

Donor Agreement between Ayush Ministry and WHO

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The **Ministry of Ayush** and the <u>World Health Organization (WHO)</u> signed a **Donor Agreement** during a signing ceremony organised at WHO Headquarters in **Geneva** in July 2024.

- It outlines the financial terms for implementing the activities of the WHO Global Traditional Medicine Centre (GTMC) in Jamnagar, Gujarat.
- It acknowledges the **WHO Global Traditional Medicine Centre** as a major source of knowledge for evidence-based <u>Traditional Complementary and Integrative Medicine (TCIM)</u>, aiming to improve the health and well-being of people and the planet.
- Through this collaboration, India will donate **USD 85 million** over a period of **10 years** (2022-2032) to support the operations of the WHO Global Traditional Medicine Centre (GTMC) in Jamnagar, Gujarat.
- WHO Global Traditional Medicine Centre in Jamnagar, Gujarat is the first and only global outposted Centre (office) for traditional medicine across the globe.
- Traditional medicine includes the knowledge, skills and practices from various cultures used for maintaining health and treating physical and mental illnesses.
- India has six recognised systems of traditional medicine i.e., <u>Ayurveda</u>, <u>Siddha</u>, <u>Unani</u>, <u>Yoga</u>,
 Naturopathy and <u>Homeopathy</u>.

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