

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

**MINISTRY OF AYUSH,
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**

AND

**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT,
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT,
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**

This Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as the “MoU”) is made and entered into on this day..... by and among the following:

- i. **Ministry of Ayush, Government of India**, (hereinafter referred to as “MoA”) having its office at Ayush Bhawan, GPO Complex, INA Colony, New Delhi-110023, represented by Secretary (Ayush), on the first part;

AND

- ii. **Department of Social Justice and Empowerment, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Govt. of India**, (hereinafter referred to as “DoSJE”), having its office at Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi-110001 represented by the Secretary, on the second part

Hereinafter, all parts are individually referred to as “PARTY” and collectively as “PARTIES” in the MoU.

PREAMBLE

- i. Whereas Ministry of Ayush is mandated for the promotion and development of Ayush and to provide health and well being through Ayush systems.
- ii. And whereas the Department of Social Justice and Empowerment is mandated to empowerment of the socially, educationally and economically marginalized sections of the society.
- iii. Whereas MoA and DoSJE have agreed to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding to work together on the objective of creating a joint framework for innovative initiatives, awareness campaigns, and opportunities for capacity building and skill development for the purpose of reducing the demand for drugs, treatment of those affected with Substance abuse and also promoting health of senior citizen.

ARTICLE I

OBJECTIVE

The objective of this MoU is to develop cooperative efforts between MoA and DoSJE to-

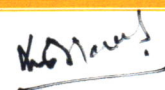
- i. Develop cooperation, convergence and synergy between MoA and DoSJE to have innovative initiatives to promote health of senior citizens and also to attempt reducing demand for drugs and substance abuse, their treatment and mental rehabilitation through, awareness generation, capacity building of service providers through Ayush systems.
- ii. Promote research in the area of Geriatric health, substance abuse and mental health
- iii. Any other activities for the purpose of health promotion of geriatric as well as drug addict population.

ARTICLE II

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

A. Roles and responsibility of MoA

- i. To develop training module and treatment protocol of Ayush system in the field of geriatric caregivers and substance abuse counselors.
- ii. Developing video module on yoga training program for the senior citizen and substance users.
- iii. To share knowledge and practices in preventive and curative care for senior citizens mainly in the field of geriatric care and mental health.
- iv. To provide all technical support for promoting the health of senior citizen and substance users.

- v. To establish separate de-addiction and geriatric units in the autonomous bodies under MoA.

B. Roles and responsibility of DoSJE

- i. To facilitate and support the Ayush Autonomous Bodies in establishing Geriatric health centers as well as drug de-addiction centers.
- ii. To support research in the area of Geriatric health and substance abuse.
- iii. Promote integration of any of the Ayush services in old age home and de-addiction centers.
- iv. To incorporate Ayush system in the preventive and curative aspects of senior citizen and drug addicts.
- v. To create awareness about Ayush system among senior citizen and substance users.
- vi. To support develop IEC material on De-addiction and geriatric care.
- vii. To support organize training programs, workshops, and seminars aimed at capacity building of geriatric caregivers and substance abuse counselors.

ARTICLE III

DESIGNATED AUTHORITY

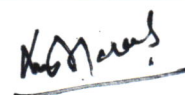
The designated authority responsible for implementation of this MoU shall be MoA and DoSJE.

ARTICLE IV

FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS AND DURATION

- i. All necessary financial arrangements will be borne by the DoSJE subject to the condition that the activities proposed to be carried out must be within the ambit of respective scheme guidelines and the DoSJE is in agreement to the activities proposed along with its cost.
- ii. This MoU is effective upon the day and date signed and executed by the duly authorized representatives of the parties to this MoU.
- iii. This MoU will be in effect for a period of three (03) years from the date of execution and shall be renewed for successive term of three (03) years with the consent of both the parties unless terminated.





ARTICLE V
AMENDMENTS, TERMINATION

- i. Any revision, modification or amendment agreed to by the Parties shall be in writing and shall form part of this Memorandum of Understanding.
- ii. A request for continuation and/or termination of this MoU could be initiated by either party and should so be done through a written notice at least two (2) months prior to the proposed date of expiry

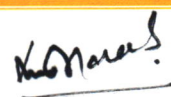
ARTICLE VI
ARBITRATION/SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES

In event of any question, dispute or difference whatsoever arising between the parties of this Agreement out of or relating to the construction, meaning, scope operation or effect of this Agreement or the validity of the breach thereof shall be referred to an Arbitrator to be appointed by mutual consent of all the parties herein. If the parties cannot agree on appointment of the Arbitrator within a period of one month from notification by one party to the other of existence of such dispute, then the Arbitrator shall be nominated by the Secretary, Department of Legal Affairs, Ministry of Law and Justice, Government of India. The provisions of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 will be applicable and the award made there under shall be final and binding upon the parties hereto, subject to legal remedies available under the law. Such Differences shall be deemed to be a submission to arbitration under the Indian Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996, or of any modification or re-enactments thereof.

ARTICLE VII
IMPLEMENTATION

A Joint Working Group (JWG) comprising representatives from MoA and DoSJE will be constituted to advance the roles and responsibilities outlined in the MoU. The composition of the JWG will be as follows:

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| a. Advisor, MoA- | Co-chair |
| b. Joint Secretary, DoSJE- | Co-chair |
| c. Director/Deputy Secretary, DoSJE- | Member |
| d. Director/Deputy Secretary, MoA- | Member Secretary |

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties to this MoU through their duly authorized representatives have executed this MoU on the days and dates set out below, and certify that they have read, understood, and agreed to the terms and conditions of this MoU as set-forth herein.

Dr. Srinivas Rao Chinta,
Joint Advisor (H)
Ministry of Ayush



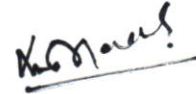
Authorized Signatory

Date: 12th February 2025

Witness:

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- 2.

Sh. Rajesh Kumar Makkar,
Director
Department of Social Justice and Empowerment



Authorized Signatory

Date: 12.2.2025

Witness:

- 1.
- 2.