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Ministry of Ayush and Department of Social Justice ink MoU to enhance geriatric healthcare

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In a landmark move aimed at improving the well-being of senior citizens and addressing the growing concern of substance abuse, the Ministry of Ayush and the Department of Social Justice and Empowerment (DoSJE) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in New Delhi. This strategic partnership seeks to implement Ayush-based interventions to promote geriatric healthcare and combat substance abuse.

The MoU is a pioneering step to develop cooperative initiatives for health promotion among senior citizens and those affected by substance abuse. By leveraging the strengths of Ayush systems, both Ministries committed to working together on various initiatives, including awareness programmes, capacity-building for service providers and the establishment of geriatric health and de-addiction units under Ayush autonomous bodies.

The focus will be towards developing cooperation, convergence, and synergy between the Ministry of Ayush and DoSJE to foster innovative initiatives for promoting the health of senior citizens, reducing the demand for drugs, addressing substance abuse, and aiding mental rehabilitation. This will be achieved through awareness generation and capacity building of service providers using Ayush systems.

Research will be encouraged in the areas of geriatric health, substance abuse, and mental health, with a focus on exploring the therapeutic benefits of traditional healthcare practices. Additional activities will be supported for health promotion tailored to both the geriatric population and individuals affected by substance abuse.