

SECTION 3: MEDICAL MANPOWER

Registration of practitioners under Indian system of Medicine and Homoeopathy, who possess recognized medical qualifications as per Indian Medicine Central Council Act, 1970 and Homoeopathy Central Council Act, 1973 is being done by State Boards/ Councils. These State Boards/Councils constituted by the State Governments are maintaining State Register of AYUSH registered practitioners. Central Register of AYUSH practitioners are also maintained by the regulatory bodies, Central Council of Indian Medicine and Central Council of Homoeopathy. Central Registers is being updated from time to time from State Registers.

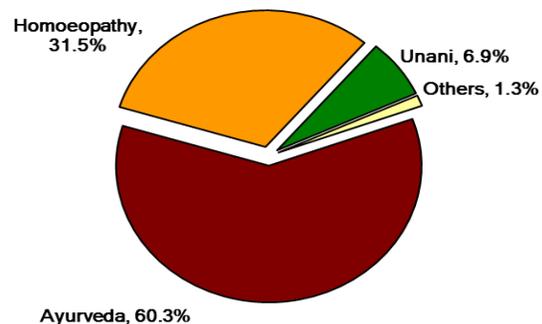
This section provides an overall position of number of registered practitioners under each system of AYUSH and availability of AYUSH practitioners/ doctors to the populace, along with time-series analysis.

AYUSH doctors in India:

As on 1.1.2011, there were 712121 registered AYUSH doctors/ practitioners in India. Out of these 712121 registered AYUSH practitioners, 429246 (60.3%) belong to Ayurveda, while 224279 (31.5%) and 49431 (6.9%) belong to, Homoeopathy & Unani Systems respectively. Only 7568 (1.1%) and 1597 (0.2%) doctors belong to Siddha and Naturopathy Systems respectively.

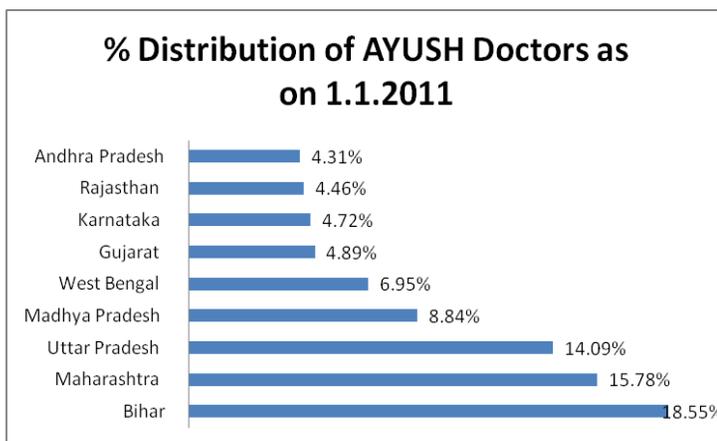
System-wise percentage distribution of AYUSH Doctors in India as on 1.1.2011

Significant variation has been observed in distribution of AYUSH doctors between States. About 59.7% of the total AYUSH doctors had been registered in the states of Bihar, Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Karnataka only, while only 0.12% of AYUSH doctors were registered in the States/UTs of Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Sikkim, Tripura, A & N Islands and Chandigarh. No AYUSH doctor had been registered in the union territories of Dadra & Nagar Haveli, Daman & Diu, Lakshadweep and Puducherry.



Availability of AYUSH doctors:

