

## **Public Notice**

The general public is hereby informed that the Ministry of Ayush, Government of India neither endorse any specializations as cannabis experts/hempvaidyas/cannabis doctors nor support any activities related to cannabis that are not compliant with legal regulations. The Ministry of Ayush would like to issue a clarification to dispel any misunderstandings and provide accurate information to the public.

2. The Ministry of Ayush hereby reminds the public that-

1. **No Cannabis Experts in Ayush system:** There is no cannabis specializations like cannabis experts/hempvaidyas/cannabis doctors in Ayush systems of health care.
2. **Public Caution:** The public should refrain themselves from seeking guidance or treatment from individuals claiming to be cannabis experts within the Ayush systems of health care.
3. **Legal Considerations:** It is important to note that the cultivation, possession, sale, or use of cannabis and its derivatives are regulated by law in India.
4. **Seek Authentic Information:** For authentic information on Ayush practices, treatments, and therapies, the public is encouraged to consult registered Ayush practitioners and accredited healthcare providers.
5. **Report Misinformation:** If any citizen encounter any misleading claims or practices related to cannabis within the Ayush system, they can report to concerned State Licensing Authorities and/or Ministry of Ayush at [ayush-medicine@gov.in](mailto:ayush-medicine@gov.in) for further investigation and action.

This notice is issued to clarify the stance of the Ministry of Ayush and to ensure that the public is well-informed about the recognized practices and professionals within the Ayush system.

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## Public Notice

The general public is hereby informed that the Ministry of Ayush, Government of India neither certify/approve any Ayurvedic, Siddha, Unani & Homeopathic (ASU&H) company or its drug/ medicine nor grant license of manufacture for sale to any Ayurvedic, Siddha, Unani & Homeopathic (ASU&H) manufacturer/company. Further, as the extant provisions of the Drugs & Cosmetics Act, 1940 and rules thereunder, the license of manufacture for sale of any ASU&H medicine /drug is granted by the State/ UT Licensing Authority (SLA) of the concerned State/UT.

2. The Ministry of Ayush hereby reminds the public that-

- i. It is illegal to advertise ASU&H drugs claiming miraculous or supernatural effects for the treatment of diseases. Such advertisements can mislead and endanger public health by promoting unverified or false claims.
- ii. The Drugs and Magic Remedies (Objectionable Advertisements) Act, 1954, strictly prohibits the advertisement of drugs and magic remedies for the treatment of certain diseases and conditions. Any person found guilty of contravening this Act shall be liable for penalties as prescribed under the law.
- iii. The Ayurvedic, Siddha and Unani (ASU) drugs containing Schedule E1 drugs are mandated to be consumed under the supervision and guidance of a registered medical practitioner of the concerned system of Ayush medicine. Container of such medicines will have instruction over its label that ***“Caution - To be taken under Medical supervision”*** in both Hindi and English languages. General public are advised to use such medications only after consultations with registered medical practitioners / doctors of concern Ayush systems.
- iv. Self-diagnosis or self-medication with Ayurveda, Siddha, Unani & Homeopathy (ASU&H) drugs/ medicines should be avoided. It is suggested to seek advice of registered medical practitioners / doctors of concern Ayush systems for any health concerns.

3. General public is hereby informed to be aware of the aforementioned facts in respect of ASU&H drugs/medicines and avoid patronizing of misleading

advertisements of such drugs/medicines. Public is also encouraged to report any such objectionable advertisements, false claims, fake medicines etc. to the concerned State Licensing Authority or Ministry of Ayush at [ayush-medicine@gov.in](mailto:ayush-medicine@gov.in) for appropriate action.

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