

## **Embassy of India**

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#### **Press Release**

The World Health Organization (WHO) is convening the Traditional Medicine Global Summit on 17th and 18th August 2023 in Gandhinagar, Gujarat, India, co-hosted by the Ministry of Ayush, Government of India. The Summit will explore the role of traditional, complementary and integrative medicine in addressing the pressing health challenges, and driving progress in global health and sustainable development.

High-level participants will include the WHO Director-General and Regional Directors, G20 health ministers and high-level dignitaries from countries across the globe. Scientists, practitioners of traditional medicine, health workers and members of the civil society organizations will also take part.

The Summit will explore ways to scale up scientific advances and realize the potential of evidence-based knowledge in the use of traditional medicine for people's health and well-being around the world. Scientists and other experts will lead technical discussions on research, evidence and learning; policy, data and regulation; innovation and digital health; and biodiversity, equity and Indigenous knowledge.

Ministry of Ayush through evidence-based research and Digital Health initiatives has made Traditional Medicine Systems including Yoga and Ayurveda more accessible to the people around the globe and put India at the CenterStage of Universal Health Coverage. This is crucial for achieving the UN Sustainable Development Goal of Health for All.