

Achievements of Ministry of AYUSH

The Ministry of AYUSH was established on 9th November, 2014 to ensure the optimal development and propagation of AYUSH systems of health care. With this end in view following schemes/programmes are being implemented.

Total Outlay of the Ministry

The total Outlay of the Ministry for the last six years is as under :

Rupees in crore

Year	Outlay
2010-11	800.00
2011-12	900.00
2012-13	990.00
2013-14	1069.00
2014-15	1069.00
2015-16	1008.00
2016-17	1050.00
2017-18	1428.65

National AYUSH Mission (NAM)

Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National AYUSH Mission (NAM) is a flagship scheme of the Ministry of AYUSH approved and notified on 29.09.2014. The NAM inter-alia envisages better access to AYUSH services through increase in number of AYUSH Hospitals and Dispensaries, mainstreaming of AYUSH through co-location of AYUSH facilities at Primary Health Centres (PHCs), Community Health Centres (CHCs) and District Hospitals (DHs) besides ensuring availability of AYUSH drugs and trained manpower. It also aims at Improvement in quality of AYUSH Education through enhancement in the number of upgraded educational Institutions, sustained availability of quality raw materials and improved availability of quality Ayurveda, Siddha, Unani and Homoeopathy (ASU &H) drugs through increase in number of Pharmacies, setting up of Drug Laboratories in the States which are responsible for enforcement mechanism of ASU &H drugs.

Following are the salient features of the Scheme:

- (i) The Union Cabinet has approved the continuation of National AYUSH Mission (NAM) as a Centrally Sponsored Scheme from 1st April, 2017 to 31st March, 2020 with a financial outlay of Rs.2400.00 crore.

- (ii) As on 29 December 2017- 8994 PHCs, 2871 CHCs and 506 District Hospitals have been co-located with AYUSH facilities under mainstreaming of AYUSH component.
- (iii) Under NAM, the Ministry intends to set up fifty bedded hospitals in all the districts in next 10 years. So far sixty-six 50 bedded integrated AYUSH hospitals and 992 yoga wellness centres have been assisted.
- (iv) National Health Policy, 2017 ensures access to AYUSH remedies through co-location in public facilities. Policy also recognizes the need to nurture AYUSH system of medicine, through development of infrastructural facilities of teaching institutions, improving quality control of drugs, capacity building of institutions and professionals.
- (v) Training in AYUSH is being provided to ASHA/ANM workers.
- (vi) Swasthya Rakshan Programme (SRP) has been launched through all AYUSH institutions for promotion of health.

National Medicinal Plants Board (NMPB)

The National Medicinal Plants Board (NMPB) has undertaken following important activities:

- (i) Launched an online virtual platform 'www.e-charak.in' and a mobile application 'e-charak' in collaboration with Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (CDAC), Hyderabad.
- (ii) Monthly Mandi price of high demand medicinal plants is being provided in collaboration with Federation of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants Stakeholders (EFDMAPS).
- (iii) 365 days campaign on Medicinal Plants "to spread awareness" has been launched by NMPB at Jaipur on 20th and 21st August, 2016.
- (iv) National Medicinal Plants Board has signed an MoU with National Remote Sensing Centre (NRSC), Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) to implement Space based tools in the monitoring and strategic decision making in the field of Medicinal Plants.
- (v) The Government has launched the Voluntary Certification Scheme for Medicinal Plant Produce (VCSMPP) on 22nd November, 2017. The Scheme has been designed by National Medicinal Plants Board (NMPB) in collaboration with Quality Council of India (QCI). The guidelines for voluntary certification of raw material for Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) and Good Field Collection Practices (GFCP) have been finalized.
- (vi) NMPB has supported a Project on "Development on Training Modules and facilitation guides for Good Agriculture Practices (GAP) and Good Field Collection Practices (GFCP) for Medicinal Plants to DMAPR (ICAR) for an amount of Rs.102.294 lakhs. In this regard, DMAPR (ICAR), Gujarat has

developed a training module and organized first training program from 18th to 22nd September, 2017.

