

Alignment of AYUSH with Global Practices

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Ministry of Ayush has established Pharmacopoeia Commission for Indian Medicine & Homoeopathy (PCIM&H) as its subordinate office to prescribe Pharmacopoeial Standards for ASU&H drugs, which serve as official compendia in accordance with the Drugs & Cosmetics Act, 1940 and Rules, 1945.

Further, MoA has collaborated with Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) and constituted seven sectional committees for each of the Ayush systems (Ayurveda, Yoga, Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha, Sowa Rigpa & Homoeopathy), under Ayush Division Council of BIS for formulation of Indian Standards including traditional and modern aspects of products and services. These committees work collaboratively with various stakeholders, including technical experts, research and academic institutions, industry representatives, and regulatory bodies, to ensure comprehensive, evidence-based standards aligned with national and international guidelines. BIS has formulated a series of Indian Standards covering raw materials, manufacturing processes, packaging and finished products.

So far, 180 Indian standards related to Ayush systems including traditional and modern aspects of products and services have been developed by seven sectional committees under Ayush division council. The standards formulated on Ayush systems are available on BIS website at www.bis.gov.in.

With the support of the Government of India, World Health Organization (WHO) has published benchmark documents for training and practice of Ayurveda and Unani, and also released standardized WHO terminology in Ayurveda, Unani, and Siddha. Further, the MoA has signed a project collaboration agreement with WHO to support the development of an International Herbal Pharmacopeia with a focus on the traditional medicine systems of the South-East Asia region. Additionally, the Ministry promotes the Certification of Pharmaceutical Product (CoPP) as per WHO guidelines for Ayurvedic, Siddha, and Unani (ASU) medicines. In line with international cooperation for quality assurance in traditional medicine, the Pharmacopoeia Commission for Indian Medicine & Homoeopathy (PCIM&H), under the MoA, has also signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Food and Drug Authority of the Republic of Indonesia.

These initiatives aim to enhance the quality, safety, and reliability of Ayush products and services, thereby improving consumer confidence and acceptance of Ayush products in global markets by aligning with international norms.

This information was given by Union Minister of State (I/C) of the Ministry of Ayush, Shri Prataprao Jadhav in a written reply in Lok Sabha today.

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