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Ministry of Ayush, Kerala Govt to hold trial of Arsenicum album for COVID-19 treatment

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Different homeopathic approaches have been used as supportive care for COVID-19 cases

An agreement was recently exchanged between Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy (CCRH) under Ministry of Ayush, and the Department of Homoeopathy, Government of Kerala for conducting clinical trial on immunological responses of Arsenicum album (AA) in COVID-19.

During the early part of the COVID-19 pandemic, Ministry of Ayush had advised Arsenicum album 30C, as a prophylactic to prevent COVID-19.

However, some cases of acute liver injury, leading to death in one patient with underlying non-alcoholic steatohepatitis (NASH) cirrhosis, after consumption of the homeopathic remedy AA30 for COVID-19 prevention were reported.

On the other hand, some studies had revealed that the homeopathic medicine Arsenicum album 30C was associated with a decrease in the incidence and provided some protection against COVID-19 as compared to non-treatment.

AA 30 is apparently used for the treatment of respiratory problems which include throat infections, sore throat, and cough leading to breathing difficulties. It is also used to boost immunity against infections. According to CCRH, Arsenicum album 30 has also been advised for the prevention of influenza-like infections.