Union Minister Shri Prataprao Jadhav Chairs 13th Governing Body Meeting of National Institute of Unani Medicine

Shri Jadhav Calls for Timely Action, Accountability and Expansion of Unani Education and Research

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Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for the Ministry of Ayush and Minister of State in the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare Shri Prataprao Jadhav, today chaired the 13th Governing Body meeting of the National Institute of Unani Medicine (NIUM) at Kartavya Bhawan-I, New Delhi.

Highlighting NIUM's role in advancing Unani education, research and healthcare, Shri Prataprao Jadhav noted that the institute currently has 71 students across 10 postgraduate departments. He highlighted the proposed expansion through five additional postgraduate departments, 35 additional seats and a Department of Integrative and Translational Research.

Shri Jadhav also highlighted the development of NIUM's second campus at Ghaziabad, near Delhi, with a proposed 200-bed referral hospital, postgraduate education and research facilities. Welcoming the proposal for 24 seats for foreign students within the existing intake capacity, he said it would strengthen international academic engagement and reflect the spirit of *Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam (वसुधैव कुटुम्बकम्).*

The Minister outlined three key expectations from NIUM — timeliness, accountability and service — stressing that pending matters should be addressed promptly and clear timelines and responsibilities assigned to every project. Union minister emphasised that healthcare services and treatments developed by the institute must reach even the poorest sections of society.

Prof. Saiyad Shah Alam, Director, National Institute of Unani Medicine (NIUM), Bengaluru, welcomed the Union Minister and the Secretary, Ministry of Ayush. He also made a presentation highlighting the institute’s activities, achievements and proposed initiatives.

The meeting was attended by Secretary, Ministry of Ayush, Vaidya Rajesh Kotecha; Additional Secretary and Financial Adviser, Shri Hoyeeda Abbas; Additional Chief Secretary, Department of Finance, Government of Karnataka, Shri Ritesh Kumar Singh; Advisor

(Unani), Ministry of Ayush, Dr. M.A. Qasmi; President, Board of Unani, Siddha and Sowa-Rigpa, Prof. Asim Ali Khan; and Director General, Central Council for Research in Unani Medicine (CCRUM), Dr. N. Zaheer Ahmed, among other senior officials.

The meeting concluded with a focus on strengthening institutional governance, ensuring effective implementation of approved initiatives and enhancing coordination among stakeholders for the institute's future development.





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