- (vii) To extend further the 'Namami Ganga Programme' the Ministry of Water Resources has signed a joint Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on 30th January, 2016 with seven Ministries to carry forward Multi-sectoral activities to rejuvenate the sacred river "Ganga" within three years. The Ministry of AYUSH is one of the signatories to the MoU. The Ministry is taking up promotion of medicinal plants in the catchment area and along the banks of the river in the form of conservation and cultivation of medicinal plants, herbal gardens and other promotional activities as per the provisions in the Scheme Guidelines of NMPB. To create awareness among common people inhabiting both sides of the entire stretch of the river Ganga, a small booklet "Home Herbal Garden – A step for healthy life" was released by the Ministry on 06th June, 2017. The booklet contains brief description of common medicinal plants along with their utilities which will create general awareness and motivate general public to grow common medicinal plants in their own neighbourhood.
- (viii) NMPB has initiated a process for the development of a National Raw Drug Repository and eight region-based Raw Drug Repositories in respect of raw drugs being used in the ASU & H Systems of medicine.
- (ix) During 2017-18 NMPB has supported :
 - (a) 3564.98 hectare under Resource Augmentation of Medicinal Plants;
 - (b) 1200 hectares of area for six Medicinal Plants Conservation and Development Areas (MPCDAs);
 - (c) 43 Joint Forest Management Committees (JFMCs) in States for livelihood augmentation through value addition activities;
 - (d) Projects for setting up of Herbal Gardens, School Herbal Gardens and Home Herbal Gardens; and
 - (e) Project proposals on research & development in Medicinal Plants Sector.

Quality Assurance

- (i) Quality Council of India (QCI) at the behest of the Ministry of AYUSH has developed a Scheme for Voluntary Certification of Yoga Professionals.
- (ii) Drug testing laboratories have been supported under NAM in most of the States with a view to upgrading them. In addition, 55 Drug Testing Laboratories have been approved for the purpose of quality assurance.
- (iii) Good Clinical Practice (GCP) guidelines for clinical trials on Ayurveda, Siddha and Unani Medicines and guidelines for inspection of GMP compliance by ASU&H drugs industry issued.

(iv) During the financial year 2017-18 seven Pharmacies and nine Drug Testing Laboratories have been financially supported under National AYUSH Mission (NAM).

(v) 27 Drug Testing Laboratories under Central Government and 47 State Pharmacies have been supported for strengthening of their infrastructural and functional capacity. As on date, 55 laboratories are approved or licensed under the provisions of Drugs and Cosmetics Rules, 1945 for quality testing of Ayurvedic, Siddha and Unani drugs and raw materials.

International Cooperation

The salient achievements under International Cooperation are enumerated below :

- (i) Federal level MoU have been signed with 11 countries and Institute level MoU signed with 24 countries.
- (ii) 28 AYUSH Information Cells have been set up in 25 countries so far.
- (iii) Signed Agreement with WHO for promotion of AYUSH systems.
- (iv) First Meeting of BIMSTEC Task Force on Traditional Medicine in India was organised by the Ministry of AYUSH during 24-25 October, 2017 at New Delhi wherein delegations from the People's Republic of Bangladesh, the Kingdom of Bhutan, the Republic of India, the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, the Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal, the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the Kingdom of Thailand along with the BIMSTEC Secretariat participated.
- (v) A project Collaboration Agreement (PCA) has been signed between Ministry of AYUSH and WHO, Geneva for developing WHO Terminologies in Ayurveda, Unani and Siddha.
- (vi) The Second Training Programme for Traditional Medicine regulator/practitioner of Africa was held on 08 – 14 February, 2018 in New Delhi as a part of proposal approved by the Cabinet and as announced by the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India during Third India Africa Forum Summit (IAFS III). This was conducted under one of the three areas for the cooperation in social development and capacity building with African nations. 31 participants from 11 African countries attended the training programme.

Information, Education and Communication

There is a world-wide resurgence of interest in traditional and holistic systems of healthcare. The Ministry of AYUSH, which is mandated to develop, promote and propagate the Indian Systems of Medicine and Homoeopathy, has been popularizing strengths of AYUSH systems by using outdoor, electronic media including organization of **Arogya fairs** and supporting seminars and workshops on AYUSH systems through the

Central Sector Scheme “Information, Education and Communication”. Awareness amongst the citizens about the efficacy of the AYUSH systems is being created. Proven results of Research & Development (R&D) are being disseminated in a massive way through various media to the ultimate beneficiaries.

First All India Institute of Ayurveda established

The first ever All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA) has been set up along the lines of AIIMS on the 2nd Ayurveda Day (17th October, 2017). The total campus area of the Institute is 10.015 acres with a budget of Rs.157 crore. It has an NABH Accredited Hospital and an Academic Block. Out Patient Services are being provided in the hospital block of the AIIA and medicines are distributed free of cost. The Indoor Patient Department has a provision for 200 beds.

