

JUSTIFICATION FOR GRANT OF DEEMED TO BE UNIVERSITY STATUS UNDER DE NOVO CATEGORY

Deserving Upscale process –

Everything in this universe has a potential growth journey path which it can attain by performing to the desired level. Government Ayurvedic College, Jaipur was upgraded to National Institute of Ayurveda, Jaipur in the year 1976 due to the strength, potential, achievements and contributions of it both at state and national level. Even the GAC, Jaipur was upgraded from Department of Ayurveda of Maharaja Sanskrit College, Jaipur as recognition to the then department's meaningful contribution to the society and robust logic for its independent existence. NIA, Jaipur in its 43 years existence has performed exceedingly well to deserve another upscale as Deemed to be University. Such an up gradation will be befitting for the larger mandate of the Institute i.e. to lead higher learning in Ayurveda which is being constrained due to lack of academic autonomy.

Strengths of NIA to be declared as Deemed to be University –

1. **APEX LEARNING CENTRE** - NIA has remained the apex centre for learning and training in Ayurveda from its inception date. It has not only provided high quality Ayurvedic Education and Research but also acted as role model to be followed by other institutions and colleges of the country.
2. **PAN INDIA & GLOBAL PRESENCE** - As a National Institute in its true sense, students of each and every state of India has studied in this Institute and gone back to improve Ayurvedic education and research in the respective states. Similarly many pass-outs of this Institute are working in various countries of the world and contributing to cause of Ayurveda and India at global arena.
3. **SUSTAINED HIGH QUALITY HIGHER LEARNING** – NIA has been providing high quality higher learning in Ayurveda for the last 43 years which can be inferred from the fact the alumni of this Institute has adorned the responsibilities of Vice Chancellors, Professors, Physicians, Researchers, Entrepreneurs and so on.
4. **UNMATCHED KNOWLEDGE & SKILL DEVELOPMENT** – NIA imparts knowledge and skills in a manner which is unmatched in the country. This enables its alumni to perform at a different level than their peers. NIA adopts a very unique way of Ayurvedic training wherein current scientific revalidation and thoughts are incorporated and students are encouraged to inculcate neo-scientific thought process. But as Charak Samhita has advised the core essence of Ayurveda is never compromised. This enables the alumni to spread Ayurveda in its way in a global acceptable way. At the same time NIA believes that knowledge needs to be supplemented by skills so as to elicit a desirable applied outcome.



Thus we at NIA train our students in such manner by adding real time required skills like clinical, teaching, public management, personality management, entrepreneurial skill, pharmaceutical manufacturing, medicinal plants cultivation, etc. These skills enable our products to easily carve their own way to be successful even in non-conventional job works.

5. **UNHINDERED FLOW OF R & D** – Research and Development is a must for progress. For the last 43 years NIA has been engaged in unhindered target based R & D. It has been successfully provide many unique and new health care measures and products based upon the in house research. The formula developed by NIA for Chikungunya, Dengue, Diabetes mellitus, Common Flu, etc. is used extensively for successful management of these diseases. NIA is also producing 132 researchers per annum (104 MD / MS and 28 Post Doctoral Students) who go on to serve the cause of research in the society. NIA is also engaged in intra-disciplinary research with other systems of medicine, basic sciences, sociology, etc.
6. **EDUCATION PLOICY & PLANNING** – The faculties of NIA are the leaders in the education policy and planning both at national and state levels. The faculties contribute to policy forming process of the Government of India and other State Governments as technical experts in almost all the important committees. Its faculties are also experts in the Curriculum framing process if the Central Council of Indian Medicine (CCIM), the regulatory body of Ayurvedic Education in India. The inputs of faculties are thus sought in all important processes of the Government.
7. **GLOBAL PLACEMENT OF AYURVEDA** – The faculties of NIA are regularly invited or send as Delegation to various countries for globalisation of Ayurveda. Our faculties have helped Thailand and Malaysia to develop formal Ayurvedic education in those countries. Students from Nepal, Shri Lanka, Bangladesh, etc. come to study here so that Ayurvedic education can be run there. In countries like US, UK, Germany, etc. NIA helps developing module and curriculum for short term courses in Ayurveda. Faculties of NIA have also adorned the Chairs of Ayurveda set up by Foreign Universities.

AYURVEDA BOTH A CULTURAL HERITAGE & AN EMERGING FIELD

1. The origin of Ayurveda roots back to Vedas which is the mother of all cultural heritage of the world. Being part of Vedas Ayurveda is also a rich cultural heritage of India. This cultural heritage and the knowledge from Bharat is still effectively functional because it has been protected, preserved and practiced by Vaidyas of all era even during the most adverse conditions. When the texts were being burnt and when the finger was being sliced off of Vaidyas so that they could not examine the pulse of the patient, there existed a cult of selfless, mentally valour and dedicated Vaidyas who protected and practiced this rich science without considering the threats to them. Many Vaidyas of Jaipur tradition of Ayurveda like Swami



Laxmiramji, Shri Krishnaram Bhattji with whom NIA has umbilical attachment have also significantly contributed to this preservation of Ayurveda. Therefore, it is incumbent upon the current generation to preserve and promote Ayurveda.

