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Singapore: India's biggest AYUSH hospital, built on the lines of All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) is scheduled to be completed in Delhi in the next six months. Union Minister of State for AYUSH Mr Shripad Naik said the hospital will cater to 500 patients.

The upcoming six AIIMS hospitals across the country will also have separate AYUSH departments in their premises. "Our mission is to build one AYUSH hospital in each district so that people can take the benefits of traditional medicines," said Mr Naik.

He further added that medicinal practices under AYUSH and allopathy can be used simultaneously for setting up better healthcare facilities in the country.

The Indian government, in its efforts to promote Ayurveda, yoga and other such traditional sciences, has also recently signed pacts with various other countries for cooperation in promotion and research of yoga and ayurveda.

The government has also commissioned research studies to document evidence showing AYUSH can be used for treatment of various lifestyle diseases like diabetes and hypertension.

The Indian health ministry is also planning to regulate AYUSH medicines and is formulating a plan to set up a separate vertical under the existing pharmaceutical regulator to monitor quality and efficacy of AYUSH medicines available in the

country.