

## Ministry of Ayush inks MoU with Department of Science and Technology

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For promotion of evidence-based research and scientific intervention in the Ayush sector for public healthcare system



A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed between Ministry of Ayush, Government of India and Department of Science and Technology (DST), Ministry of Science and Technology & Earth Sciences.

The MoU will identify the potential areas of research to explore cooperation, convergence, and synergy for evidence-based scientific intervention in the Ayush sector and further application of these into the public healthcare system.

The MoU was signed by Vaidya Rajesh Kotecha, Secretary, Ministry of Ayush and Dr Srivari Chandrasekhar, Secretary, DST in presence of senior officials from Ministry of Ayush and scientists of DST.

Through the MoU, Ministry of Ayush and DST have agreed to jointly undertake R&D activities on scientific validation of Ayush concepts, procedures and products, create a platform for the exchange of information and bring about the application of modern science toward understanding the Ayush-related basic concepts and principles.

The Ministry of Ayush would identify thrust areas involving Ayush-related systems that require understanding the basic concepts, procedures, development of newer tools, and so on in modern sciences. Meanwhile, DST, through the Science and Engineering Research Board (SERB), would coordinate the implementation of thrust areas through well-chartered plans and mutual concerted actions.