

## **Ayush Ministry invests Rs 25 Cr for new traditional medicine centre in Leh**

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### **Foundation Stone laid for the new complex of National Institute of Sowa Rigpa**

The Union Minister of Ayush and Ports, Shipping & Waterways Sarbananda Sonowal laid the foundation stone of the new complex of National Institute of Sowa Rigpa (NISR) at Saboo Thang area in Leh.

The new infrastructure of NISR will unlock the huge potential that Sowa Rigpa has to offer in the country. This will also provide a much-needed modern platform for propagating this rich India medicinal heritage from the Himalayas.

The new complex will be developed in an area of 120 kanal by the Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council (LAHDC) and will act as the premier centre of Sowa Rigpa in the country. To be built at a cost of Rs 25 crore in the first phase, the revamped NISR complex will be further developed with hospital block, hostels, staff quarters etc.

This planned investment along with eventual boost to the faculty strength at NISR is aimed at developing this institute as a Centre of Excellence to Sowa Rigpa locally, nationally and globally. The academic block is scheduled to be completed by 2023.

The Ministry of Ayush is also supporting NISR to set up a Herbal Medicinal Garden spread across an area of 10 hectares. This will not only help conserve valued medicinal plant from the trans Himalayan region but also help in research for further usage in treating human ailments.