

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF AYUSH**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2270  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 15<sup>th</sup> December, 2023**

**Ayurveda Day**

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SHRIMATI MANJULATA MANDAL:

Will the Minister of AYUSH be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has celebrated the eighth Ayurveda Day recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the functions organized to mark the occasion;
- (c) whether the Government has achieved the target set to develop and popularize Ayurvedic system of medicine and if so, the details thereof along with the challenges faced in this regard;
- (d) the details of the number of Ayurvedic Wellness Centres functioning in the country, State/ UT-wise including Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Odisha and Andaman and Nicobar Islands;
- (e) whether the Government has launched AYUSH Grid Project to strengthen the service delivery in AYUSH sector and if so, details thereof;
- (f) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to strengthen and expedite various research and development projects in Ayurveda during the last three years and the current year; and
- (g) the other steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to make the Ayurveda system of medicine more effective?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF AYUSH  
(SHRI SARBANANDA SONOWAL)**

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 8<sup>th</sup> Ayurveda Day, 2023 was celebrated by the Ministry of Ayush at Panchkula, Chandigarh, Haryana on 10.11.2023 with the focal theme 'Ayurveda for One Health' with Tag line 'Ayurveda for every one on every day' in the august presence of Union Ayush Minister Shri Sarbananda Sonowal, Haryana Legislative Assembly Speaker Shri Gyan Chand Gupta and Union Minister of State for Ayush, Shri Munjpara Mahendrabhai. The theme chosen for the 8<sup>th</sup> Ayurveda Day was in alignment with the theme of India's G20 Presidency, 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam'. Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS)

was nominated as the Nodal Agency for celebration of 8<sup>th</sup> Ayurveda Day, 2023. Being the nodal agency, it organized 8<sup>th</sup> Ayurveda Day, 2023, including the main event on 10<sup>th</sup> November, 2023 and also organized a conference on 'Ayurveda for One Health' on 9<sup>th</sup> November, 2023 at Panchkula, Haryana. Various activities like Exhibition cum Mini-Expo, Awareness lectures/Nukkadnatak, Creation of Selfie point, Myth buster/generalized Talk shows, Oath on My Gov platform, Sensitization of Ayurveda doctors, Training program on Quality Control parameters of Ayurveda Drugs, Medical camp, Prakriti Pariksan, Swasthya assessment, Run for Ayurveda, Riders Rally, Sharing of Healthy traditional food recipes in Ayurveda, Awareness lecture on Ayurveda and general health related topics, distribution of "Kishan Raksha Kit" "Bal Raksha Kit" and "Pashu Raksha Kit", Short Video Competition, Poster Competition, Essay Competition were carried out. The Micro Ayurveda Day website (<https://ayurvedaday.org.in>) was developed which provided a platform for disseminating and registering various activities undertaken by the stakeholders for the month long campaign of the event. Students, farmers, and general public from about 100 countries of the world joined the 'Ayurveda for One Health' campaign and more than 21,000 activities were conducted with more than 18 lakhs participants. 48036 people has taken the Ayurveda Day Pledge on the MyGov. Platform and over 16 Crore people supported on "I Support Ayurveda" Tab on the microsite.

(c) Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS), an autonomous body under Ministry of Ayush through its Information Education and Communication (IEC) Program, has been engaged in popularizing the Ayurveda system among the masses through electronic and print media for common people in English, Hindi, and regional languages, which are widely distributed through National/State level Arogyamelas, Health camps, exhibitions, expos, various activities related to Azadika Amrit Mahotsav 2.0 (AKAM 2.0), International year of millets etc. and also through CCRAS outreach programs viz. Schedule Caste Sub Plan (SCSP) Research Program, Tribal Health Care Research Program (THCRP), etc., in different states of the country through its robust 30 peripheral institutes. Further, IEC materials are also put on the Council's website for wider publicity. The Council has launched two electronic journals named Journal of Drug Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (JDRAS) and Journal of Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (JRAS) and put them in the public domain free of cost to enable dissemination of the outcomes of research among the public. So far, the Council has published about 397 books, monographs, and technical reports, and they are being sold or distributed to disseminate research outcomes and merits of Ayurveda at large. The Council has also developed four digital platforms, viz. AYUSH Manuscripts Advanced Repository (AMAR), Showcase of Ayurvedic Historical Imprints (SAHI), E-Medical Heritage Accession (E-Medha), Research Management Information System (RMIS) and maintains a website entitled Ayush Research Portal in which all published research information related to all Ayush systems is uploaded systematically for wider utility and visibility of research. The Council website is also generally embodied with information on Ayurveda and hyperlinked with other important websites that provide information for wider utility.

