News: SMART programme

Scope for Mainstreaming Ayurveda Research in Teaching Professionals (SMART)

- ➤ Scope for Mainstreaming Ayurveda Research in Teaching Professionals (SMART) was recently launched by the National Commission for Indian System of Medicine (NCISM) and the Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS) under the Ministry of Ayush.
- ➤ The program aims to boost scientific research through Ayurveda colleges and hospitals.
- ➤ It was observed that the research potential of the large community of Ayurveda teachers' remains underutilized mostly. Therefore, the 'SMART' program will have a deep long term rejuvenating impact on research in the field of Ayurveda and it will be a great service to the nation.
- ➤ It aims to identify, support and promote innovative research ideas in healthcare research areas including Osteoarthritis, Iron Deficiency Anaemia, Chronic Bronchitis, Dyslipidemia, Rheumatoid Arthritis, Obesity, Diabetes Mellitus,

Psoriasis, Generalized Anxiety Disorder, Non-alcoholic fatty liver disease
(NAFLD).
The program will motivate teachers for taking up projects in designated areas or
healthcare research and create a large database.