Insurance Coverage

With the efforts of the Ministry of AYUSH, Insurance coverage is being extended to AYUSH treatment and a notification in this regard has been issued by Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority (IRDA) on 12th July, 2016.

International Arogya 2017

The Ministry of AYUSH in collaboration with Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce and Industry; Federation of Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) and Pharmexcil organized the ‘International AROGYA 2017’ – First Edition of International Exhibition and Conference on AYUSH and Wellness on the theme ‘Enhancing the export potential of AYUSH’ during 4-7 December, 2017. The event was attended by International Ayurveda Experts/ Academicians/ Scientists/ Regulators/ Manufacturers. During the International Conference and Regulators’ Meet, important topics relating to standardization and quality control in AYUSH sector; enhancing the export potential of AYUSH and business opportunities; and integrative healthcare, etc. were extensively deliberated upon.

Celebration Of International Day Of Yoga

The Ministry of AYUSH successfully organized the International Day of Yoga consecutively for 3 years starting from the year 2015. 21st June was declared unanimously as International Day of Yoga (IDY) by the United Nations General Assembly on 11th December, 2014 following relentless efforts of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. IDY, celebrated on 21st June 2015, established two Guinness World Records for the largest yoga class featuring 35,985 people and for the largest number of participating nationalities (84 nations). The main celebration of IDY in 2015, 2016 and 2017 was in New Delhi, Chandigarh and Lucknow respectively.

The Central Council for Research in Yoga and Naturopathy conducted one month Yoga Training Camp from 21st May to 21st June in last 3 years. During 2017 alone, more than 10 lakh people got benefitted from this programme.

Celebration Of Ayurveda Day

First National Ayurveda Day was celebrated on Dhanwantari Jayanti on 28th October, 2016. On this occasion, The Ministry of AYUSH instituted “National Dhanwantari Ayurveda Award” to be conferred to eminent Vaidyas and Ayurveda experts for motivating them to adopt best practices of Ayurveda in the pursuit of excellence. The Ministry of AYUSH launched “**Mission Madhumeha through Ayurveda**” on the occasion of first National Ayurveda Day. A protocol on Madhumeha has also been prepared by the Ministry of AYUSH.

The Ministry of AYUSH celebrated the second National Ayurveda Day on 17th October, 2017. On this occasion, the Hon’ble Prime Minister dedicated **All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA)** to the Nation. Simultaneous with this, the Ministry also organized a Conference at India Habitat Centre, New Delhi to bring together all stakeholders of Ayurveda Sector and create a platform for constructive discussion on the road map to increase the Industry’s potential thrice in a period of just five years. It organized the Ayurveda Conclave Vision 2022- ‘Taking of Ayurveda Sector from \$2.5 Billion to \$ 8 Billion Industry’.

Celebration Of Siddha Day

The First Siddha Day was celebrated on 4th January, 2018 observing the birthday of Siddhar Agathiyar at Dr. M.G.R. Medical University, Chennai.

Celebration Of Unani Day

The Central Council for Research in Unani Medicine organized an International Conference on Unani Medicine on the occasion of Unani Day during 10th and 11th February, 2018 in New Delhi. The theme of the conference was ‘Integration of Unani System of Medicine in Mainstream Healthcare’. Around 440 professionals participated in the Conference. International delegates from 12 countries attended the conference. A total of 10 AYUSH Awards were distributed in different categories of Unani Medicine.

Celebration of Homoeopathy Day

The Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy has started celebrating ‘World Homoeopathy Day’ since 2016 by organizing International Conference in New Delhi on 10-11th April of the year.

Apex Institutions In North-East India

North Eastern Institute of Ayurveda & Homoeopathy, Shillong has been inaugurated in 2016. It is a state-of-the-art institute consisting of Ayurveda College and

Homoeopathy College along with attached hospitals of Ayurveda and Homoeopathy of 100 beds and 50 beds respectively. North Eastern Institute of Folk Medicine (NEIFM) has been set up at Pasighat, Arunachal Pradesh which is the centre of Excellence and Apex Research Centre for all aspects of Folk Medicine knowledge.

NABH Accreditation

National Institute of Ayurveda, Jaipur and National Institute of Unani Medicine, Bengaluru have got NABH Accreditation. This will benefit all stakeholders and patients and will result in improving the quality of care and patient safety.

