

# 9th National Ayurveda Day

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# Why in the News?

On the occasion of the **9th Ayurveda Day**, **Prime Minister will launch several healthcare projects** valued at Rs 12,850 crore.

Thefocal themefor Ayurveda day-2024 has been decided as 'Ayurveda Innovations for Global Health'

# **About Ayurveda:**

#### **Details**

# **Origins**

- Rooted infour Vedas(5000–1000 BCE).
- $\bullet References in {\color{red}Ramayana} and {\color{red}Mahabharata} epics.$
- Fully developed by 1000 BCE with Charaka Samhita and Susruta Samhita.

### **Foundational Texts**

- •Brhattrayi (Three Major Treatises):
- •Caraka Samhita(internal medicine)
- •Susruta Samhita(surgery)
- •Astanga Sangraha and Astanga Hrdaya (Vrddha Vagbhata and Vagbhata, 6th-7th century CE).
- Takshashila and Nalanda universities attracted foreign students.

#### **Global Influence**

- Spread through **Buddhism** to **Tibetan and Chinese medicine**.
- Egyptians, Greeks, and Romans adopted concepts via trade and interactions.
- 8th century CE sawNagarjunastudy medicinal use of metals.

# **Integration of Modern Techniques**

• 16th century saw inclusion of modern diagnostics and treatment for new diseases.

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## **Revival in India (19th-20th Cent.)**

- •1827: First Ayurveda course atGovernment Sanskrit College, Calcutta.
- •20th Century: Ayurveda colleges spread under regional patronage.
- •1970s: Ayurveda revived, with academic research, publications, and global symposia.

### **Current Status**

- Structuredundergraduate, postgraduate, and doctoral education.
- Strong network of practitioners and manufacturers.
- Developed infrastructure for community outreach.

## **Global Influence**

**24** countries recognize Ayurveda legally.

Collaborative platforms include:

- •SCO Expert Working Group on Traditional Medicine
- •BIMSTEC Taskforce on Traditional Medicine
- •BRICS High-Level Forum on Traditional Medicine.
- Ayurveda products exported to 100+ countries.

### **WHO Standards and Milestones**

- •ICD-11 Integration: WHO included Ayurveda, Siddha, and Unani in ICD-11 TM Module 2.
- WHO set global standards forpractice and training.
- •GTMC, Jamnagar (Gujarat): Focuses on Ayurveda research, education, and practice.

### **Philosophical Foundations**

- •Historical evidence dates to the first millennium BCE.
- Knowledge passed from**gods to sages** and then to human physicians.
- Central concepts align with Samkhya, Vaisheshika, Buddhism, and Jainism.
- Emphasis onbalanceand maintainingnatural urges.

# **Initiatives and Programs by the Govt:**

National Ayush Mission (2014): Aimed at promoting the development and growth of Ayush systems (Ayurveda, Yoga & Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha, and Homeopathy) in the country, focusing on strengthening educational institutions and enhancing the quality of services

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Ayurveda Research Portal (2021): Promotes research in Ayurveda by providing a digital platform for researchers, practitioners, and institutions to access data, funding opportunities, and collaborative initiatives. Ayush Grid (2020): A digital initiative aimed at enhancing the accessibility of Ayush services and information through online platforms, connecting practitioners, patients, and educational institutions.

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