

FAQs

National Ayush Mission

Q. Why is this in news?

A. The government has decided to **continue the National Ayush Mission (NAM)** as a **centrally sponsored scheme** till 2026.

- The project will have a total cost of Rs. 4,603 crore, of which the Centre will bear Rs 3,000 crore share, and the states will cover the rest.
- Recently, **new portals on the Ayush sector** were also launched.

Q. What is the meaning of 'Ayush'?

A.

- Traditional & Non-Conventional Systems of Health Care and Healing Which Include Ayurveda, Yoga, Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha, Sowa-Rigpa and Homoeopathy etc.
- The positive features of the Indian systems of medicine namely their diversity and flexibility; accessibility; affordability, a broad acceptance by a large section of the general public; comparatively lesser cost and growing economic value, have great potential to make them providers of healthcare that the large sections of our people need.

Q. When is it launched?

A.

- Launched in **September 2014** by the **Department of AYUSH under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare**, during the **12th Plan for implementation** through States/UTs.
- Now, it is **implemented by the Ministry of Ayush**.

Q. What are the components of the National AYUSH Mission?

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- **Obligatory Components:**
 - AYUSH Services.
 - AYUSH Educational Institutions.
 - Quality Control of ASU&H (Ayurveda, Siddha and Unani & Homoeopathy) Drugs.

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- Medicinal Plants.
- **Flexible Component**
 - AYUSH Wellness Centres comprising Yoga and Naturopathy,
 - Tele-medicine,
 - Innovations in AYUSH including Public Private Partnership,
 - IEC (Information, Education and Communication) activities,
 - Voluntary certification scheme: Project based, etc.

Q. What might be the expected Outcomes?

A.

- **Better access to AYUSH healthcare** services through increased healthcare facilities and better availability of medicines and trained manpower.
- Improvement in **AYUSH education** through a well-equipped enhanced number of AYUSH Educational institutions.
- To focus on **reducing communicable/non-communicable diseases** through targeted public health programmes using AYUSH systems of Healthcare.

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