

The Institute of Teaching and Research in Ayurveda Bill, 2020

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The Bill seeks to merge three Ayurveda institutes into one institution by the name of Institute of Teaching and Research in Ayurveda. The Bill declares the Institute to be an **institution of National Importance**.

Features of the Bill

- The existing institutes which will be merged into the Institute are: **the Institute of Post Graduate Teaching and Research in Ayurveda, Jamnagar, Shree Gulabkunverba Ayurved Mahavidyalaya, Jamnagar, and the Indian Institute of Ayurvedic Pharmaceutical Sciences, Jamnagar.**
- The proposed Institute will be situated in the campus of Gujarat Ayurved University, Jamnagar.
- The Bill provides that the **Institute will consist of 15 members**. The Director of the Institute of Post Graduate Teaching and Research in Ayurveda, Jamnagar will be appointed as the first Director of the Institute.
- The functions of the Institute will include:
 - . provide for **undergraduate and postgraduate teaching** in Ayurveda (**including pharmacy**)
 - . prescribe courses and curricula for both undergraduate and postgraduate studies in Ayurveda
 - . provide facilities for research in the various branches of Ayurveda
 - . hold examinations and grant degrees, diplomas and other

distinctions and titles in education in Ayurveda and pharmacy

. maintain **well-equipped colleges and hospitals** for Ayurveda supporting staff such as nurses and pharmacists.

- The Bill requires the Institute to maintain a fund for meeting its expenses. It will be credited with funds received from the central government and other sources, including fees and other charges. **The accounts of the Institute will be audited by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India.**
- ITRA will be the **first institution with INI status in the AYUSH Sector**, and this will enable the institution to be independent and innovative in the matter of deciding course content and pedagogy.