

Budget 2026 Puts Ayush at the Heart of India's Integrative Healthcare Vision

Ayush witnessed unprecedented institutional growth, global recognition under the leadership of the Hon'ble PM: Shri Prataprao Jadhav, Union Ayush Minister

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Expressing his heartfelt gratitude to Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and Hon'ble Finance Minister Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman for the transformative Budget announcements that significantly strengthen the Ayush ecosystem, Shri Prataprao Jadhav, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge), Ministry of Ayush and Union Minister of State, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India, termed the announcements a major boost to India's traditional systems of medicine.



Describing the Budget as “visionary and future-oriented,” the Hon'ble Ayush Minister said the measures reflect the Government's unwavering commitment to building a holistic, inclusive, and globally competitive healthcare system where Ayush stands as a vital pillar of integrative health.

In her Budget Speech, the Hon'ble Finance Minister announced a series of landmark initiatives to expand education, research, quality assurance, global leadership, medical value tourism, and skilled workforce development in Ayush. These measures reinforce India's aspiration to position traditional medicine as a key driver of preventive healthcare, economic growth, and global leadership in wellness.



A historic highlight of the budget is the proposal to establish three new All India Institutes of Ayurveda (AIAs) to expand high-quality undergraduate and postgraduate education, advanced research, and tertiary care services. Building on the success of existing national institutes, these institutions are expected to elevate academic standards and strengthen evidence-based integrative care across the country.

The Budget also proposes upgrading Ayush pharmacies and drug testing laboratories to meet higher certification standards. This move will enhance product quality, consumer confidence, and export readiness while supporting farmers cultivating medicinal plants and MSMEs engaged in processing and manufacturing.



Further consolidating India's global leadership, the WHO Global Traditional Medicine Centre at Jamnagar will be upgraded to deepen research collaboration, international training, and policy dialogue—positioning India as the global knowledge hub for traditional medicine.

In a significant step toward economic integration, Ayush Centres will form part of five proposed Regional Medical Value Tourism Hubs, creating integrated healthcare destinations that combine advanced medical treatment with traditional therapies, wellness services, and rehabilitation support. This initiative is expected to generate large-scale employment for Ayush practitioners, therapists, yoga trainers, and allied professionals.

The inclusion of yoga and wellness competencies within NSQF-aligned caregiver training programmes—targeting 1.5 lakh caregivers in the coming year—further mainstreams Ayush-linked skills within the expanding care economy, strengthening preventive and geriatric care services.

Shri Jadhav noted that over the past decade, Ayush has witnessed unprecedented institutional growth, global recognition, digital expansion, and research advancement under the leadership of the Hon’ble Prime Minister. “This Budget builds on that strong foundation—moving from expansion to consolidation, quality enhancement, and global integration. It marks a defining moment where traditional medicine is not seen as complementary, but as integral to India’s healthcare future,” he said.

Emphasising the broader economic impact, the Minister highlighted that the announcements link health policy with rural livelihoods, export growth, youth employment, and entrepreneurship—strengthening India’s emergence as the world capital of evidence-based holistic healthcare.

He reiterated his gratitude to the Hon’ble Prime Minister and Hon’ble Finance Minister for their steadfast support and visionary approach, stating that the Budget signals a decisive step toward institutionalising integrative healthcare for a healthier, self-reliant, and globally respected India.

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