

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AYUSH

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4680
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28TH MARCH, 2025

Siddha Centres in Tamil Nadu

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Will the Minister of AYUSH be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Siddha centres functioning in the country, State/UT-wise, particularly in Tamil Nadu;
- (b) whether the Government has undertaken any awareness programs or educational campaigns to promote Siddha medicine and if so, the details of financial support provided for the promotion and development of the Siddha system during the last five years;
- (c) whether the Government has formulated any policy or action plan to integrate Siddha medicine into mainstream healthcare, if so, the details thereof along with the details of hospitals and wellness centres providing Siddha-based treatments under the Ayushman Bharat – Health and Wellness Centres (AB-HWCs);
- (d) whether the Government has taken any steps to increase Siddha medical education and training programs in the country, if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the number of Siddha medical colleges and research institutions currently operational in the country, State/UT-wise; and
- (f) the measures taken by the Government to attract more students and researchers into the Siddha system of medicine?

ANSWER

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

- (a): 298 Siddha hospitals and 918 Siddha dispensaries are functioning in the country. Out of which, 289 Siddha hospitals and 790 Siddha dispensaries are functioning in Tamil Nadu. The State/UT-wise distribution is at Annexure – I.
- (b): Ministry of Ayush has established National Institute of Siddha (NIS) at Chennai, Tamil Nadu and Central Council for Research in Siddha (CCRS) Headquarters at Chennai, Tamil Nadu for the promotion and development of Siddha medical system and Siddha Medicines. CCRS has implemented the below mentioned initiatives to promote awareness and accessibility of Siddha medicine.

- i. Swasthya Rakshan Programme
- ii. Poshan Abhiyaan Activities
- iii. Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) Activities
- iv. National Tele-Consultation Service (eSanjeevani OPD)
- v. Siddha Wellness Rally and Awareness Campaign in collaboration with NIS
- vi. Siddha Day Celebrations in collaboration with NIS
- vii. Educational and Sensitization Programs
- viii. Digital and Media Outreach
- ix. Educational Initiatives

Funds allocated to CCRS & NIS, during the last five years, year-wise are given at Annexure – II.

Ministry of Ayush implements the Central Sector Scheme for Promotion of Information Education and Communication (IEC) in Ayush to create awareness regarding Ayush Systems of Medicine including Siddha System of medicine. This aims to reach out to all sections of the population across the country. This scheme provides assistance for organizing National/State Arogya Fairs, Yoga Fests/Utsavs, Ayurveda Parvs, etc. The Ministry also undertakes Multi-Media, Print Media Campaigns for creating awareness about Ayush System including Siddha System. Under IEC Scheme, based on the request of NIS and CCRS, financial assistance have been provided to CCRS and NIS for observation of Siddha Day. The details of financial assistance provided in the last five years are given at Annexure – III.

(c): Government of India has adopted a strategy of Co-location of Ayush facilities including Siddha 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 including Siddha and their training is supported by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare under National Health Mission (NHM), while the support for Ayush infrastructure, equipment/ furniture and medicines including Siddha are provided by the Ministry of Ayush under National Ayush Mission (NAM) as shared responsibilities.

(d): Ministry of Ayush implements the Central Sector Scheme namely Ayurgyan. The ‘Capacity Building & Continuing Medical Education in Ayush’ component of Ayurgyan Scheme has the provision to support the eligible institutes across the country for training & capacity building program with the aim to encourage Ayush personnel including Siddha to undergo need-based professional training and bridge the knowledge gaps.

Ministry of Ayush has established National Commission for Indian System of Medicine (NCISM) to regulate the medical education of Ayurveda, Siddha and Unani systems. NCISM has conducted following Capacity building and training programmes:

- i. Training of Trainers on Entrepreneurship Development for Coordinators of Research and Innovation Cell
- ii. Academia-Industria Interface
- iii. Orientation Program on Competency based Curriculum and Syllabus
- iv. Capacity Building Program ‘Educational Planning & Administration’
- v. Post Graduate -Guide Orientation Program

CCRS and NIS conducts seminars, webinars, workshops, conferences, continuous medical education programmes, awareness programmes, lecture series, medical camps related to Siddha system of medicine.

(e): 17 Siddha medical colleges and 9 research institutions are currently operational in the country. The State/UT-wise distribution is at Annexure – IV.

(f): CCRS has implemented following initiatives to promote Siddha medicine among students and researchers, encouraging greater participation in this traditional healthcare system. By implementing following initiatives, CCRS is actively working to make Siddha medicine a more attractive and research-oriented career option for students and young scholars.

