

## **ICMR inks MoA with Ayush Ministry for health research in Integrated Medicine**

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**The partnership to have a significant contribution in the development and reach of Integrated Medicine**

A Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) has been signed between Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) under the Health Ministry and Ministry of AYUSH, for collaboration and cooperation in health research in the field of Integrated Medicine.

The MoA envisages cooperation and collaboration between Ministry of AYUSH and ICMR for exploring the areas of convergence and synergy between the two organisations for integrative health research and strengthening research capacity.

The agreement also envisages exploring possibility with Ayush Ministry and ICMR to work on public health research initiatives for addressing diseases of national importance. Efforts to conduct high-quality clinical trials jointly on identified areas/disease conditions of national importance with promising therapies of Ayush system to generate evidence for wider acceptance is also part of the agreement.

A joint working group shall be created between Ministry of AYUSH and ICMR which will meet quarterly for exploring further areas of collaboration and work on deliverables. Both institutions shall formulate and implement joint research projects and programmes and allow joint supervision of the said activities as well as design and conduct conferences, workshops, seminars jointly with active participation of researchers interested in the field of Integrative Healthcare.