

Regarding need to establish an Ayurvedic Institute under National AYUSH Mission in Nandyal, Andhra Pradesh-Laid

DR. BYREDDY SHABARI (NANDYAL): The Government of India's National AYUSH Mission (NAM) has made commendable strides in promoting Ayurvedic education and healthcare. However, significant regional disparities persist. States like Maharashtra, Karnataka, and Gujarat have a strong presence of Ayurvedic institutes, while Andhra Pradesh lags with just there is an insufficient number to cater to the state's growing population. In the past five years, no new Ayurvedic institutes have been established in Andhra Pradesh, highlighting the lack of focus on accessible healthcare for underserved areas. Districts like Nandyal, with limited healthcare infrastructure, are in dire need of such institutions to provide both traditional treatments and education for future practitioners. NAM provides central assistance to states with inadequate facilities, but Andhra Pradesh has not fully benefitted from this support. Therefore, I urge the Ministry of AYUSH to prioritize the establishment of Ayurvedic institutes in underserved regions like Nandyal. A collaborative effort with the State Government could help bridge this gap, ensuring equitable access to affordable, holistic healthcare and revitalizing Ayurveda in the region.