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Title: Need to establish Ayurveda and Yoga institutes in Chidambaram, Tamil Nadu .

SHRI M. CHANDRAKASI (CHIDAMBARAM): I wish to draw the attention of the Union Government towards the need to create awareness about the AYUSH treatment in our country. It is disappointing to know that the NSSO-survey shows little attraction towards these systems of Medicines. This illustrates that the Government have not taken adequate steps to promote and popularize AYUSH.

In my state, the Chief Minister has ordered distribution of 'Nilavembu-water' to safeguard people from Dengue and Swine flu-fever. The Government of Tamil Nadu also distributes a Siddha based –ante-natal-kit to pregnant woman free of cost.

I request the Central Government to implement National Health Programmes in AYUSH for the benefit of the public.

In Tamil Nadu, both Siddha and Ayurveda Systems of treatment are very popular since ancient times. Honble Serafoji Maharaja of Thanjavur District in Tamil Nadu was Ayurveda doctor and performed numerous eye surgeries, first operation of cataract on August 20th 1827. He was taken to Kashi to teach the techniques of surgeries. The records are still available in the Saraswathi Mahal Library of Thanjavur. I urge the Central Government to start National Institute of Ayurveda in the memory of Serafoji Maharaja in my Chidambaram constituency.

Also, one more important fact I wish to bring to the notice of the Parliament, the father of Yoga, Pathanjali belonged to my constituency, Chidambaram. He popularized Yoga to the entire world. As this Government is celebrating International Yoga Day, I urge upon the Central Government to establish Central Research Institute for Yoga in memory of Pathanjali, Yoga Guru at Chidambaram.