Union Ayush Minister Shri Prataprao Jadhav Meets H.E. Mr. Roger Baro, Minister and Special Adviser to the President of Burkina Faso

India Keen to Work Closely with Burkina Faso in Traditional Medicine: Shri Prataprao Jadhav

Institutional Collaboration Will Open New Avenues for Traditional Medicine Cooperation: Shri Jadhav

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The Union Minister of State (Independent Charge), Ministry of Ayush, Shri Prataprao Jadhav, met with the delegation of Burkina Faso led by H.E. Mr. Roger Baro, Minister and Special Adviser to the President of Burkina Faso, in New Delhi today. The Burkinabe delegation is visiting India from 17 to 25 November 2026. The visit focuses on traditional medicine and Ayush institutions.

During the meeting, Shri Prataprao Jadhav said that India attaches great importance to its bilateral relations with Burkina Faso and is keen to further strengthen the partnership. He noted that the two countries share a rich heritage of traditional medicines and indigenous healthcare practices, which provides a strong foundation for cooperation in this field.

Shri Jadhav said he had learnt that the President of Burkina Faso, H.E. Captain Ibrahim Traore, had expressed interest in India's support for the conservation and sustainable development of Burkina Faso's traditional medicinal plants. He added that India is keen to work closely with Burkina Faso in the field of traditional medicines and is ready to share its experience and expertise, including in herbal medicine standardisation, quality assurance, pharmacopoeial standards and the regulatory framework.

Shri Jadhav welcomed institutional partnerships between Ayush institutions in India and relevant traditional medicine institutions in Burkina Faso. He noted considerable potential for a flagship India-Burkina Faso Project on Conservation and Sustainable Development of Traditional Plants, in collaboration with India's National Medicinal Plants Board and relevant institutions in Burkina Faso.

The Minister said India is also keen to support the promotion of Yoga and Ayush-based wellness programmes in Burkina Faso. He said the two sides could explore the possibility of signing a Memorandum of Understanding between the Ministry of Ayush and Burkina Faso's Ministry of Health to promote an institutional framework. He also welcomed Burkina Faso's participation in future WHO Global Summits on Traditional Medicine and in programmes at the WHO Global Traditional Medicine Centre in Jamnagar, Gujarat. As an immediate step, he suggested that both sides identify nodal officers to take the proposal forward and work out specific areas of cooperation.

Highlighting India's commitment to South-South Cooperation and its engagement through G20 and BRICS, the Minister said India offers full support to Burkina Faso in achieving its developmental goals, and that the developmental partnership is guided by the needs and priorities set by the Government of Burkina Faso. He said India is also contributing to capacity building through training and scholarship initiatives under programmes such as ITEC, ICCR and the PCFD course, from which more than 250 Burkinabe nationals have benefited in the last few years.

The Minister noted that the small but vibrant Indian community in Burkina Faso has been making a positive contribution to the country's socio-economic development. He said that India would appreciate the continued support of the Government of Burkina Faso in ensuring the safety and security of the community. He added that India is committed to working closely with Burkina Faso to promote traditional medicine through cooperation, knowledge exchange and capacity building. Shri Jadhav wished the delegation a successful and productive visit and said he looks forward to taking bilateral cooperation further.

The delegation included Prof. Rakissida Alfred Ouedraogo, Special Ministerial Advisor for Higher Education and Health Issues; Dr. Mariam Sawadogo/Bagayan, Director of Traditional and Alternative Medicine at the Ministry of Health, serving as the mission's rapporteur; Prof. Aminata Pagnimdebsom Nacoulma, Lecturer-Researcher specialising in Pharmacognosy at Joseph Ki-Zerbo University; and Dr. Hyacinthe Bonkoungou, Specialised Pharmacist and Director of the Center for Traditional Medicine and Integrated Care.

The Burkina Faso Embassy was represented by Mr. Some Désiré Boniface, Ambassador; Mr. Zingué-ouattara Didier Christian, Deputy Chief of Mission; and Mr. Ouoba Joël, interpreter. From the Ministry of External Affairs, the meeting was attended by Shri O. P. Meena, Ambassador of India to Burkina Faso, and Shri Kailash Bhatt, Under Secretary (Central & West Africa), MEA. Secretary, Ministry of Ayush, Vaidya Rajesh Kotecha and senior officials of the Ministry of Ayush were also present at the meeting.

The meeting reaffirmed the shared commitment of India and Burkina Faso to deepen cooperation in traditional medicine and strengthen collaboration between Ayush institutions and their Burkinabe counterparts.






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