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### **The Budget 2023-24 gives major emphasis on increasing AYUSH services and scientific research**

Government of India focus on integrating AYUSH system in National Health ecosystem has got a boost in the Budget 2023-24 presented by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman. The total allocation of budget to AYUSH Ministry has increased by 20 percent to INR 3647 crores. The budget has also emphasized on promoting evidence-based research in AYUSH systems through AYUSH research councils.

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### **Standards for Traditional Medicines**

Ministry of AYUSH is taking up the task to harmonize all the monographs published/being published through Ayurvedic Pharmacopoeia of India (API), Siddha Pharmacopoeia of India (SPI), Unani Pharmacopoeia of India (UPI), Homoeopathic Pharmacopoeia of India (HPI) and Indian Pharmacopoeia (IP) for promotion and facilitation of One Herb, One Standard. In this regard, the Pharmacopoeia Commission for Indian Medicine and Homoeopathy (PCIM&H) under Ministry of AYUSH and Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission (IPC) under Ministry of Health & Family Welfare have signed an MoU on August 30, 2022, for promotion and facilitation of "One Herb-One Standard".

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### **Goal of 'SUPOSHIT BHARAT' under the Poshan Abhiyan**

The Ministry of AYUSH is the knowledge partner with the Ministry of Women and Child Development in the Poshan Abhiyan to achieve the ultimate goal of 'SUPOSHIT BHARAT'; and actively participated in this program and celebrated Poshan Pakhwada and Poshan Maah every

year since the year 2018. Ministry of AYUSH, in order to provide technical guidance and support based on the AYUSH principles of regional and seasonal variations in the body and considering the local preferences, has developed advisory for preferred food and dietary items to address Kuposhan Mukh Bharat, which includes general dietary advisory, advisory for pregnant women, lactating mothers, children, specific recommendations for anemia in pregnancy and malnourished children which have been shared with Ministry of Women and Child Development.

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### **Exchange programs with foreign universities to promote Yoga and Traditional Medicine**

The Ministry of AYUSH has provisioned the exchange of experts in traditional medicines and students with foreign universities, under the MoUs signed between the autonomous bodies under the Ministry of AYUSH and foreign Universities/Authorities to promote Yoga, Ayurveda, and Traditional Medicine on the International scale. The Ministry of AYUSH has signed 24 country-to-country level MoUs, 40 Institute level MoUs and 15 AYUSH Academic Chair MoUs with foreign nations. The Ministry of AYUSH, for the promotion and propagation AYUSH system abroad, offers scholarships to eligible foreign nationals for undertaking degree courses in AYUSH systems in premier Institutes in India under its International AYUSH Fellowship Programme with the aim of achieving recognition and acceptance of our Traditional Medicine Systems abroad. The Ministry of AYUSH also collaborates with foreign universities by signing Institute level MoUs for establishing AYUSH Academic Chairs abroad. At present, 03 active AYUSH Academic Chairs have been set up i.e. at Hamdard University (Bangladesh), the University of Latvia (Latvia), and the University of Mauritius (Mauritius). The Ministry of AYUSH exchanges international experts & officers to and from India under components 3-A-a and 3-A-b of the IC Scheme.

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### **Update on status of Digital Portal for Crowd Funding and Voluntary Donations for Patients of Rare Diseases**

The Department of Health & Family Welfare has launched a Digital Portal for Crowd Funding and Voluntary Donations for Patients of Rare Diseases in accordance with the mandate of the National Policy for Rare Diseases (NPRD), 2021. The Digital Portal may be accessed through <https://rarediseases.nhp.gov.in/>. The Ministry of Health & Family Welfare has written to Department of Revenue for the registration of Crowd Funding Portal for Rare Diseases under Section 80G of the Income Tax Act.

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### **Pradhan Mantri National Dialysis Programme**

Pradhan Mantri National Dialysis Programme (PMNDP) launched in 2016-17 ensures availability of dialysis services free of cost to Below Poverty Line (BPL) beneficiaries at the district hospitals in the country. National Health Mission (NHM) supports States/UTs in implementation of Haemodialysis and Peritoneal Dialysis services under PMNDP based on the gap assessment done by the State/UTs through the annual Programme Implementation Plans (PIP). A total of 17.27 lakh beneficiaries have availed dialysis services till December 31, 2022.

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### **Update on status of Treatment of Lifestyle Ailments**

As per the 'Health of the Nation's States' study done by the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), heart diseases were the number one cause of death, contributing to 28.1% of total deaths in India in 2016. The majority of heart patients are people with coronary heart diseases (CHDs). The increase in the prevalence of CHDs is due to an increase in risk factors for CHDs such as high blood pressure.

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### **Initiatives to create awareness about Antibiotics under National List of Essential Medicines**

The Standing National Committee on Medicines (SNCM) was constituted to review and revise the National List of Essential Medicines by way of additions and deletions in the existing NLEM in the context of contemporary knowledge of use of therapeutic products in health & hygiene of general public. The SNCM submitted its final report on September 10, 2022. The Government of India has accepted the recommendations of the Committee and the National List of Essential Medicines (NLEM), 2022 became operational vide notification dated September 13, 2022. The current

National List of Essential Medicines (NLEM, 2022) contains 384 medicines. In NLEM 2022, 34 medicines have been added and 26 medicines have been deleted from NLEM, 2015.

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## National Action Plan on containment of Antimicrobial Resistance (NAP-AMR)

National Action Plan on containment of Antimicrobial Resistance (NAP-AMR) was launched on April 19, 2017. National AMR surveillance network of state medical college labs (NARS-Net) has been established to generate quality data on AMR for priority bacterial pathogens of public health importance. Antibiotics are included in Schedule H1 of the Drugs and Cosmetics Rules and are required to be sold by retail only under the prescription of a Registered Medical Practitioner.

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## Health Schemes for Rural Women

The National Health Mission (NHM) is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme which envisages achievement of universal access to equitable, affordable & quality healthcare services that are accountable and responsive to people's needs, including women, across the country. The main programmatic components include Health System Strengthening in rural and urban areas, Reproductive-Maternal- Neonatal-Child and Adolescent Health (RMNCH+A), and Communicable and Non-Communicable Diseases.

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## Union Minister for Chemicals & Fertilizers and Health & Family Welfare Health & Family Welfare, Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya virtually addresses the 27th Annual ISAR conference

"Assisted Reproductive Technology (ART) and Surrogacy Bill strives to provide patients with better medical care and security. Inculcating new techniques and technologies in Assisted Reproductive Technologies (ART) have vastly benefitted patients leading to an increase in awareness for cause and treatment of infertility". This was stated by Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, Union Minister for Chemicals & Fertilizers and Health & Family Welfare & Health & Family Welfare as he virtually addressed the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Indian Society of Assisted Reproduction (ISAR) conference, Bhopal in the presence of Shri Mangubhai Patel, Hon'ble Governor of Madhya Pradesh.

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