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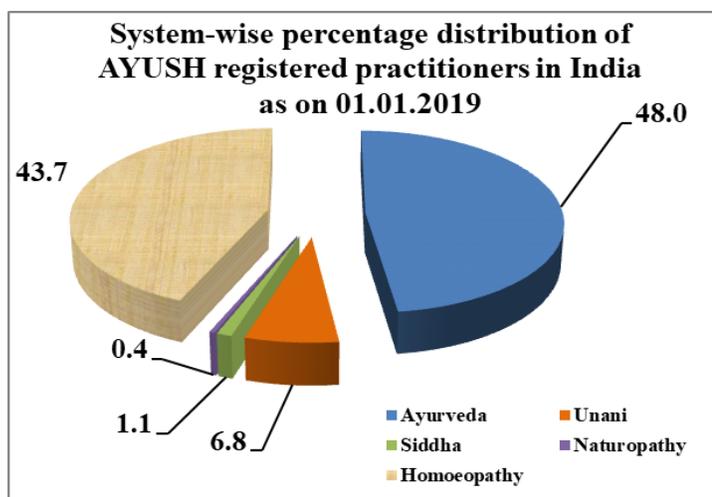
MEDICAL MANPOWER

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:

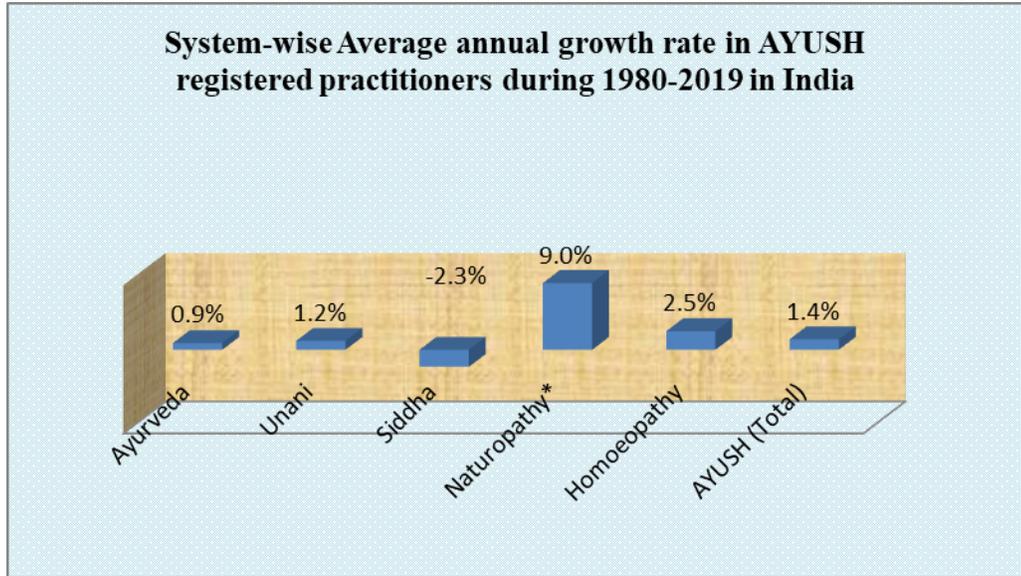
As on 1.1.2019, there are 646013 registered AYUSH doctors/practitioners (including 64856 Non-Institutionally Qualified) in India. Out of these 646013 registered AYUSH practitioners, 309980 (48.0%) belong to Ayurveda, while 282346 (43.7%) and 43959 (6.8%) belong to, Homoeopathy & Unani Systems respectively. Only 7345 (1.1%) and 2383 (0.4%) doctors belong to Siddha and Naturopathy Systems respectively.



Significant variation has been observed in distribution of AYUSH doctors between States. About (482645 registered practitioners) 74.7% of the total AYUSH doctors have been registered in the states of Bihar, Gujarat, West Bengal, Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Karnataka only, while (1660 registered practitioners) less than 1% (0.26%) of total AYUSH doctors are registered in the States/UTs of Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Tripura, and Chandigarh. No AYUSH doctor has been registered in states of Manipur, Mizoram, Sikkim and the union territories of A&N Islands, Dadra & Nagar Haveli, Daman & Diu, Lakshadweep and Puducherry, as these states have no state boards/ councils.

