

Gujarat Ayurved University

Gujarat Ayurved University was established in 1967 by an act passed by Gujarat State legislative Assembly in 1965. It is the first statutory University of its Kind both at national and international level - exclusively devoted to Ayurvedic studies and Research. This University is administratively linked to Ministry of Health and Family Welfare both at State and Centre-indicating its special status.

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1. Administrative wing and the centers working directly under University.
2. Constituent Institutes and Colleges working in the campus.
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On July 1st 1946 in Jamnagar a college for Ayurvedic Studies named as Shri Gulabkunwarba Ayurveda Mahavidyalaya by the G.K. Ayurvedic Ayurvedic physician of the era Vaidya Yadavji Trikramaji adorned the college

After independence in 1947 Govt. of India started to work for re few committees were appointed and they recommended the establishment of one Ayurveda. By that time Jamnagar had got infrastructure and name as seat of Ayurve 1954 Govt. of India started a premier research center for Ayurveda in Jamnagar name for Research in Indigenous System of Medicine (CIRISM)" with Dr. P. M. Mehta as its

In 1956 Govt. of India had started another Institute in Jamnagar named as Post Graduate Training Center for Ayurveda (PGTCA) with Vaidya Bhaskar V. Gokhale as its Principal. In 1963 Govt. of India and Govt. of Gujarat jointly decided to amalgamate three Institutions viz. Shri G. A. Mahavidyalaya, CIRISM & PGTCA and named it as Institute for Ayurvedic Studies and Research (IASR).

In some big cities of Gujarat State viz. Surat, Ahmedabad, Bhavnagar, Vadodara and Tankara Ayurvedic colleges were already in existence. This prompted the assembly of Gujarat State to pass legislation on 17.12.1965 to establish a University named as Gujarat Ayurveda University with its head quarter in Jamnagar. This University came in existence on January 5th, 1967 with Institute for Post Graduate Teaching & Research and other Ayurvedic Colleges of Gujarat State as affiliated colleges.

This setup of University continued till 1998. Since then few more Institutes and Centers were opened to broad base the training programmes of Ayurveda. At present following Institutes and Centers are working in the Campus of Gujarat Ayurveda University, Jamnagar as constituent Institutes: -

1. Institute for Post Graduate Teaching & Research In Ayurveda
2. Shri Gulabkunwarba Ayurveda Mahavidyalaya, Jamnagar
3. Institute for Ayurvedic Pharmaceutical Sciences
4. Maharishi Patanjali Institute for Yoga & Naturopathy Education and Research.

To promote the teaching and learning in Ayurveda in foreign countries following centers was established in 1999 : -

1. International Center for Ayurvedic Studies

All other Ayurvedic Colleges of the state are the affiliated colleges of Gujarat Ayurveda University. They are as follows

1. Government Akhandananda Ayurveda College, Ahmedabad
2. Government Ayurveda College, Vadodara
3. Aryakanya Ayurveda College, Vadodara
4. Sheth J. P. Ayurveda College, Bhavnagar
5. Government Ayurveda College, Junagadh
6. Shri O. H. Nazar Ayurveda College, Surat
7. Shri Balahanuman Ayurveda College, Lodra (Self Finance)
8. Shri J. S. Ayurveda College, Nadiad (Self Finance)
9. Govindbhai Jorabhai Patel Ayurved College, Vallabhvidyanagar (Self Finance)
10. Parul Institute of Ayurveda, Limda, Vadodara (Self Finance)
11. Morarji Desai Institute of Naturopathy & Yoga Sciences, Vadodara (Self Finance)
12. Shri Ranchhoddasi Bapu Ayurveda Chikitsalaya & Shri Jalararumbapa Ayurved Dental Institute, Ratanpar (Self Finance)

Future Prospects:

Areas of Intensive Research

Intensive research in following fields is being undertaken by the Institute:

1. Literary Research

Research on the available manuscripts is going on. Works on some important manuscripts have been completed and they are in final phases. Intensive research is being conducted on the interpretation and implementation of various fundamental principles. An effort is being made to establish objective parameters for the physical properties

2. Drug Research

Intensive research for pharmacological studies of herbal and mineral drugs is going on. Cultivation aspect of various herbs is being studied. Toxicity studies for various mineral and metal preparations are going on. Preparation of laboratory standards for herbo-mineral-metallic preparation is also envisaged.

