

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AYUSH**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1309
TO BE ANSWERED ON 6th February, 2026**

" Expansion of National Dhanwantari Ayurveda Awards"

1309. Shri Basavaraj Bommai:

Will the Minister of AYUSH be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps taken by the Government to expand the reach and recognition of the National Dhanwantari Ayurveda Awards to include emerging Ayurveda practitioners and researchers;
- (b) the measures being taken by the Government to enhance the infrastructure for Ayurveda research, education and clinical practice in rural and urban areas of the country;
- (c) whether the Government plans to introduce a mentorship program where past awardees can guide young Ayurveda practitioners and researchers; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE (I/C) OF THE MINISTRY OF AYUSH
(SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV)**

(a) Ministry of Ayush has been celebrating Ayurveda Day every year since 2016, on the day of Dhanwantari Jayanti for the promotion, propagation and popularization of Ayurveda. However, as per the amendment Resolution published on 27.03.2025, the 23rd September has now been declared as Ayurveda Day, and for this, the Ministry has also instituted "National Dhanwantari Ayurveda Award for eminent Ayurveda Experts/ Vaidyas include emerging Ayurveda practitioners and researchers for their significant contribution to the field of Ayurveda in terms of promotion and propagation of Ayurveda at the National /International levels, which consists of a Citation, Trophy (Dhanwantari Statue), and cash reward of Rupees Five Lakhs are conferred on this day upon chosen/selected three (03) eminent Vaidyas and Ayurveda Experts to encourage excellence to promote and motivate adoption of best practices in the pursuit of excellence in Ayurveda.

Since 2023, the nominations for the Dhanwantari awards are invited through the common unified National Awards Portal – Rashtriya Puraskar portal of Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA).

(b) Public Health being a State subject, strengthen the infrastructure in the country comes under the purview of respective State/UT Governments. However, under Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National Ayush Mission (NAM), there is a provision of financial assistance for setting up of Ayush Educational institution in the States where availability of Ayush teaching institutions is inadequate in Government. Accordingly, State/UT Governments may avail eligible financial assistance by submitting the suitable proposals through State Annual Action Plans (SAAPs) as per the provision of NAM guidelines.

Further, Ministry of Ayush, Government of India, has set up Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS), an autonomous organization for undertaking, coordinating, formulating, developing, and promoting research on scientific lines in Ayurvedic sciences. The activities of the Council are carried out through 30 peripheral Institutes in 25 States of the Country out of which health care services through OPD/IPD is being provided at 26 Peripheral Institute/ Centres. The list is annexed at **Annexure-I**.

Furthermore, the following National Institutes of Ayurveda under the Ministry are imparting quality Medical Education, conducting Research and providing Ayurveda treatment through its attached Hospital across the country:-

- i. National Institute of Ayurveda (NIA), Jaipur and its extension centre at Panchkula.
- ii. All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA), New Delhi and its satellite centre at Goa.
- iii. Institute of Teaching and Research in Ayurveda (ITRA), Jamnagar, Gujarat
- iv. Rashtriya Ayurveda Vidyapeeth (RAV), New Delhi.
- v. North Eastern Institute of Ayurveda and Homeopathy (NEIAH), Shillong, Meghalaya.
- vi. North Eastern Institute of Ayurveda & Folk Medicine Research (NEIAFMR), Pasighat, Arunachal Pradesh.

(c)&(d) No such proposal is under consideration to introduce a ‘Mentorship Programme’ wherein former winners would guide young Ayurveda practitioners and researchers. However, the steps taken by the National Commission for Indian System of Medicine, New Delhi (NCISM) to promote Research in Ayurveda are as follows:-

I. Publication Grant:-

NCISM is giving publication grant to the teachers, UG and PG scholars, and practitioners of Ayurveda Medical system for publication of Research papers in quality journals as per the guidelines.

II. Studentship Program for Ayurveda Research Ken (SPARK)

NCISM in collaboration with Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS) under (SPARK) for undergraduate students of Ayurveda colleges were launched.

III. PG-STAR:-

NCISM in the collaboration with CCRAS has launched Scheme for Training in Ayurveda Research for Post Graduate scholars (PG-STAR).

