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Ministry of Ayush inks donor agreement with World Health Organisation

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India to donate $85 million over a period of 10 years to support operations of WHO Global Traditional Medicine Centre



The Ministry of Ayush, Government of India and the World Health Organisation signed a Donor Agreement during a signing ceremony organised at WHO Headquarters in Geneva on 31st July, 2024.

This agreement, which outlines the financial terms for implementing the activities of the WHO Global Traditional Medicine Centre (GTMC) in Jamnagar, Gujarat was signed by Arindam Bagchi, Permanent Representative of India to the UN, Geneva and Dr Bruce Aylward, Assistant Director-General for Universal Health Coverage and Life Course on behalf of Ministry of Ayush and WHO respectively.

Through this collaboration, the Government of the Republic of India will donate $85 million over a period of 10 years (2022-2032) to support the operations of the WHO Global Traditional Medicine Centre (GTMC) in Jamnagar, Gujarat.

The Donor agreement recognises the establishment of the WHO Global Traditional Medicine Centre as a key knowledge hub for evidence-based Traditional Complementary and Integrative Medicine (TCIM) aiming to advance the health and well-being of people and the planet.

The Ministry of Ayush has collaborated with WHO on various fronts, including the development of benchmark documents for training and practice in Ayurveda, Unani and Siddha systems, the creation of WHO terminology for these practices, the introduction of a second module in the Traditional Medicine Chapter of the International Classification of Diseases-11, the development of apps like M-Yoga and support for the International Pharmacopoeia of Herbal Medicine (IPHM). These collaborative efforts, including those involving the WHO GTMC, will help India in positioning traditional medicine on the global stage.