

## Ministry of Ayush strengthens testing and standardisation protocols to ensure safety of ayurvedic medicines

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### MoU signed between CCRAS-CSMCARI and CIM&H, Chennai



In a significant development aimed at advancing the field of Indian Medicine and Homoeopathy, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between the Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences – Captain Srinivasa Murthy Central Ayurveda Research Institute (CSMCARI), Chennai, under the Ministry of AYUSH, Government of India and the Commissionerate of Indian Medicine and Homoeopathy (CIM&H), Arumbakkam, Chennai, Tamil Nadu.

The ceremony was held recently at the Kalaigarn Centenary Multi-Speciality Hospital, Guindy, in the presence of Health and Family Welfare Minister of Tamil Nadu, MA. Subramanian, and Additional Chief Secretary & Health and Family Welfare Secretary, Gagan Deep Singh, IAS.

The MoU outlines a collaborative framework for Testing Services, Imparting Training, and executing a Collaborative Project on “Research Studies for the Standardization and Evaluation of Toxicity Studies for the Preparation of Selected Higher Order Medicines.”

The primary objectives of this MoU include:

- To carry out testing of selected raw drugs and finished products for the purpose of standardization of medicine.
- Providing NABL Accreditation Training guidance to the Laboratory of CIM&H.
- Conducting the collaborative research project entitled “Research Studies for Standardization and Evaluation of the toxicity study for the preparation of selected higher order medicines” as per the approved proposal, being a part and parcel of this MoU, as per the terms, conditions, and guidelines of CCRAS Research Policy.

The rigorous testing and standardization protocols will ensure the higher quality and safety of Ayurvedic and Homoeopathic medicines, benefiting practitioners and patients alike. NABL Accreditation Training guidance will enhance the capabilities of the CIM&H laboratory, ensuring adherence to the highest standards.

Joint research projects will focus on evaluating the toxicity of selected higher-order medicines, contributing valuable data to the scientific community and ensuring the safety and efficacy of these treatments. The partnership will promote ongoing knowledge exchange and capacity building, fostering a collaborative environment that encourages innovation and excellence in Indian Medicine and Homoeopathy.