IV. LITERARY RESEARCH:-

CCRAS is giving grant for literary research to the individuals and also working in collaboration with the teaching institutions for research purpose.

ANNEXURE - I

CENTRAL COUNCIL FOR RESEARCH IN AYURVEDIC SCIENCES

State wise list of Ayurveda Hospitals/Dispensaries of CCRAS

S. No.	State/UT	Name of the CCRAS Institutes/Centre having Hospitals	Facility available
1.	Andaman & Nicobar Island	1.Regional Ayurveda Research Institute, Port Blair - 744101	OPD
2.	Andhra Pradesh	2.Regional Ayurveda Research Institute, Payakapuram, Vijayawada - 520015	OPD & IPD
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	3.Regional Ayurveda Research Institute, Itanagar -791111	OPD
4.	Assam	4.Central Ayurveda Research Institute, Borsojai, Beltola, Guwahati- 781028	OPD & IPD
5.	Bihar	5.Regional Ayurveda Research Institute, D Block, Rajendra Memorial Res., Institute Building, AgamKuan, Patna-800007	OPD
6.	Delhi	6.Central Ayurveda Research Road No.66, Punjabi Bagh, New Delhi - 110026	OPD & IPD
7.	Goa	7.Regional Ayurveda Research Institute for Mineral and Marine Medicinal Resources, Goa - 403006	OPD
8.	Gujarat	8.Regional Ayurveda Research Institute, Megani Nagar, Ahmedabad- 380016	OPD
9.	Himachal Pradesh	9.Regional Ayurveda Research Institute, Jaral Pandoh, Mandi-175124	OPD
10.	Jammu & Kashmir	10.Regional Ayurveda Research Institute, JDA Housing Colony, Ban Talab, Rajender Nagar, Jammu-181123	OPD & IPD
11.	Karnataka	11.Central Ayurveda Research Institute, 12 Uttarahalli Manavarthekaval, Uttarhalli Hobli Kanakapura Main Road, Thalagattapura Post, Bengaluru-560109	OPD
12.	Kerala	12.National Ayurveda Panchakarma Research Institute, Cheruthuruthy- 679531	OPD & IPD
		13.Regional Ayurveda Research Institute, Poojapura, Trivandrum- 695012	OPD & IPD
13.	Madhya Pradesh	14.Regional Ayurveda Research Institute, Amkho, Gwalior-474009	OPD & IPD
14.	Maharashtra	15.Central Ayurveda Research Institute, RA Podar College, Worli, Mumbai-400018	OPD & IPD
		16.Regional Ayurveda Research Institute, NIT Complex, Nandanwan, Nagpur-440009	OPD & IPD
15.	Nagaland	17.Regional Ayurveda Research Centre, CMO Building, District Hospital Colony, Dimapur (Nagaland)-797112	OPD
16.	Odisha	18.Central Ayurveda Research Institute, Bharatpur, Bhubaneswar-751003	OPD & IPD
17.	Punjab	19.Central Ayurveda Research Institute, Moti Bagh Road, Patiala-147001	OPD & IPD

18.	Rajasthan	20. Regional Ayurveda Research Institute, Indira Colony, Bani Park, Jhotwara Road, Jaipur-302016.	OPD & IPD
19.	Sikkim	21. Regional Ayurveda Research Institute, Tadong, Gangtok -737102	OPD
20.	Tamil Nadu	22. Dr. AchantaLakshmi pati Regional Ayurveda Research Institute, VHS Campus, TTTI Post, Chennai-600113	OPD
21.	Tripura	23. Regional Ayurveda Research Centre, Ramnagar Road, No. 4 Opp. of Raj Bhandar, Agartala, Tripura - 799002	OPD
22.	Uttar Pradesh	24. Regional Ayurveda Research Institute, Indira Nagar, Lucknow-226016	OPD
23.	Uttarakhand	25. Regional Ayurveda Research Institute, Thapla, Ranikhet— 263645, Almora	OPD
24.	West Bengal	26. Central Ayurveda Research Institute, 4 CN Block, Sector V, Bidhan Nagar, Kolkata-700091	OPD & IPD

Source of Information-CCRAS, New Delhi.
