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### **Measures taken to protect the ancient and traditional knowledge of the country**

A total of 448764 ISM formulations including 127533 in Ayurveda, 240850 in Unani, 70158 in Siddha, and 5445 in Sowa Rigpa, and 4778 in Yoga techniques have been transcribed so far into the Traditional Knowledge Digital Library (TKDL) database. On the basis of TKDL evidences, so far, 283 patent applications have been either refused, amended, or withdrawn/abandoned, thus protecting Indian traditional knowledge.

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### **AYUSH courses through fellowship programmes offered by premier AYUSH institutions in the country**

The number of foreign nationals undertaking AYUSH courses in premier AYUSH institutions in the country under AYUSH scholarship/fellowship programmes of the Ministry of AYUSH, is 247. An AYUSH Information cell is set up in foreign Countries with the mandate to disseminate authentic information about AYUSH systems of Medicine and to undertake various AYUSH Promotional activities. The Ministry of AYUSH has supported the establishment of 39 AYUSH Information Cells in 35 foreign nations. Recently, the latest AYUSH Information Cell in Japan was inaugurated on March 9, 2023. A health centre i.e. Panchakarma Centre in Havana (Cuba) has been established by the Ministry of Public Health, Cuba with the technical support of the Ministry of AYUSH in 2019. Under the Country to Country MoU signed with Cuba, the Ministry of AYUSH deputed one Ayurveda Expert and two Ayurveda therapists to Havana, Cuba, for providing their services for the Panchakarma Centre at, Havana, Cuba in November, 2019.

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### **Government to promote AYUSH treatment through health tourism**

'Heal in India' is an Initiative of the Government to promote the Medical Tourism in the country. Under this initiative, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and Ministry of AYUSH has been working with Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (CDAC) and Services Export Promotion Council (SEPC) for developing a 'One Step' Heal in India portal for Promotion of Medical Value Travel.

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### **Update on Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Health Sector**

Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has also recently designated AIIMS Delhi, PGIMER Chandigarh and AIIMS Rishikesh as Centre of Excellence for Artificial Intelligence with an aim to promote creation and use of AI-based solutions in Health. Government of India has launched Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM) which aims to create a platform enabling interoperability of health data within the health ecosystem so as to create longitudinal Electronic Health Record (EHR) of every citizen.

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### **Update on Oncology Departments at district level**

Cancer is a multifactorial disease, the risk factors of which include aging population, sedentary lifestyle, use of tobacco products, unhealthy diet, and air pollution. As informed by ICMR, adulterated food items are associated with Cancer of breast, brain and prostate as per study published in Environmental Toxicology and Pharmacology in 2018.

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### **Update on Mental Health services in Primary Health Centres**

For providing affordable and accessible mental healthcare facilities in the country, including the poor and underprivileged, the Government is implementing the National Mental Health Programme (NMHP) in the country. The District Mental Health Programme (DMHP) component of the NMHP has been sanctioned for implementation in 716 districts for which support is provided to States/UTs through the National Health Mission. Facilities made available under DMHP at the Community Health Centre (CHC) and Primary Health Centre (PHC) levels, include outpatient services, assessment, counselling/ psycho-social interventions, continuing care and support to persons with severe mental disorders, drugs, outreach services, ambulance services etc. In addition to above services there is a provision of 10 bedded in-patient facility at the District level. The State-wise list of 716 districts approved under DMHP is available at [https://main.mohfw.gov.in/sites/default/files/Approved\\_0.pdf](https://main.mohfw.gov.in/sites/default/files/Approved_0.pdf).

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### **Update on medical colleges on PPP model**

The regulations of National Medical Commission (erstwhile Medical Council of India) allow establishment of a medical college under Public Private Partnership (PPP) model. Clause 2(5) of Establishment of Medical College Regulations, 1999, prescribes that the appropriate Government may allow the utilization of the facilities of a hospital owned and managed by it for establishing a Medical College by a person/agency /trust/society /company by entering into a Memorandum of Understanding for this purpose. Such hospitals should have minimum 300 beds with necessary infrastructural facilities capable of developing into teaching institution for the proposed medical college.

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### **Ayushman Bharat - Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY) is implemented in 33 States/UTs in convergence with over 20 State specific schemes**

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