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Title: Regarding sanctioning a National Institute of Ayurveda under the Central Universities Act in the State of Andhra Pradesh.

SHRI POCHA BRAHMANANDA REDDY (NANDYAL): Sir, during the COVID-19 pandemic, in the absence of a treatment or protocol, collaborative efforts from multiple medicinal systems existing in India, including both modern medicine and AYUSH systems, gave successful results. The event highlighted the need for further innovation and research in the field of AYUSH to develop accessibility to a growing audience and build a scientific image in society. It also helped push a perspective on being prepared for any future disasters and the need to build our immunity through daily homegrown practices.

The State of Andhra Pradesh currently has seven colleges in the field of Ayurveda with 400 plus students and could benefit further with a National Institute of Ayurveda. Through higher-level education in the field, we, as a State, can contribute to building a 21st century outlook for Ayurveda and bridge the gap between Ayurveda and a younger audience.

Education will be a credible medium to connect young students to the roots and communicate the same to their generation. Moreover, proximity to the growing IT Hub and DRDO research facility will be fruitful for medical collaboration. Therefore, I would request the Government to sanction a National Institute of Ayurveda under the Central Universities Act in the State of Andhra Pradesh.