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Update on Paramedical Workforce in India

In the absence of any Central Regulatory body for Allied and Healthcare Professions the Central Government enacted the National Commission for Allied and Healthcare Professions (NCAHP) Act, 2021 on March 28, 2021, for regulating the education and services of the allied and healthcare professionals; assessment and rating of all allied and healthcare institutions to ensure uniform standards and quality assurance; maintenance of live National and State Registers for registration of all allied and healthcare professionals. The Act provides for constitution of National Commission for Allied and Healthcare Professions (NCAHP) and the functions of the Commission includes creation and maintaining an online and live Central Register with details of academic qualifications institutions, training, skill, and competencies of Allied and Healthcare professionals related to their professions as specified in the Schedule.

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Update on Health Systems in Rural and Tribal Areas

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Update on Health Facilities in Villages and Cities Through National Health Mission

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Department of Integrative Medicine inaugurated at Safdarjung Hospital, New Delhi

Union Minister of AYUSH Shri Sarbananda Sonowal and Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya jointly inaugurated the Integrative Medicine Centre at Safdarjung Hospital. Minister of State for Health, Dr. Bharati Pravin Pawar, and Minister of State for AYUSH, Dr. Munjapara Mahendrabhai Kalubhai, and Secretary Ayush, Vaidya Rajesh Kotecha were also present on occasion. On this occasion, Shri Sarbananda Sonowal said, "Under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, both the ministries of AYUSH and Health and Family Welfare are committed towards promoting the integrative approach".

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Steps taken by Government to train farmers about Good Agricultural Practices and Good Field Collection Practices for medicinal plants

National Medicinal Plants Board (NMPB), Ministry of AYUSH has provided financial assistance in project mode to various institutes/organizations to organize awareness programme, exposure visits, and capacity-building programmes (seminars/conferences / workshops, etc.) through Information Education and Communication (IEC) activities under Central Sector Scheme (CSS) for conservation, development and sustainable management of medicinal plants. NMPB has supported 126 projects for various IEC activities to educate stakeholders, including farmers, about different aspects of medicinal plants like conservation, cultivation, Post-Harvest Management and marketing from 2017-18 to 2021-22 with the budget of Rs. 3079.116 lakh.

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Recognition of AYUSH Certifications

There are 476-Ayurveda, 56-Unani, 13-Siddha, 07-Sowa-Rigpa and 284-Homoeopathy medical institutions imparting education and training in the country. There are 34,202 seats in Ayurveda, 916 seats in Siddha, 3103 seats in Unani, 85 seats in Sowa-Rigpa and 19,757 seats in Homoeopathy stream has been permitted for an undergraduate course for the academic year 2021-22. The admission status of candidates against the aforesaid permitted seats may vary with the number of students enrolled to the courses and is available with universities to which the concern AYUSH course is affiliated. As per the information available, during the Academic session 2021-22, the total number of UG students enrolled in Unani- 2529, Siddha-603, Ayurveda- 28268 and Homoeopathy- 15581.

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Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya and Union Minister of AYUSH, Shri Sarbananda Sonowal jointly inaugurate Integrative Medicine Centre of All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA) at Safdarjung Hospital

"Integrative medicine is aimed at harnessing the potential of India's rich heritage and medical knowledge, along with using modern advancements in allopathy. Both traditional and modern medical practices would help in providing better avenues of health and wellness. It is thus, the need of the hour that different medical systems must not compete but complement each other. Only then can we ensure our citizens' wellbeing and further help achieve health for all." This was stated by Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare and Chemicals and Fertilizers, Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya as he jointly inaugurated the Integrative Medicine Centre at Department of Integrative medicine of All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA) at Safdarjung Hospital, with Shri Sarbananda Sonowal, Union Minister of AYUSH. Union Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare, Dr Bharati Pravin Pawar, and Union Minister of State for AYUSH, Dr. Munjpara Mahendrabhai Kalubhai were also present on the occasion.

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Update on Tele-MANAS Scheme

The Government has launched a “National Tele Mental Health Programme” on October 10, 2022, to further improve access to quality mental health counselling and care services in the country. NIMHANS, Bengaluru is the National Apex Centre, coordinated activities of Tele MANAS across India. For the year 2022-23, a total of Rs. 120.98 crore has been allocated for National Tele-Mental Health Programme (NTMHP).

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Update on Medical Colleges in the country

As informed by the National Medical Commission (NMC) there are 358 Government and 296 Private Medical Colleges in the country as of now. The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare administers a Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) for ‘Establishment of new Medical Colleges attached with existing district/referral hospitals’ with preference to underserved areas and aspirational districts, where there is no existing Government or private medical college. Under the scheme, a total of 157 medical colleges have been sanctioned in three phases with fund sharing between the Centre and State Governments in the ratio of 90:10 for Northeastern and Special Category States and 60:40 for others.

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