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## Registration of Wellness, Yoga & Panchakarma centres mandatory in the state | Uttarakhand | 10 Aug 2023

### Why in News?

On August 8, 2023, Uttarakhand's AYUSH Secretary Dr. Pankaj Kumar Pandey said that registration will now be mandatory for wellness, yoga and panchakarma centres operating in the state. For this, for the first time, the Department of AYUSH has prepared rules, in which standards have been fixed for the operation of the centres.

### Key Points:

- In this, registration will be free for the first year. After this, a fee of Rs 200 will be charged for the renewal of registration.
- It is known that private AYUSH wellness, yoga and panchakarma centres are running in Rishikesh, Haridwar, Dehradun and other districts of the state, but till now there is no record of these centres with the Ayurveda department. Also, the centres are running without standards.
- In view of this, for the first time a draft of the manual was prepared for wellness, yoga and panchakarma centres. The government has sent the proposal to Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami for approval. Soon after getting the approval of the Chief Minister, the rules will be implemented.
- Rating will be done on the basis of facilities of wellness, yoga and panchakarma centres in the rules.
- In this, the centres providing better facilities and meeting the standards will get five star rating. After this there will be four and three star ratings. Provision will be made in the AYUSH policy to encourage the centers with rating above three stars providing quality services.
- At present, more than 300 wellness, yoga and panchakarma centers are being operated through the Ayurveda department, but the department does not have the record of private centers running in the name of yoga and wellness therapy.
- The department estimates that there are more than 100 private yoga centers running in Rishikesh city itself.
- Work is being done to make Uttarakhand a hub of AYUSH wellness. Full care will be taken that people coming to the state for wellness and yoga get better facilities.



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