Chintan Shivir 2026

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Why In News?

Ministry of Ayush inaugurated the "Chintan Shivir 2026" in Delhi on April 2026.

- **Chintan Shivir 2026 –** It Gives evidence-based traditional medicine & integration with modern day healthcare systems.

Aims to - Review and assess past actions, policies & programs since 2023 Shivir, and set a guide for future Policies & Programs for the Ayush *(Ayurveda, Yoga & Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha, Homeopathy)* sector & Plan for Vikisit Bharat 2047.

- **Tradition to Translation -** Focusing on *evidence-based research*, innovation, and global partnerships to validate traditional medicine scientifically.
    - **Legal Preparedness:** Discussing litigation management and regulatory frameworks to support the sector's expansion.
- **Approach -** Emphasizes on "whole-of-government" approach, integrating traditional knowledge with modern science.
- **Globally Aligned** - With the vision of "One Earth, One Family, One Future" & branding of "Heal in India, Heal by India."

Major Outcome

- **Ayush Insurance Expansion -** MoU was Signed between the *All-India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA) & General Insurance Council.*
- **Motive -** To expand insurance coverage to Citizen & improve claim settlement for Ayush treatments.
- **Accountability & Affordability –** To ensure this a Document called *'Revision of Benchmark Rates for Insurance Coverage of Ayush Treatments'* was released.
- **Launch of Toll-Free Number -** *1800-11-0008* to handle quires related to Ayush Insurance.
- **Digital Reach out –** Lauch of official *WhatsApp channel* for citizen engagement & Communication on areal time bases.

Significance for the Ayush Sector

- **Budgetary Growth -** Reflects in increased funding to provide world class education, research, and global infrastructure
- **Primary Tool –** Recognising Ayush as a primary tool for overall healthcare and managing modern lifestyle diseases & Disorders.
- **Startup** - To give a push for Modern innovation, digitalization, and startups within the traditional medicine ecosystem.

Reference - PIB

