



## EDITORIAL

### PROBLEMS OF AYURVEDA DOCTORS WORKING IN GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS

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#### INTRODUCTION

Ayurveda, the mother of all systems of medicine, growing globally but the speed of growth is not satisfactory. There are both internal and external factors which are arresting the growth of Ayurveda. Since the post-independence era Ayurveda is treated like step mother by Govt. of India.

China is becoming the leader in herbal drug market. The Chinese had already started pushing forward their Traditional Chinese Medicinal System with tremendous power rather aggressively. Chairman Mao Tse Tung personally took initiative in this and learning of TCM was made compulsory for all doctors to practice in China.

For the development of Ayurveda and other Indian systems of medicine there is need of action plan which should concentrate on the education, practice and research aspects. With this background, in this editorial I am briefing the burning problems faced by Ayurveda doctors & solutions for the same.

#### **Problems faced by Ayurvedic doctors:**

1. In Karnataka, the Ayurveda doctors recruited under NRHM were utilized for eradication programmes, preventive programmes, Vaccination programmes and so on which are not related with Ayurveda. Due to this the many doctors forget Ayurveda Practice and losing interest to learn Ayurveda practice skills.
2. Govt. recruiting Ayurveda doctors under NRHM for 11 months contract and then every there is renewal of contract
3. The salary given to Ayurveda doctors recruited under NRHM is very less (lesser than the 4<sup>th</sup> class worker in PHC)
4. The PHC where the Ayurveda doctors are posted having very few Ayurvedic medicines and treatment facilities.
5. Ayurveda doctors recruited under NRHM were given rarely Ayurveda training.
6. Ayurveda doctors recruited under NRHM don't have power to give Medical Certificate.
7. Currently, the Karnataka Govt. has called posts for Ayurvedic doctor under NRHM, which may lead to loss of job for existing more than 800 doctors.

8. Presently, even though there are nearly 250 + Ayurveda colleges are providing Ayurveda education. Among these only 20% colleges are providing good quality education.

**Solutions:**

1. Regularization of Ayurveda Medical officers at all PHC within 3 years of recruitment
2. Regular Intensive Ayurveda practice training programs for BAMS doctors
3. Ayurveda doctors recruited under NRHM should be utilized for Ayurveda dispensary and hospitals only
4. Accessibility of high quality medicines even to rural areas
5. Equal pay & powers for all system medicine doctor

I, Vaidya Vasant Patil, on behalf of all the Ayurvedic fraternity, requesting the Central Govt. to take note on this matter seriously, otherwise development Ayurveda will be a dream. Central and state Govt. should first standardize, systematize and streamline the Ayurveda practice in India and then talk about globalization.

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