

“Prayas” - A First-of-its-Kind Integrated Neuro Rehabilitation Centre Launched at AIIA Goa

Union Minister Shri Prataprao Jadhav Inaugurates Centre Blending Ayurveda, Yoga and Modern Therapies for Paediatric Neuro Care

“A Model of Integrative Care and Hope,” says Shri Jadhav at Inauguration

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The Ministry of Ayush unveiled "*Prayas*", an Integrated Neuro-Rehabilitation Centre at the All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA), Goa, marking a milestone in the Ayush domain. The centre was inaugurated on the occasion of the 10th Ayurveda Day by the Union Minister of State, Ministry of Ayush (IC) and Union Minister of State, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Shri Prataprao Jadhav, in the presence of Shri Shripad Yesso Naik, Minister of State for Power & New & Renewable Energy, senior officials of the Ministry, and faculty of AIIA Goa.



"Prayas" is among the first-of-its-kind multi-disciplinary centres in the country that brings together Ayurveda, Physiotherapy, Yoga, Speech Therapy, Occupational Therapy, and modern Paediatrics under one roof.

Designed to provide holistic and patient-centred neuro-rehabilitation, the Centre is especially focused on children with neurological and developmental conditions.

Speaking at the inauguration, Shri Prataprao Jadhav said:

"The Ministry of Ayush is committed to creating centres of excellence that synergise traditional wisdom with modern medicine. 'Prayas' is a model of integrative rehabilitation, offering not just treatment but renewed quality of life and hope for patients and their families."

Echoing these sentiments, Shri Shripad Yesso Naik underlined the significance of rehabilitation services in tackling neurological and developmental disorders, adding that the innovative model adopted at AIIA Goa will provide *"new hope for countless families navigating complex health challenges."*

Prof P.K. Prajapati, Director AIIA, mentioned, "The launch of 'Prayas' reflects AIIA's vision to pioneer innovative integrative models that address complex healthcare challenges. By combining Ayurveda, Yoga, and modern rehabilitation sciences, we aim to create evidence-based solutions that enhance paediatric neuro care and set new benchmarks in holistic healing."

Prof. Sujata Kadam, Dean, AIIA Goa, highlighted the significance of the initiative and said, "With 'Prayas', AIIA Goa takes a significant step in delivering integrative, patient-centred neuro rehabilitation. Our focus is on providing comprehensive care to children with developmental and neurological challenges, while also contributing to research and training that will shape the future of Ayush-based innovations in healthcare."

The inauguration was attended by senior dignitaries, including the Secretary, Ministry of Ayush, Director AIIA, Dean, AIIA Goa, and Associate Dean, along with faculty from the Kaumarbhritya (Paediatrics) Department – Dr Sumeet Goel, Dr Rahul Ghuse, Dr Samruddhi, Dr Diksha, Dr Shalini, Ms Nelisha, Ms Shefali, and Ms Janice.

With this ambitious step, the Ministry of Ayush reinforces its vision of integrated healthcare that combines the best of traditional knowledge with modern practices, in line with India's National Health Policy and global best practices.

"Prayas" is not just a centre—it is a promise of care, compassion, and comprehensive healing.



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