

## Government Approves National Mission on Medicinal Plants

**NEW DELHI, JULY 24.** The government on Thursday sanctioned Rs 6.3 billion for creating a National Mission on Medicinal Plants. "The scheme will be implemented by the National Medicinal Plants Board through the Department of AYUSH," a statement issued after a meeting here of the cabinet committee on economic affairs, presided over by Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, said.

"The Mission proposes to bring 80,000-100,000 hectares of land under medicinal plants by 2011-2012. This will be done through direct financial assistance for cultivation. "An almost equal area will be covered by providing incentives to farmers to switch over from traditional crops to medicinal plants". About 200 nurseries will be

established, both in the public and private sectors, for making available planting material of certified quality."

The Mission would help in developing the medicinal plants sector through production of raw material of quality and standardized constituents for use by the AYUSH/herbal industry. It would also push exports and thereby enhance the quality and acceptability of AYUSH systems of medicine and promote export value added items for an increased share in the world market.

AYUSH is the acronym for the Ayurveda, Yoga, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy systems of Indian medicine.

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## Medical University in Thrissur

**THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, AUGUST 21:** The Kerala Government gave green signal for setting up a medical university in Thrissur. Speaking to reporters here after the weekly cabinet meeting, Chief Minister V.S. Achuthanandan.

"Dr Usha Titus has been appointed as the project director and the new university would include allopathy, ayurveda, homoeopathy, siddha, and unani systems of medicine," Achuthanandan said.

A committee headed by eminent neurosurgeon and former Vice Chancellor of

Kerala University B. Ekbal was appointed by the Achuthanandan government for the university project and had submitted its report in April 2007.

The committee said the university should generate knowledge in medical sciences and allied fields by promoting research on state-specific health problems

It also suggested that the university ensure that all medical teachers are trained to handle modern curriculum and an evaluation system is developed that ably assesses theoretical knowledge and clinical skills.

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