The Ministry implements the Central Sector Scheme for Promotion of Information Education and Communication (IEC) in Ayush to create awareness regarding Ayush Systems of Medicine. This aims to reach out to all sections of the population across the country. This scheme provides assistance for organizing National/State Arogya Fairs, Yoga Fests/Utsavs, Ayurveda Parvs, etc. The Ministry also undertakes Multi-Media, Print Media Campaigns for creating awareness about Ayush Systems.

Ministry of Ayush is implementing the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National Ayush Mission (NAM) through State/UT Governments for development and promotion of Ayush systems including Ayurveda and providing financial assistance to them as per the proposals received in their State Annual Action Plans (SAAPs) as per NAM guidelines. The mission inter-alia makes provision for the following: -

- (i) Operationalization of Ayush Health & Wellness Centres by upgrading existing Ayush dispensaries including Ayurveda and Health Sub-centres
- (ii) Co-location of Ayush facilities at Primary Health Centres (PHCs), Community Health Centres (CHCs) and District Hospitals (DHs) including Ayurveda
- (iii) Upgradation of existing standalone Government Ayush Hospitals including Ayurveda
- (iv) Upgradation of existing Government/ Panchayat/ Government aided Ayush Dispensaries/Construction of building for existing Ayush Dispensary (Rented/ dilapidated accommodation)/ Construction of building to establish new Ayush Dispensary including Ayurveda
- (v) Setting up of upto 10/30/50 bedded integrated Ayush Hospitals including Ayurveda
- (vi) Supply of essential drugs to Government Ayush Hospitals, Government Dispensaries and Government/ Government aided Teaching Institutional Ayush Hospitals
- (vii) Establishment of new Ayush colleges including Ayurveda in the States where availability of Ayush teaching institutions is inadequate in Government Sector
- (viii) Infrastructural development of Ayush Under-Graduate Institutions including Ayurveda
- (ix) Infrastructural development of Ayush Post-Graduate Institutions/add on PG/ Pharmacy/Para-Medical Courses including Ayurveda

In this regard, State/UT Governments may avail the eligible financial assistance by submitting the suitable proposals through SAAPs as per the provision of NAM guidelines.

Status of major achievement of different activities supported including Ayurveda under NAM from 2014-15 to 2022-23 is as follows:

- (i) 137 units supported for setting up of Integrated AYUSH hospitals
- (ii) 315 Ayush Hospitals and 5023 Ayush dispensaries have been supported for Up-gradation of infrastructure and other facilities
- (iii) 2375 PHCs, 713 CHCs and 306 DHs have been supported under co-location for recurring assistance of medicines and contingency on an average in each year
- (iv) 895 Ayush Hospitals and 12194 Ayush dispensaries have been supported for supply of essential Ayush medicines on an average in each year.
- (v) 13 units supported for establishment of New Ayush Educational Institutions.

(vi) 77 Under-Graduate and 35 Post-Graduate AYUSH Educational Institutes have been supported for Upgradation of infrastructure, Library and other things.

(vii) 692 Ayush Grams have been supported

(viii) 12500 Ayush Health & Wellness Centres have been approved.

(d) Ministry of Ayush is implementing the operationalization of AYUSH Health and Wellness Centres (AHWCs) under Ayushman Bharat as a component of the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National AYUSH Mission (NAM) through State/UT Governments. Under NAM, as per the proposals received from State / UT Governments through their State Annual Action Plans (SAAPs), 12500 units of existing AYUSH dispensaries and sub health centres have been approved to be upgraded as AHWCs and as reported by the States/UTs out of the approved Units, 8268 AHWCs have been made functional. The State/UT-wise status of functional AHWCs including Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Odisha and Andaman and Nicobar Islands is listed at **Annexure**.

