ayush system of medicine in the States/UTs has increased significantly. Accordingly, budget allocation of NAM enhanced gradually from Rs. 75.28 Crore (in 2014-15) to Rs.1200.00 Crore (in 2024-25) for implementation of different activities of NAM Scheme through States/UTs. Under NAM, consolidated funds are being released to the State/UT Governments for development and promotion of different Ayush systems and stream-wise funds are not being released.

Further, Government of India has adopted a strategy of Co-location of Ayush facilities at Primary Health Centres (PHCs), Community Health Centres (CHCs) and District Hospitals (DHs), thus enabling the choice to the patients for different systems of medicines under a single window. The engagement of Ayush doctors/ paramedics and their training is being supported by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare under National Health Mission (NHM), while the support for Ayush infrastructure, equipment/ furniture and medicines is being provided by the Ministry of Ayush under National Ayush Mission (NAM), as shared responsibilities. 6612 PHCs, 3035 CHCs and 469 DHs have been co-located across the country as per the NHM-Medical Information System (MIS) database as on 31.12.2023.

Further, 12 National Institutes and 05 Research Councils under Ministry of Ayush are functioning with a mandate of promotion of Ayush system in their respective fields of Ayush systems of medicine. 02 Statutory Bodies under Ministry of Ayush i.e., National Commission for Indian System of Medicine (NCISM) and National Commission for Homoeopathy (NCH) are working as a regulatory commission for promotion of Ayush education.

Apart from this, Ministry of Ayush is implementing Central Sector Schemes providing financial assistance for promotion of Ayush systems of medicine in National and International level namely, Ayush Oushadhi Gunavatta evam Utpadan Samvardhan Yojana

(AOGUSY), Promotion of International Cooperation (IC), Promotion of Information, Education and Communication (IEC), Scheme for Conservation, Development and Sustainable Management of Medicinal Plants (CDSMMP), Ayurwashthaya Yojana and Ayurgyan.