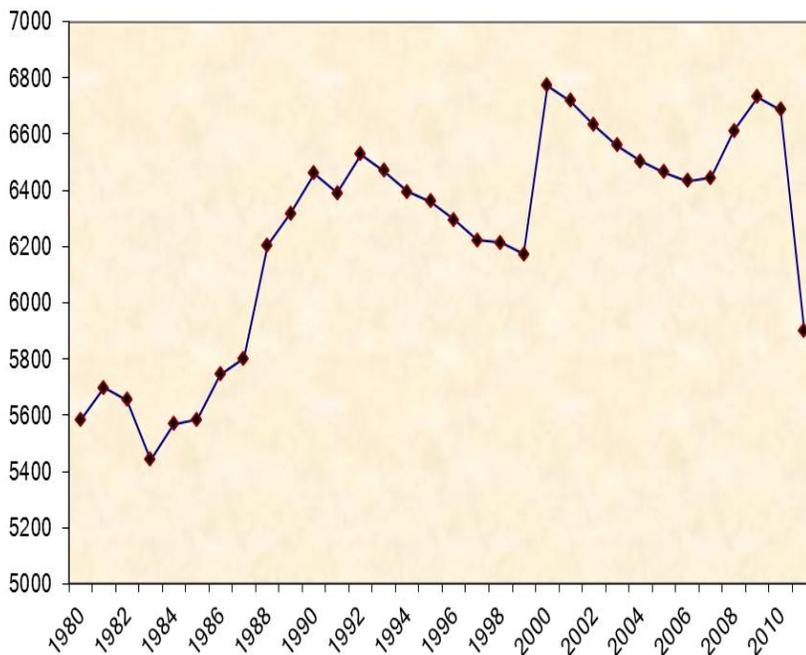
As on 1.1.2011, about 5900 AYUSH doctors per crore population were available in India. However, there was significant inter-state variation in the strength of AYUSH doctors. In Bihar, there were 12775 AYUSH doctors per crore population, whereas, in Himachal Pradesh, 13017 AYUSH doctors were serving one crore population. 10873 AYUSH doctors were available in Haryana and 10569 AYUSH doctors were available in the State of Maharashtra per crore population. States having less than 1000 AYUSH doctors per crore populations were Meghalaya, Assam, Tripura, Sikkim & Mizoram. However, no AYUSH practitioner had been reported to be registered in the states of Dadar & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu in the Union territories Lakshadweep and Puducherry.



Trend in availability of AYUSH doctors:

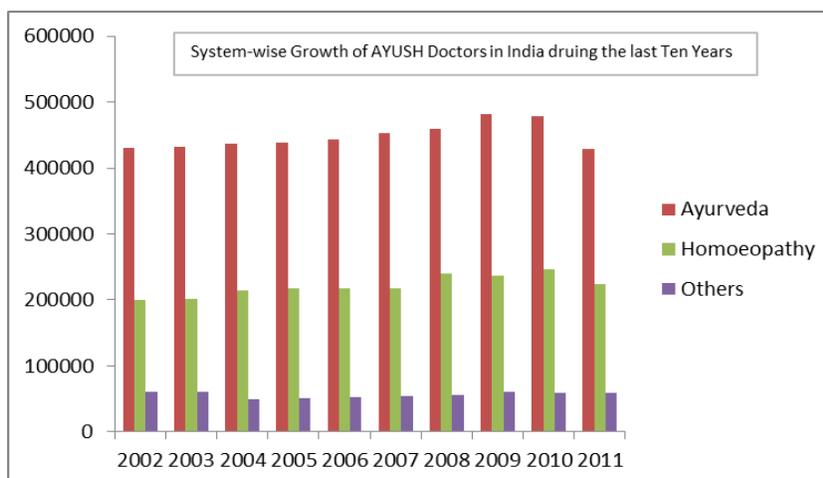
Significant variation in the availability of AYUSH doctors have been observed since 1980. On an aggregate, AYUSH doctors serving per crore population had varied from 5582 to 5900 during the period 1980-2011. From 5655 doctors per crore populations in 1982, it dropped to 5442 in 1983, and then gradually increased to 6528 in 1992, again declining marginally to 6470 in 1993. There was a declining trend further, culminating in 6173 AYUSH doctors per crore population in 1999. However, a substantial growth of about 10% was registered next year. Beyond that the number of AYUSH doctors had declined to 6445 per crore populations in 2007. The availability of AYUSH doctors had improved marginally to 6611 per crore populations in 2008 and to 6733 in 2009. Further, it dropped to 5900 doctors per crore population in 2011 from 6688 in 2010 due to reduction of NIQ.

Trend of Availability of AYUSH Doctors Since 1980



Growth in availability of AYUSH doctors:

During 1980-2011, an average annual growth rate of 2.1% had been observed in number of AYUSH doctors. During the same period, an average annual growth rate of 2.2%, 1.9% and 2.4% in the strength of the doctors of Ayurveda, Unani and Homoeopathy respectively. The maximum growth rate of 11.5% had been recorded in Naturopathy during 1998-2011.



Indian Systems of Medicine & Homoeopathy became a separate Department during the Eighth Plan. From Eighth Plan onward, number of doctors and population had grown annually at the rate of 1.3% and 1.8% respectively. Annual growth rates of 1.0%, 1.2% and 1.9% in the strength of doctors of Ayurveda, Unani and Homeopathy respectively had been registered during 1992-2011. An annual growth rate of 11.5% in the strength of Naturopathy doctors had been registered during 1998-2011, whereas an annual growth rate of 3.1% in the strength of Siddha doctors had been recorded during 2004-2011. The negative Growth rate to AYUSH doctors during the year 2011 due to rapid reduction of Ayurved & Homoeopathy NIQ Doctors.