(e) The Ministry of Ayush has launched Ayush Grid (AG), an Ayush-focused Digital Health Platform (DHP), in 2018. It functions in line with the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM), India's national platform for digital health. Through four distinct layers—the Core layer, National Layer, State Layer, and Citizen access—the components of the Ayush Grid cover all of the Ayush Sector's verticals, including health services, education, Ayush research, central sector and centrally sponsored schemes, training programmes, citizen-centric services, drug licencing portal, and media outreach. The outcomes of this endeavour so far as follows:

**A. Ayush digital infrastructure (ADPI)**

1. **Health services:** Ayushman Bharat Health Account (ABHA) enabled Ayush Hospital Information Management System (AHMIS).
2. **Education:** Education Learning Management System (eLMS) for National Commission for Indian Systems of Medicine (NCISM) and National Commission for Homoeopathy (NCH), Ayush Next Portal, AyuSoft.
3. **Ayush research:** Implementation and maintenance of National Ayush Morbidity and Standardized Electronic (NAMASTE) portal, Ayush Research Portal, ACCR/AyurCel Portal.
4. **Central sector and centrally sponsored schemes, training programmes:** NGO-Portal.
5. **Citizen-centric services:** Ministry of Ayush web-site, Ayush GIS System integrated with PM-GatiShakti National Masterplan, Y-Break App, W.H.O-Y-Yoga App,
6. **Drug licencing portal:** e-Aushadhi portal.

**Media outreach:** Campaign Portal, Engagement with various social medial platforms.

(f) Government of India, Ministry of Ayush 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 Core Research Activities are:

- Clinical Research
- Medicinal Plant Research (Medico-ethnobotanical Survey, Pharmacognosy, and Cultivation)
- Drug Standardization
- Pharmacological Research
- Literary Research & Documentation Programme
- Public Health research-oriented activities
- Besides this, Healthcare services through Outpatient departments (OPD), inpatient departments (IPDs), and Special clinics for Geriatric Health care.

The Council is in active collaboration with institutes of national repute such as AIIMS New Delhi, BHU, IIT Delhi, IIT Guwahati, ICMR, CSIR, DRDO, JNU, National Innovation Foundation, IISER Pune, etc.

During last 3 year and current year, 210 research projects have been completed.

(g) Apart from the Research Activities, Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS) has developed three guidelines for validation /research of the Ayush approach and drugs namely:

- General Guidelines for Drug Development of Ayurvedic Formulations.
- General Guidelines for Safety / Toxicity evaluation of Ayurvedic formulation.
- General Guidelines for Clinical Evaluation of Ayurvedic Interventions.

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## Annexure

## State/UT wise functional AYUSH Health &amp; Wellness Centres (AHWCs)

S. No.	Name of States/UTs	Functional AYUSH HWCs
1	Andhra Pradesh	126
2	Arunachal Pradesh	49
3	Assam	289
4	Bihar	113
5	Chhattisgarh	400
6	Goa	72
7	Gujarat	283
8	Haryana	372
9	Himachal Pradesh	303
10	Jharkhand	560
11	Karnataka	376
12	Kerala	357
13	Madhya Pradesh	562
14	Maharashtra	281
15	Manipur	15
16	Meghalaya	22
17	Mizoram	38
18	Nagaland	47
19	Odisha	250
20	Punjab	0
21	Rajasthan	919
22	Sikkim	18
23	Tamil Nadu	350
24	Telangana	421
25	Tripura	38
26	Uttar Pradesh	756
27	Uttarakhand	267
28	West Bengal	520
29	Andaman	6
30	Chandigarh	5
31	Delhi	0
32	Dadra Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu	0
33	Jammu & Kashmir	442
34	Ladakh	0
35	Lakshadweep	7
36	Puducherry	4
<b>Total</b>		<b>8268</b>

