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### **‘SMART’ program for Ayurveda professionals to boost R&D in Ayurveda in the country**

The National Commission for Indian System of Medicine (NCISM) and the Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS), the two prominent institutions under the Ministry of AYUSH, Government of India for regulating medical education and conducting scientific research respectively, have launched ‘SMART’ (Scope for Mainstreaming Ayurveda Research in Teaching Professionals) program aimed to boost scientific research in priority healthcare research areas through Ayurveda colleges and hospitals.

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### **Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya reviews Arrangements for Screening and Testing of International Passengers at Indira Gandhi International Airport, New Delhi**

Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare today visited the Indira Gandhi International Airport, New Delhi to review arrangements for screening and testing of international passengers in view of the recent spike in cases of COVID-19 in some countries.

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### **Union Minister for Health & Family Welfare, Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya chairs a high-level meeting with State Governments to review elimination of Kala-Azar from the country by 2023**

“India is committed to eliminating Kala Azar from the country by 2023. 632 (99.8%) endemic blocks have already achieved elimination status (<1 case/10,000). Only one block (Littipara) of Pakur district, Jharkhand is in the endemic category (1.23 case/10,000 population). We are working holistically with the state government and other stakeholders to achieve elimination in Jharkhand”. This was stated by Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare, Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya as he chaired a high-level meeting to review the status of Kala-Azar disease in the four endemic states of Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Jharkhand, and West Bengal in the presence of Union Minister of State for Health & Family Welfare, Dr. Bharati Pravin Pawar. Shri Tejaswi Yadav, Deputy Chief Minister & Health Minister (Bihar), Shri Brajesh Pathak, Deputy Chief Minister & Health Minister (Uttar Pradesh) and Shri Banna Gupta, Health Minister (Jharkhand), and senior officers from West Bengal were present at the review meeting.

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## Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya interacts with 150 representatives of private medical colleges in the presence of Dr. Bharati Pravin Pawar

Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare, Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya interacted with around 150 representatives of private medical colleges in the presence of Dr. Bharati Pravin Pawar, Union Minister of State for Health & Family Welfare, at Vigyan Bhawan today. Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Mandaviya said that “the aspiration and vision of Govt for medical education reform can be fulfilled only when the Medical Colleges are active partners. To create this atmosphere, consultation and samvaad is very important. He stated that there is a need to create an eco-system and environment where NMC and Medical Colleges share a goal for superior quality medical education.

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## Union Health Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya Chairs 6th Meeting of Central Institute Body of All AIIMS at AIIMS Bhubaneswar

Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare, Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya addressed the 6th Meeting of the Central Institute Body (CIB) of all new AIIMS. He was joined by Dr. Bharati Pravin Pawar, Minister of State for Health & Family Welfare, Dr. Anil Jain, Member of Parliament, Shri Ramesh Bhiduri, Member of Parliament and Dr. VK Paul, Member (Health), NITI Aayog. Shri Rajesh Bhushan, Union Health Secretary, Dr. Rajiv Bahl, Secretary, Department of Health Research and Dr. Atul Goel, Director General of Health Sciences were also present on the occasion. CIB is the highest decision-making body of all AIIMS for finance, infrastructure, vacancy, recruitment, enforcement of policies, challenges, and procurement. The agenda of CIB meeting was to review compliance of decisions taken in earlier CIB meetings.

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