

**ADVISORY**

**Subject:-Scientific Studies and publication of Research Papers on AYUSH drugs and treatments by non-AYUSH researchers/scientists -reg.**

Whereas it is reported that research papers and scientific studies on AYUSH (Ayurveda, Yoga, Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy systems) drugs and treatments have been published by non-AYUSH scientists/researchers with unfounded statements & conclusions to damage the credibility and sanctity of the whole system and qualified AYUSH experts were not involved/consulted in these studies and research publications.

Whereas AYUSH systems are officially recognised integral part of the country's healthcare delivery network and are promoted and mainstreamed through various policies, strategies and schemes of Government of India including the National Health Policy-2017, National Health Mission and National AYUSH Mission. Principles, concepts and approaches of AYUSH systems and their drug-based interventions are not at all comparable to the prevalent modern medical system.

Whereas for scientific development of AYUSH systems, Central Government has inter alia established five Research Councils ( viz. Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences; Central Council for Research in Unani Medicine; Central Council for Research in Sidhha; Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy; and Central Council for Research in Yoga & Naturopathy), published Good Clinical Practice (GCP) guidelines for conduct of clinical trials in Ayurvedic, Sidhha and Unani medicine and implemented Extramural Research Scheme to support projects of scientific exploration of AYUSH, details are available in the Ministry's website [www.ayush.gov.in](http://www.ayush.gov.in);

Whereas potential and scope of AYUSH in public healthcare cannot be jeopardized and the people may not be distracted or dissuaded from resorting to AYUSH from arbitrary statements and unfounded conclusions in the scientific studies and research publications related to AYUSH;

Considering accordingly the need of protecting public image of AYUSH, all non-AYUSH researchers, scientists, institutions and editors of the medical/scientific journals are hereby advised to involve appropriate Expert/Institution/Research Council of AYUSH in conducting any scientific study/clinical trial/research intervention to explore AYUSH drug or treatment and for vetting of the publication of its outcomes and findings to prevent incorrect, arbitrary and ambiguous statements and conclusions about AYUSH.

All concerned are urged to take note of the advisory for compliance by the respective researchers/scientists/investigators.

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- i) Medical Council of India/Central Council of Indian Medicine/Central Council of Homeopathy
- ii) Department of Health Research/ Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR)
- iii) Department of Science & Technology/ Department of Scientific & Industrial Research/Council for Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR)
- iv) Department of Bio-technology/BIRAC
- v) AYUSH Research Councils- CCRAS/CCRUM/CCRH/CCRS/CCRYN
- vi) University Grants Commission
- vii) International Committee of Medical Journal Editors (ICMJE)
- viii) Press Information Bureau (PIB)
- ix) Ministry of AYUSH Website [www.ayush.gov.in](http://www.ayush.gov.in)