

# Continuation of National Ayush mission

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## In news

Recently, the cabinet approved the Continuation of National Ayush Mission as a centrally sponsored scheme.

## Key updates

- **Period of extension:** 01-04-2021 to 31-03-2026.
- **Financial implication:** Rs. 4607.30 crore (Rs 3,000 crore as Central Share and Rs. 1607.30 crore as State Share).
- The operationalization of the 12,500 AYUSH Health and Wellness Centres component under AYUSHMAN BHARAT for implementation through National AYUSH Mission will also be continued.
- In addition, new Ayush Public Health programs will also be part of the National AYUSH Mission.

## About National Ayush Mission(NAM)

- NAM is being implemented with the **Objective to provide cost effective AYUSH Services, by upgrading AYUSH Hospitals, Dispensaries and Ayush educational institutions**, co-location of AYUSH systems at Public Health facilities, and setting up of new up to 50 bedded integrated AYUSH Hospital and teaching institutions.
- The National Ayush Mission **was launched on 15-09-2014**.
- Under NAM special focus is given for specific needs of such areas and for allocation of higher resources in their Annual Plans.
- The Mission is addressing the gaps in health services through supporting the efforts of State/UT Governments

for providing AYUSH health services/education in the country, particularly in vulnerable and far-flung areas.

## **Objectives**

- To provide cost effective **AYUSH Services, with universal access** through upgrading AYUSH Hospitals and Dispensaries, co-location of AYUSH facilities at Primary Health Centres (PHCs), Community Health Centres (CHCs) and District Hospitals (DHs).
- To **establish a holistic wellness model based on AYUSH principles and practices** to empower masses for 'self-care' to reduce the disease burden, out of pocket expenditure and to provide informed choice to the needy public.
- To **strengthen institutional capacity at the state level** through upgrading AYUSH educational institutions, State Govt. ASU&H Pharmacies, Drug Testing Laboratories and ASU & H enforcement mechanism.
- **Support cultivation of medicinal plants by adopting Good Agricultural Practices** so as to provide sustained supply of quality raw-materials and support certification mechanism for quality standards, Good Agricultural/Collection/Storage Practices.
- **Support setting up of clusters through convergence of cultivation, warehousing**, value addition and marketing and development of infrastructure for entrepreneurs.