Average annual growth rate of AYUSH doctors in India:

As on 1.1.2019, there are 646013 registered AYUSH doctors/practitioners in India. Number of registered AYUSH doctors have shown increasing trend from 1980 to 2018 with a dip in 2011 and 2013 only. In 2019, there is a decrease of 153866 as compared to 2018. Average annual growth rate of 1.4% was realized in AYUSH registered practitioners during 1980-2019. Average annual growth rates of 0.9%, 1.2%, (-)2.3%, and 2.5% has been observed in AYUSH doctors of Ayurveda, Unani, Siddha and Homeopathy respectively during 1980-2019. The highest average annual growth rate has been seen in the system of Naturopathy at 9.0% during the period 1998-2019.



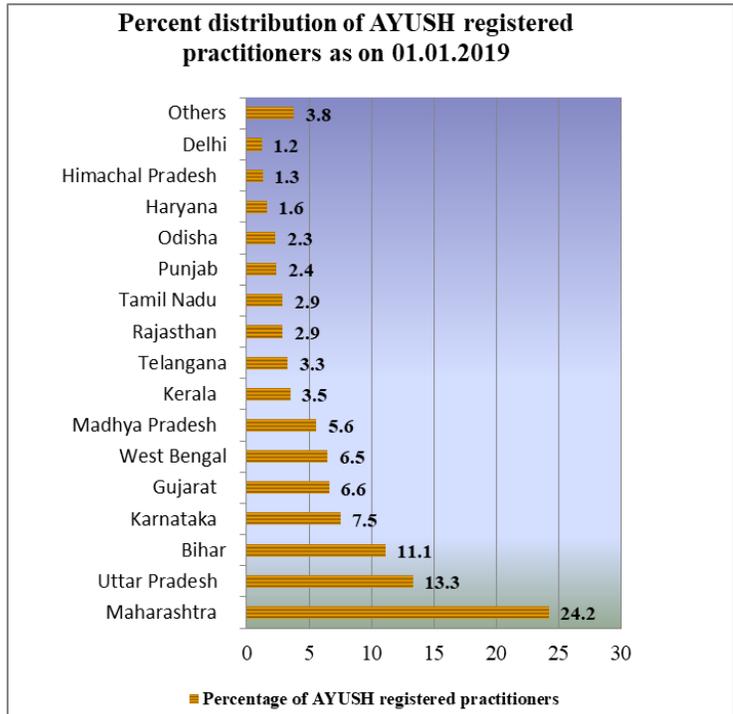
* Note: The average annual growth for naturopathy has been worked for the period 1998-2019

The number of institutional qualified (IQ) has increased from 335007 to 609549 from the year 2011 to 2016 and further declined up to 587660 and 581157 in the year 2018 and 2019 respectively. The slight decrease was seen in the number of IQ doctors as some of the states have started renewal process of IQ doctors.

The number of Non-Institutional Qualified (NIQ) has increased from 164338 to 218852 from the year 2011 to 2014 and further declined up to 161919 and 64856 in the year 2016 and 2019 respectively. The main reason for declining in the number of NIQ practitioners is that some of the states have started de-registering NIQ doctors and has stopped the registration of new NIQ doctors.

Availability of AYUSH doctors:

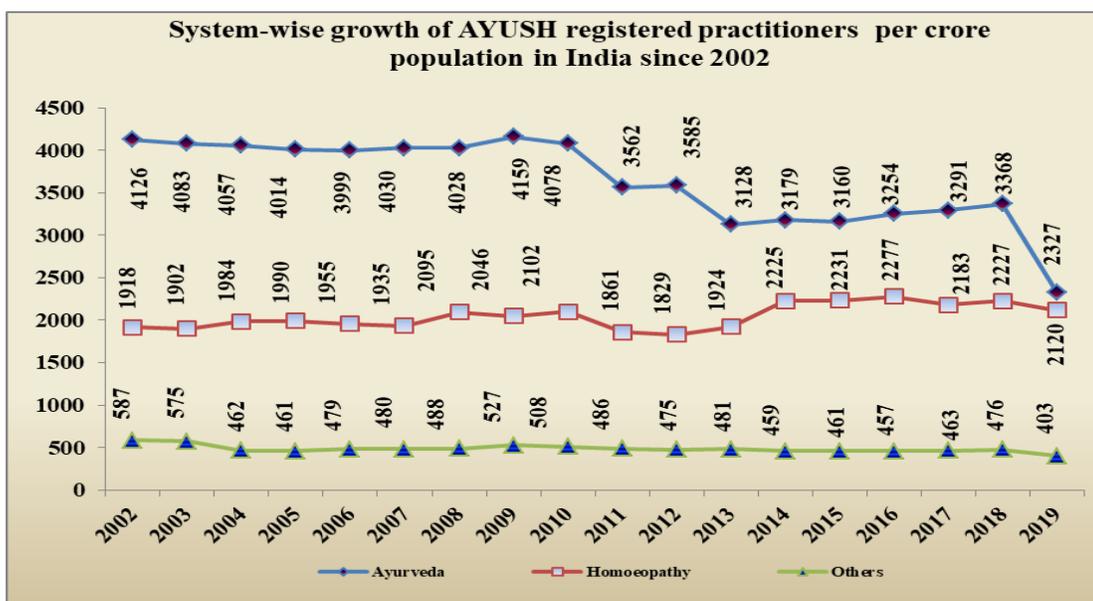
As on 1.1.2019, the highest percentage of registration of AYUSH doctors/practitioners has reported in the state of Maharashtra (24.2%) followed by Uttar Pradesh (13.3%) and Bihar (11.1%). About more than 50% of registration of total AYUSH doctors/ practitioners has reported in the four major states Maharashtra, Bihar, Karnataka and Uttar Pradesh. Gujarat, West Bengal and Madhya Pradesh have reported 5% to 7% registration of total AYUSH doctors/ practitioners. However, some of the states like Kerala, Telangana, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Punjab, Odisha, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh and Delhi have reported less than 5% of registration of total AYUSH doctors/practitioners. Manipur, Mizoram, Sikkim and the union territories of A&N Islands, Dadra & Nagar Haveli, Daman & Diu, Lakshadweep and Puducherry have



marginally to 6470 in 1993. There is a declining trend further, culminating in 6173 AYUSH doctors per one crore population in 1999. However, a substantial growth of about 10% is registered next year and reached 6774 AYUSH Doctors in 2000. The number of AYUSH doctors/practitioners has further declined during the period 2000 to 2019 with an exception during the period 2008 to 2010. Further, number of AYUSH doctors/practitioners per one crore population has marginally declined to 5937 in 2017 and then increased to 6071 in 2018.

System-wise Growth in availability of AYUSH doctors per one crore population:

Growth rate of Ayurveda and Homoeopathy doctors per one crore populations has been declining since 2002. The growth rate of Ayurveda doctors per one crore population has slightly increased from 4028 doctors in 2008 to 4159 in year 2009 and after that it has been declining and reached 3128 and 2327 doctors in 2013 and 2019 respectively. However, the growth rate of Homoeopathy has slightly increased from 1935 doctors per crore population in 2007 to 2095 doctors in 2008 with annual growth rate is 8.3% and also reached to 2120 per one crore population in the year 2019.



Indian Systems of Medicine & Homoeopathy became a separate Department during the Eighth Plan (1992-1997). From Eighth Plan onward, population had grown annually at the rate of 1.6% however; the number of doctors has also grown annually by 0.5%. Annual growth rates of (-) 0.5%, 0.4% and (-)1.8% in the strength of doctors of Ayurveda, Unani and siddha respectively has been registered during 1992-2019, whereas an annual growth rate of 2.2% in the strength of Homoeopathy doctors had been recorded during 1992-2019.