3. Clinical Research

Research in the field of various chronic degenerative and metabolic diseases is going on. Disease like hypertension, CVA, skin disorders, joint disorders, neurological disorders and their management is being studied at advanced levels. Standardization process for various Panchakarma procedures like Abhyanga Sveda, Vaman-Virechana is going on.

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To support the teaching programmes University has following centralized units:

1. Central Library
2. Medicinal Plants Garden
3. Ayurvedic Pharmacy
4. Press & Publication

Central Library

The central library of the University is housed in a building called Juwansinhji Museum. Library has collection of more than 33588 books on various subjects. This library caters to the need of the students and also supplies the books to the various departmental libraries. There are more than 3556 Post Graduate and Ph.D. theses, which are used as reference material. This library has a large collection of hand written manuscripts. Out of the total 7400 manuscripts good number of them are on Palm leaf or Bhojapatra. Library also subscribes to various national and international journals related to Ayurveda and other allied subjects. Library has large collection of bound volumes of Journals.

Medicinal Plants Garden

The University Campus is in nearly 37 acres of land. Out of this in nearly 10 acres of land there are 20 small and big gardens maintained separately by this department. These gardens have more than 150 medicinal plant species grown for teaching and training of B.A.M.S., M.D. & M.Sc. (Med Plants) students. Nearly 25 km away from the main campus another garden spread over in 35 acres of land is developed. This garden has more than 100 varieties of medicinal plants.

This department also maintains a nursery for cultivation of medicinal plants. Free plant saplings are distributed to the public. Under the management of this department training programmes for Gardeners and Farmers are also being organized. Farmer's co-operatives are being formed for cultivation and preservation of medicinal plants. Dept is planning to have a training center for farmers for the identification, cultivation and marketing of medicinal plants.

Ayurvedic Pharmacy

Gujarat Ayurved University has a unique Ayurvedic Pharmacy manufacturing the drugs for the use of University Hospitals. This Pharmacy has the facility for the preparation of medicines as per classical formulations. This pharmacy also prepares the medicines for the P.G. and Ph.D. scholars as per the specifications required for their research projects. It is also utilized for the teaching and training of the students of M.D.(Ayu), B.Pharma, M.Pharma & D.Pharma students.

On the basis of the experiences of physicians and researches done at Gujarat Ayurved University an Ayurvedic Medical Kit of 30 drugs has been launched. These medicines can be used by the common man at primary health care level and also during the need of the hour. This kit contains the formulation for the management of common ailments like cold, cough, fever, vomiting, diarrhoea etc. The formulations are also developed for Anemia, Arthritis, Leucorrhoea, Piles, Asthma, and Diabetes etc.

Press and Publication

University has a press unit, which helps in printing the various stationery required for administrative and academic purposes. Under the publication scheme University has published few Post Graduate Theses and books written by experienced professors. List of available publications is given separately.

University publishes one research journal named "AYU". It is a peer reviewed research journal published quarterly by IPGT &RA.

International Center for Ayurvedic Studies

Gujarat Ayurveda University being a premiere institution of Ayurveda and W.H.O. collaborative center became a center of attraction for foreigners. Students from Nepal, Sri Lanka, and Mauritius came here for regular P.G. degree course. The University started a three-month introductory course in Ayurveda in 1990. Since then students from the countries like Germany, Poland, England, Iceland, Switzerland, Netherlands, USA, Canada, Malta, Russia, Ukraine, Mongolia, Australia, Vietnam, Japan, Reunion Island, UK, Poland, Russia, Korea, Finland, Italy, Israel, Turkey, South Africa, Myanmar, Denmark have come to this University to attend various courses. In 1998 the University has broadened its objectives and set a goal to popularize Ayurveda in foreign countries and opened all its courses for foreigners. Many new courses have been introduced exclusively for foreign nationals.

To coordinate these activities and to provide exclusive information to foreign nationals, an International Center for Ayurvedic Studies has been inaugurated on January 5th, 1999. This center looks after the admission of foreign nationals in

various courses and provides technical and administrative help to the students. Other than regular courses of the various Institutes this center organizes following courses exclusively for the foreign nationals.

To support the teaching programmes University has following centralized units:

1. Bachelor of Ayurvedic Medicine And Surgery (BAMS) (English Medium)
2. Introductory Course in Ayurveda
3. Certificate Course in Panchakarma
4. Certificate Course in Ksharasutra

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