

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AYUSH**

**RAJYA SABHA
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New Centers of Excellence in Ayush

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

- (a) whether Government has signed memorandum with the Ministry of Women and Child Development for nutritional improvement in adolescent girls through Ayurvedic intervention;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether Government has inaugurated any new Centers of Excellence in Ayush, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether Government is taking any initiatives to support States to make quality Ayurvedic medicines accessible to all, enhancing healthcare delivery through Ayurveda?

ANSWER

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

(a) and (b) Yes, the Ministry of Ayush (M/o Ayush) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Ministry of Women and Child Development (M/o WCD) in February 2024 for a period of two years to improve health conditions and prevention of Iron deficiency Anaemia in adolescent girls (14 – 18 years) in the five identified districts under Mission Utkarsh viz., Assam – Dhubri, Chattisgarh – Bastar, Jharkhand – Paschimi Sighbhum, Maharashtra – Gadchiroli, and Rajasthan – Dholpur.

(c) Yes, during the Financial Year 2024-25, 04 new Centers of Excellence were inaugurated. The details are as follows:

S. No.	Title of Project	Name of organization
1.	Centre of Excellence for Diabetes and Metabolic Disorders	Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore

2.	Centre of Excellence for Fundamental and Translational Research in Ayurveda	Central Drug Research Institute, Lucknow
3.	Centre of Excellence in Sustainable Ayush For Advanced technological solutions, startup support and net zero sustainable solutions for Rasausadhies	Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi
4.	Functional-based “CoE on Ayurveda and Systems Medicine”	Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi

(d) The Ministry of Ayush has implemented a Central Sector Scheme Ayush Oushadhi Gunavatta evam Utpadan Samvardhan Yojana (AOGUSY). The total Budget allocation to this scheme is Rs. 122.00 crores for five years. The components of AOGUSY scheme are as follows:

- A. Strengthening and up-gradation of Ayush Pharmacies and Drug Testing Laboratories to achieve higher standards.
- B. Pharmacovigilance of ASU&H drugs including surveillance of misleading advertisements.
- C. Strengthening of Central and State regulatory frameworks including Technical Human Resource & Capacity Building programs for Ayush drugs.
- D. Support for development of standards and accreditation/certification of Ayush products & materials in collaboration with Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS), Quality Control of India (QCI) and other relevant scientific institutions and industrial R&D centers.
