

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AYUSH**

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**COLLABORATIVE EFFORTS BETWEEN AYUSH AND OTHER FORMS OF
MEDICINE**

646 SHRI SANJAY SINGH:

Will the Minister of **AYUSH** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has taken any collaborative efforts amongst AYUSH and other forms of medicine;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the steps taken by Government to build trust amongst the fraternity of other medicine systems regarding AYUSH and its systems; and
- (d) what has been the outcome of these trust building measures?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF AYUSH
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- (a) &(b) Ayush Ministry has taken collaborative efforts with other forms of medicines at different levels:
 - i. In order to enable choice to the patients for different systems of medicines under single window, Government of India has adopted a strategy of Colocation of Ayush facilities at Primary Health Centres (PHCs), Community Health Centres (CHCs) and District Hospitals (DHs). The engagement of Ayush Doctors/ paramedics and their training is supported by the Department of Health & Family Welfare, while the support for Ayush infrastructure, equipment / furniture and medicines are provided by Ministry of Ayush under Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National Ayush Mission (NAM). Similarly, Ministry is also operationalizing Ayush Health & Wellness Centres by upgrading Ayush dispensaries and existing Sub health

centres through NAM under collaboration of Department of Health & Family Welfare.

- ii. In order to address the most vulnerable disease Cancer, An MoU between All India Institute of Ayurveda, Ministry of Ayush and National Cancer Institute (NCI) at All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Jhajjar for establishment of Ayurveda and Integrative Oncology at National Cancer Institute, Jhajjar. This will unfold the potentiality of integration of the systems.
- iii. In order to have an interface with other systems of medicine with regard to education and medical practice there is provision for having joint sittings amongst the three Commissions in the National Commission for Indian System of Medicine, Act, 2020, the National Commission for Homoeopathy Act, 2020 and the National Medical Commission Act, 2019.
- iv. In order to have Inter-disciplinary research, Ministry of Ayush has formed an Inter-disciplinary Ayush R&D Task Force having representation from Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), Department of Biotechnology (DBT), Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) and AYUSH Institutions. Based on recommendations of Task force, under various research organizations and National Institutes under Ministry of Ayush, 139 research studies in the country are being conducted on AYUSH interventions. Government of India has also released “National Clinical Management Protocol based on Ayurveda and Yoga for management of COVID-19” prepared by National Task Force, which include Ashwagandha, Yashtimadhu, Guduchi + Pippali, Chyawanaprasha and a poly herbal formulation (AYUSH-64).
- v. In order to strengthen the medical manpower, Ministry of Ayush and Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MoHFW) have jointly provided training to 33,000 Ayush master trainers. Total 66045 Ayush Personnel had obtained training at igot.in platform on continual basis. Ministry of Ayush has coordinated with MoHFW for utilisation of Ayush manpower as COVID warrior for the management of COVID-19 with identified roles.

(c) & (d) Central Research Councils working under the aegis of Ministry of Ayush have undertaken research studies of Ayush drugs to examine the benefits and facilities of integration of Ayush drugs with modern system of medicines. The research policy has

provision for collaborative research with other system of medicine through various reputed institutions such as CSIR, DBT, ICMR, IIT's, AIIMS, KGMU, NIMHANS, etc. Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS) has undertaken 4 such research studies to examine the benefits and feasibility of integration of Ayurveda with modern system of medicine. Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy (CCRH) has undertaken total of 29 such research studies in past 3 years. Central Council for Research in Siddha (CCRS) has been conducting 5 such collaborative studies for COVID-19. The outcomes through the research activities are disseminating Ayush potential in managing treatment of various diseases.

Ayush Sanjivani mobile app has also been developed by Ministry of Ayush and has documented the impact assessment of effectiveness, acceptance and usage of Ayush advisories & measures in the prevention of COVID-19 through Mobile app base population study in around 1.35 crores respondents and analysis of 7.24 lakh public data revealed that 85.1% of the respondents reported use of Ayush measures for prevention of COVID-19, among which 89.8% respondents agreed to have benefitted from the practice of Ayush advisory.