Guinness World Record for National Institute of Ayurveda, Jaipur

National Institute of Ayurveda, Jaipur, National Ayurveda Youth Association and Dabur together set a new Guinness World Record for the largest number of people receiving Nasya Panchakarma Treatment simultaneously on 15.09.2017.

Siddha for Cancer Management

National Institute of Siddha entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Cancer Institute, Chennai on 13.07.2017 for undertaking broad range of clinical research using Siddha medicines in various types of cancer and cancer related co-morbid conditions.

New Campus for National Institute of Naturopathy, Pune

The Government of Maharashtra has allotted a piece of land measuring 25 acres to National Institute of Naturopathy, Pune during 2016 to establish 'NISARG GRAM' – Naturopathy Hospital (250 beds), Medical College, Research Unit and **Living Gandhi Memorial** at Yewalewadi, Taluk : Haveli, Pune at a total cost of Rs.9.06 crore.

New Batch of Rashtriya Ayurveda Vidyapeeth, Delhi

Rashtriya Ayurveda Vidyapeeth has started the **traditional Shishyopanayaniya** for the fresh students from the current year onward.

Yoga in CGHS Wellness Centres

Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga, New Delhi has established 19 Preventive Health Care Units of Yoga in CGHS Wellness Centres in Delhi and NCR and is conducting Yoga sessions from 7.30 AM to 2.00 PM on all working days including Saturday.

Reorientation Training Programme (RoTP) of AYUSH Personnel/Continuing Medical Education (CME)

The AYUSH practitioners are being encouraged to undergo need-based professional orientation and skill development under the Scheme "Reorientation Training Programme (RoTP) of AYUSH Personnel/Continuing Medical Education (CME)"

Ayush Education Reforms

National Eligibility Entrance Test (NEET) for all AYUSH Educational Institutions for admission of undergraduate Course through designated Authority has been introduced. For all systems of AYUSH, minimum 50% marks should be obtained by the candidates to be eligible for admission in Under Graduate Course. Similarly, National Eligibility Entrance Test (NEET) for all AYUSH Educational Institutions for admission to Post Graduate Course/ Exit Exam through designated Authority has been initiated.

Centre of Excellence Scheme (CoE)

During the financial year 2017-18, Ministry of AYUSH initiated steps to establish Centre for Integrative Medicine and Research at All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi, a collaborative endeavour for treating Cardiovascular and Metabolic disorders including rehabilitation for Pulmonary and Neurological disorders under Central Sector Scheme 'Centre of Excellence'.

Under this Scheme, 'Centre of Excellence for developing therapeutic adjuvants based on Ayurveda for Non-Communicable Diseases viz. Cancer and Rheumatoid Arthritis' Interdisciplinary School of Health Sciences under Savitribai Phule Pune University, Maharashtra through international research collaboration with National Cancer Institute, National Institutes of Health and Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Centre (MSKCC), United States of America has been initiated.

SDM College of Naturopathy and Yogic Sciences was upgraded as 'Centre for Excellence in Yoga & Naturopathy for Metabolic and Lifestyle Diseases' for conducting basic research including evaluation of physiological effects of Yoga and Naturopathy especially in Heart diseases and Dyslipidemia.

AYUSH Hospital at Maharashtra Arogya Mandal, Pune was upgraded as a 'Centre of Excellence in Mother and Child Care (Antenatal Care)' for providing Ayurvedic Treatment for Mothers such as Ante Natal Care, Post Natal Care, Lactation Problems, Poly Cystic Ovarian Disease, Cervical Cancer and Breast Cancer.

Empowerment Of Women And Benefit To Physically Handicapped Persons And Other Weaker Sections Of The Society

Considerable attention is being paid to empowerment of Women and Differently Abled Persons (Divyangs) and other weaker sections of the Society. Internal Complaint Committees under Sexual Harassment of Women at Work Place (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013 have been constituted in the Ministry of AYUSH and various Institutes/Councils under the Ministry. Reservation and concessions to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Differently Abled Persons, Women are being provided in the Ministry and its constituent units to various posts. It needs to be mentioned that more than 50% employees working at CCRH are women. Similarly in North Eastern Institute of Ayurveda and Homoeopathy (NEIAH) 47% of the regular employees are women. In admissions to various Institutes under the Ministry in various courses, seats are appropriately and as per rules being reserved for different weaker sections of the Society. Besides providing reservation in services, the Institutes/Councils under the Ministry are providing ramps, specially designed toilets for the Differently Abled Persons.
