

Shri Prataprao Ganpatrao Jadhav, Minister of State (IC), Ministry of Ayush inaugurates the third national conference 'Shalyacon2025' at the All India Institute of Ayurveda today

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On the occasion of Sushruta Jayanti, Shri Prataprao Jadhav, Minister of State (Independent Charge), Ministry of Ayush inaugurated the Shalyacon 2025, the 3rd National Conference on Shalya Tantra at the All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA), New Delhi.

Organized by the Department of Shalya Tantra at AIIA in collaboration with the National Sushruta Association, this national seminar formed a part of the 25th Annual Conference of the NSA. The event brought together over 500 participants, including scholars, Ayurvedic experts and surgeons, researchers, academicians, and students from India and neighboring countries like Nepal and Sri Lanka.

Addressing the gathering Shri Prataprao Jadhav emphasized the need for advancing research in Ayurveda in alignment with the vision of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. The Union Minister said that “the promotion of research must remain our foremost priority. Through rigorous scientific inquiry, the efficacy of our traditional systems can be established globally. The Government of India has already authorized Ayurvedic practitioners to perform 39 surgical procedures and 19 additional operations, thereby strengthening the integrative approach to healthcare.” Additionally, the standardization of surgical protocols is essential to uphold the quality and safety of treatments, the minister added.



Padmashri Vaidya Rajesh Kotecha, Secretary, Ministry of Ayush, Shri Satyajit Paul, Deputy Director General, Ministry of Ayush; Padmashri Prof. Manoranjan Sahu, President, National Sushruta Association; and Prof. P. Hemantha Kumar, Secretary, NSA, Prof. (Dr.) Manjusha Rajagopala, Director (I/C) was also present on the occasion.

Vaidya Rajesh Kotecha, Secretary, Ministry of Ayush, highlighted India's leadership in innovation through Ayurveda and technology. He recalled that a global technical meeting hosted by AIIA and WHO in September 2024 led to the release of a technical brief on Artificial Intelligence in Traditional Medicine. Ayush is also advancing AI applications with tools like indigenous chatbots, a unified Ayush Master Application, and integration of over 22 digital platforms such as AHMIS, Ayush e-LMS, Ayush Research Portal, and Namaste Yoga App. India is also contributing to global AI governance through participation in the WHO-ITU FG-AI4H initiative.

The event in brief:

During the event Live surgical demonstrations on 13th and 14th July, including 10 laparoscopic/endoscopic procedures and 16 anorectal surgeries successfully done. Apart from that Scientific sessions, poster presentations, and expert panel discussions on standardization and innovation in Shalya Tantra.

Prof. (Dr.) Yogesh Badwe, Organizing Chairman, shared that AIIA now caters to over 2000 patients daily, with its Shalya Tantra department routinely conducting general, laparoscopic, breast, anorectal, and urological surgeries. These developments underline Ayurveda's relevance in delivering patient-centered integrative care.

With the theme "Innovation, Integration, and Inspiration," Shalyacon 2025 is set to accelerate research, collaboration, and knowledge-sharing in Ayurvedic surgical practice, reinforcing India's leadership in integrative healthcare.

National Sushruta Felicitations was done in the prestigious inaugural ceremony where eminent personalities related to Ayurveda were awarded. A Conference Souvenir book release was also done by the hands of the Chief Guests, also a PG summary was done.

About AIIA

The All-India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA) is the first of its kind, set up along the lines of AIIMS, dedicated to the Nation by the Prime Minister, on 2nd Ayurveda Day on 17th October, 2017 at New Delhi with the vision to be an outstanding Centre of Excellence for Ayurveda Tertiary Healthcare and set highest standards of Education, Research and Patientcare through Ayurveda for the benefit of humanity. It is NABH accredited tertiary care hospital and post-graduate training and research Centre. Under Ministry of Ayush, Govt. of India,

All India Institute of Ayurveda in New Delhi has already made its mark in public healthcare system, in the form of a tertiary care hospital with holistic and integrated approach to patientcare. Since its inception, it has benefited more than 30 lakh patients.

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