

AYUSH Services Expansion in Military Hospitals Proposed

Union AYUSH Minister Prataprao Jadhav wrote to Defense Minister Rajnath Singh proposing the expansion of AYUSH treatment services in military and field hospitals.

The proposal aims to integrate India's traditional medicine systems (Ayurveda, Yoga, Unani, Siddha, Homoeopathy) into the healthcare provided to defense personnel.

KEY EXAM POINTS

- Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for AYUSH, Shri **Prataprao Jadhav**, sent a letter to Defense Minister Shri **Rajnath Singh**.
- The letter proposes establishing **AYUSH OPDs** and providing AYUSH-based treatment services in **military and field hospitals**.
- The initiative focuses on **preventive, promotive, and holistic healthcare** for **defense personnel**.
- Currently, only a few institutions under the **Ministry of Defense** offer **AYUSH treatment facilities**.
- The expansion aims to provide **evidence-based traditional healthcare, lifestyle management**, and rehabilitation to soldiers.

STATICS & SYLLABUS FOCUS

AYUSH is an acronym for **Ayurveda, Yoga & Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha, and Homoeopathy**.

The **Ministry of AYUSH** was established by the Government of India in **2014**.

The **National AYUSH Mission (NAM)** was launched in **2014** to promote AYUSH systems.

The **Siddha system** of medicine is one of the oldest traditional medicine systems, originating in **Tamil Nadu**.

The **Armed Forces Medical Services (AFMS)** provide comprehensive medical care to all **defense personnel** and their families.

The World Health Organization (WHO) Global Centre for Traditional Medicine (GCTM) is located in **Jamnagar, Gujarat**, India.

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