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NCISM launches CCRAS Spark 5.0 and CCRAS Ayurshodh 2026 to strengthen Ayurveda Research and Innovation

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Promoting research among undergraduate students and recognising scholarly excellence

Prof. Manisha Kothekar, Chairperson, National Commission for Indian System of Medicine (NCISM), has launched the Central Council of Ayurveda Research (CCRAS) CCRAS Spark 5.0 and CCRAS Ayurshodh 2026 (2nd Circular). These initiatives aim

to strengthen the research ecosystem in Ayurveda by promoting research among undergraduate students and recognising scholarly excellence, research communication and innovation.

The Studentship Programme for Ayurveda Research Cane (SPARK) 5.0 for the year 2026-27 is the fifth edition of this programme. It aims to introduce the undergraduate students of Ayurveda to research methodologies and techniques through short-term independent research projects, and to promote research aptitude, analytical thinking, and early interest in research as a career among BAMS students.

A total of 300 scholarships are being given, in which each student will get financial assistance of Rs 50,000.

On the other hand, CCRAS provides a platform to recognise and encourage research contributions in the field of Ayurveda in three categories:

· CCRAS-Prabodh 3 min: Communicating/presenting research through three-minute thesis presentations.

· CCRAS-Prakash: Recognition of scholarly achievements through publications based on original research.

· CCRAS-Innovation: Recognition of innovative prototypes, new solutions, procedural innovations and transformative research methodologies.

The details of the awards have been given in the second circular, including the prize money sponsored by Shree Dhootpapeshwar Limited. The final of CCRAS Ayurveda is scheduled to be held on 11th December 2026.