2. Ayurveda is a complete and functional way of life following which one can remain healthy. The knowledge and practice of Ayurveda was known formally to Vaidyas but the practice of Ayurveda in day to day life was known traditionally to all Indians. This was the main reason which enabled the Indians of yore to remain healthy and thus they achieved excellence in all fields. Therefore, the practice of Ayurveda in day to day life has to be brought back so that the general status of health in population will improve as the strength of the body to defeat the disease process will be increased.
3. Ayurveda is an old and ancient science. But **“the old has become the new new”**. Despite the best efforts by the modern scientists and generous government support, the modern practice of medicine is not able to provide the desired health to global population. Thus logically and deservingly the world looked at the traditional systems of health care with a curiosity and hope, if these systems can help achieving the desired health.
4. Ayurveda is an emerging field in health care may sound paradoxical but it is true. It is a fact that Ayurveda is millennia old systems of health care. But the gap in practice and knowledge that came during last 4 to 5 centuries, particularly during the British rule had pushed Ayurveda to run behind the time. Thus the continuous development and enrichment of Ayurveda was halted and that rendered its practices and understanding to be incomprehensible to the larger population. But all and sundry accepts that Ayurveda is needed for the world. Therefore, Ayurveda has become the emerging field in health care as its principles and practices needs contemporary understanding.

AYURVEDA AND NATIONAL STRATEGIC GOAL

1. Health of its citizens is critical to development and progress of any country. A sick population not only leads to reduced effective output but also it puts a huge plunging hole to the economy of the country. Thus every country both the richest and the poorest are genuinely worried about the escalating national health budget and trying to do what they can to minimise this budget.
2. Ayurveda is contributing the minimisation of Indian health budget, though this is not adequately recognised. By following Ayurvedic way of life many of the Indian population remains healthy which reduces the health care expenditure. It is evident by adopting Ayurvedic Pregnancy Care (Garbhinee charya) smooth delivery happens and healthy children are born which is basically reducing the Child and Mortality Rate. Similarly it is seen that the children to whom Swarnprashan was given suffer less from diseases and tend to remain

healthier. Similarly people who have been following Ayurvedic Dinacharya and Ritucharya and using Rasayana herbs have much better health in old age. All these are reducing the health budget of the country and improving the average work efficiency of the population.

3. The basic tenet of Ayurveda says that death can not be prevented but sickness can be. And if sickness is reduced and wellness is increased then naturally the health budget of the country will not escalate.

CHALLENGES OF CONVENTIONAL AFFILIATION SYSTEM OF EDUCATION

1. The ancient nature of Ayurveda and contemporary research validation process needs a delicate balance so that the global acceptance of Ayurveda is enhanced through but the original ancient uniqueness is not also compromised. NIA has achieved this objective with a fair degree of success. NIA has been successfully preserving and enhancing the cultural heritage and traditional knowledge strength of India.
2. Any science needs to remain time relevant and this requires continuous innovations in its research, education and training. NIA has been successfully integrating innovations in its pursuits to keep its men and methods highly useful in contemporary era. This Institute adds more in its teaching and training – both in terms of content and methodology, to the conventional degree curricula (BAMS, M.D / M.S / Ph.D) so that its students acquire more than rest. At the same time NIA has developed and imparts many informal short term courses for various sections of the interested learners of Ayurveda, which has enhanced the awareness and practice of Ayurveda significantly.
3. NIA has many rational ideas in Ayurveda Education for effective increase in awareness and practice of Ayurveda for the betterment of health of the humanity and contribute to the strategic requirement of the country by minimizing the health budget of the country through prevention – preservation – promotion of health. But, owing to the fact that because NIA belongs to the conventional university affiliation system and lacks academic autonomy it has not been able to perform to its true potential in the field of Ayurveda Education and Training. If NIA is granted academic autonomy, it will be able to achieve much more than present in terms of enrichment of cultural heritage and Indian knowledge system. Such an autonomy will also pave the path for NIA to effectively and more meaningfully contribute to the strategic needs of the country by improving the health status of the population.

Therefore, we believe NIA has all the requisites to be given the Deemed to be university status in order to enable it to fly its wings for spreading the colours of ancient System of



Medicine, Ayurveda throughout the globe. By obtaining the Status, the Institute will be able to join hand-to-hand with the Govt. of India in its initiatives of globalization of Ayurveda as many countries in Europe, Asia, Latin America etc. are showing great interest in adopting Ayurveda as one of their medical care systems. This will also help NIA in better preservation of Indian Traditional Knowledge Heritage and contribute more meaningfully to the strategic health goals of the nation.