- i. Internship Programs
- ii. Mini Project Proposal Grant
- iii. Research Publications & Scientific Contributions
- iv. Patents
- v. Workshops, Seminars, and Conferences
- vi. Integrated Research Opportunities
- vii. Siddha Day Celebrations
- viii. Awareness through Media & Publications
- ix. Exposure to Siddha-based Healthcare
- x. Academic Collaborations & Training

Government of India is sponsoring foreign students through Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) programme to get admission in Siddha Medical Colleges in the country for the propagation of Siddha Medical System globally.

Annexure- I

State/ UT-wise number of Siddha hospitals and dispensaries in the country as on 01.04.2023:

S. No.	State/UT	No. of Siddha hospitals	No. of Siddha dispensaries
A. States/Union Territories			
1	Andhra Pradesh	0	0
2	Arunachal Pradesh	0	0
3	Assam	0	0
4	Bihar	0	0
5	Chhattisgarh	0	0
6	Delhi	0	0
7	Goa	0	0
8	Gujarat	0	0
9	Haryana	0	0
10	Himachal Pradesh	0	0
11	Jammu & Kashmir	0	0
12	Jharkhand	0	0
13	Karnataka	0	1
14	Kerala	1	34
15	Madhya Pradesh	0	0
16	Maharashtra	0	0
17	Manipur	0	0
18	Meghalaya	0	0
19	Mizoram	0	0
20	Nagaland	0	0
21	Odisha	0	0
22	Punjab	0	0
23	Rajasthan	0	0
24	Sikkim	0	0
25	Tamil Nadu	289	790
26	Tripura	0	0
27	Uttar Pradesh	0	0
28	Uttarakhand	0	0
29	West Bengal	0	0
30	A&N Islands	0	0

31	Chandigarh	0	0
32	D&N Haveli and Daman & Diu	0	0
33	Ladakh	0	0
34	Lakshadweep	0	0
35	Puducherry	2	28
36	Telangana	0	0
TOTAL(A)		292	853
B. CGHS & Central Government Organizations		6	65
TOTAL(A+B)		298	918

Source: State / UT Governments & Concerned agencies.

Annexure – II

Funds allocated to CCRS & NIS, during the last five years, year-wise:

S.No	Financial Year	(Amount in Crores)		
		CCRS	NIS	Total
1	2020-21	35.30	47.58	82.88
2	2021-22	39.06	44.76	83.82
3	2022-23	46.88	59.01	105.89
4	2023-24	50.91	68.40	119.31
5	2024-25	55.94	81.62	137.56
Total		228.09	301.37	529.46

Annexure – III

Financial assistance provided to CCRS and NIS for observation of Siddha Day in the last five years:

(Amount in Rupees)				
S.No	Year	CCRS	NIS	Total
1	2024 (8 th Siddha Day)	65,16,529	93,71,915	1,58,88,444
2	2023 (7 th Siddha Day)	69,01,974	90,07,701	1,59,09,675
3	2022 (6 th Siddha Day)	36,05,961	33,83,097	69,89,058
4	2021 (5 th Siddha Day)	50,00,000	38,05,000	88,05,000
5	2020 (3 rd Siddha Day)	40,00,000	20,00,000	60,00,000
Total		2,60,24,464	2,75,67,713	5,35,92,177

Annexure- IV**State/ UT-wise number of Siddha medical colleges and research institutions in the country:**

S. No.	State/UT	No. of Siddha medical colleges	No. of Siddha research institutions
1	Andhra Pradesh	0	1
2	Arunachal Pradesh	0	0
3	Assam	0	0
4	Bihar	0	0
5	Chhattisgarh	0	0
6	Delhi	0	1
7	Goa	0	1
8	Gujarat	0	0
9	Haryana	0	0
10	Himachal Pradesh	0	0
11	Jammu & Kashmir	0	0
12	Jharkhand	0	0
13	Karnataka	0	1
14	Kerala	1	1
15	Madhya Pradesh	0	0
16	Maharashtra	0	0
17	Manipur	0	0
18	Meghalaya	0	0
19	Mizoram	0	0
20	Nagaland	0	0
21	Odisha	0	0
22	Punjab	0	0
23	Rajasthan	0	0
24	Sikkim	0	0
25	Tamil Nadu	16	3
26	Tripura	0	0
27	Uttar Pradesh	0	0
28	Uttarakhand	0	0
29	West Bengal	0	0
30	A&N Islands	0	0
31	Chandigarh	0	0
32	D&N Haveli and Daman	0	0

	& Diu		
33	Ladakh	0	0
34	Lakshadweep	0	0
35	Puducherry	0	1
36	Telangana	0	0
TOTAL		17	9