GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF AYUSH

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Indian Public Health Standards for AYUSH Healthcare Facilities

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Will the Minister of AYUSH be pleased to state:

- (a) the timeline fixed for implementation of the Indian Public Health Standards for AYUSH healthcare facilities across the country;
- (b) the steps being taken by the Government to ensure integration of AYUSH systems with modern medicine in the selected AIIMS and other healthcare facilities;
- (c) whether the Government plans to extend the AYUSH-ICMR Advanced Centres for Integrative Health Research to more AIIMS or other medical institutions in the future and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps being taken by the Government to ensure the quality and standardization of AYUSH medicines used in these integrative health research centres and clinical trials?

ANSWER

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

(a) Public Health being a State Subject, implementation of the Indian Public Health Standards for Ayush healthcare facilities comes under purview of the respective State/UT Governments. Indian Public Health Standards (IPHS), for Ayush Hospitals and Ayushman Arogya Mandir

(Ayush) have been launched on 04th March, 2024 and have been shared with State /UT Governments for compliance to improve the quality of health care delivery in the country.

(b) As per Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) and Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS), four centres and four research areas have been identified, which are as follows:

I. AIIMS Delhi:

- (a) Advanced Centre for Integrative Health Research in Gastro-intestinal Disorders.
- (b) Advanced Centre for Integrative Health Research in Women and Child Health.
- II. AIIMS Jodhpur: Advanced Centre for Integrative Health Research in Geriatric Health.
- III. AIIMS Nagpur: Advanced Centre for Integrative Health Research in Cancer Care.
- IV. AIIMS Rishikesh: Advanced Centre for Integrative Health Research in Geriatric Health.

Further, the steps being taken by the Government to ensure integration of AYUSH systems with modern medicine in the selected AIIMS and other healthcare facilities, are as under:

- (i) 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 choice to the patients for different systems of medicines under 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 Ministry of Ayush under National Ayush Mission (NAM) as shared responsibilities.
- (ii) In All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA) New Delhi, the integrative medical services are available under one roof, with the following units:
 - a) Centre for Integrative Ayush Therapy (Unani, Siddha & Homeopathy)
 - b) Integrative Cancer Care Unit
 - c) Centre for Integrative Dentistry
 - d) Centre for Integrative Critical Care & Emergency Medicine
 - e) Centre for Integrative Orthopaedics
 - f) Centre for Integrative Dietetics and Nutrition
 - g) Causality OPD section
- (iii) Satellite Clinical Services Units by All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA) New Delhi at:
 - a) Integrative Medical Services Unit at Safdarjung Hospital New Delhi

- b) Centre of Integrative Oncology (CIO) Unit AIIMS Jhajjar.
- c) Ayurveda Wellness Centre at Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy
- of Administration, Mussoorie, Uttarakhand.
- d) Ayurveda Wellness Centre at Arogya Van, Ekta Nagar, Kevadia Forest Division, Statue of Unity area Development and Tourism Governance Authority (SoUADTGA), Gujarat.
- (iv) The Department of Integrative Medicine began on 8 July, 2022 in Vardhaman Mahavir Medical College and Safdarjung Hospital, Delhi providing services like Specialty OPD, Panchakarma Therapy, Free Ayurvedic Medicine Dispensary and Dietary Consultation.
- (v) Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS) has undertaken various research studies to examine the benefits and feasibility of integration of Ayurveda through the following research projects for integration of Ayurveda with modern system of medicine:
 - a. Operational study to explore the feasibility of integrating Ayurveda with modern system of medicine in a tertiary care hospital (Safdarjung Hospital New Delhi) for the management of Osteoarthritis (Knee).
 - b. Feasibility of introducing Indian System of Medicine (Ayurveda) in the National Reproductive and Child Health services at Primary Health Care (PHC) level in Himachal Pradesh.
 - c. Integration of AYUSH systems in National Programme for Prevention and Control of Cancer, Diabetes, Cardiovascular Diseases & Stroke (NPCDCS).
 - d. Feasibility of introducing Ayurveda Intervention in Reproductive and Child Health (RCH) in PHCs of Selected district (Gadchiroli) of Maharashtra (Effectiveness of Ayurvedic intervention for Ante-Natal care (Garbhini Paricharya) at Primary Health Care level: A Multi Centre Operational Study).
- (vi) Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy (CCRH) has undertaken research studies of integrative nature using homoeopathic medicine in collaboration with health care facilities of allopathic system of medicine in the following clinical conditions: acute encephalitis syndrome, side effects due to radio/chemotherapy in cancer, thrombocytopenia due to dengue, diabetic foot ulcer, COVID-19, chronic kidney disease, trigeminal neuralgia, and Respiratory Sequelae of Post- Covid Cases.
- (vii) Central Council for Research in Siddha (CCRS) is currently involved in validating Siddha drugs through clinical trials, pre-clinical, Pharmacological / Toxicological studies for acute and chronic diseases in integrative manner utilizing modern system of techniques and equipment. During the pandemic outbreak of COVID -19 various collaborative clinical studies have been initiated with modern institutions and published research articles in indexed journals.

CCRS has entered into MoU with allopathy institute like Government Stanley Medical College, Chennai, Tamil Nadu, Govt. Institute of Medical Sciences, Greater Noida and Siddha Clinical Research Unit, New Delhi and Govt. Theni medical college, Tamil Nadu to manage and treat the patients in the integrative manner for reasonable developments. Integrated Siddha cancer OPD has also been successfully functioning at All India Institute of Ayurveda campus aiding the Palliative care of cancer patients through Siddha system.

- (viii) National Institute of Homoeopathy (NIH), Kolkata provides Homoeopathic consultation at Centenary Hospital, Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port, Kolkata along with mainstream medicine.
- (ix) Central Council for Research in Unani Medicine has undertaken one programme on integration of Unani Medicine in National Programme for Prevention and Control of Cancer, Diabetes, Cardiovascular Diseases and Stroke (NPCDCS) in the selected district Lakimpur Kheri, Uttar Pradesh.
- (x) National Institute of Siddha has conducted clinical trials during COVID-19 in collaboration with Allopathic Medical College with Siddha add-on treatment regimen along with standard allopathic care. The three researches have been published in reputed, peer reviewed, Pub Med indexed journals. Integrated clinical studies have also been carried out in Diabetes Mellitus with Aavaarai Kudineer, Wound Healing, Psoriasis, Fistula-in-ano etc.
- (xi) Institute of Teaching and Research in Ayurveda, Jamnagar has started conducting various research projects by keeping modern physician as Co-investigator in various disease condition.

Few areas of such integrated researches are as under:-

- COVID-19
- Type I diabetes
- Thalassemia major
- Asthma
- Fracture
- Anorectal surgeries etc.
- (xii) Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga is running 20 Preventive Health Care Units of Yoga in CGHS Dispensaries. They have 4 Yoga Therapy Centres in AYUSH / Allopathy Hospitals.
- (xiii) The elective module on different Health systems in India have been added as mandatory elective in the first BHMS curriculum. Further, National Medical Commission has added Ayurveda, Yoga, Unani, Siddha & Sowa Rigpa Homoeopathy system of medicine as elective in the Internship of MBBS course curriculum.
- (xiv) Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy has undertaken 25 projects in Health Research for Integrated Medicine in Homoeopathy.

- (c) No such proposal is under consideration.
- (d) Ministry of Ayush is implementing a Central Sector Scheme called "Ayush Oushadhi Gunavatta evam Uttpadan Samvardhan Yojana (AOGUSY)". The detailed guidelines are available at: https://ayush.gov.in/images/Schemes/aoushdhi.pdf.
