Government Moots AYUSH in PHCs across Tamil Nadu

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Coimbatore: The government is considering to introduce AYUSH (Ayurveda, Yoga, and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy) facilities at various Primary Health Centres across the state, Deputy Director of Public Health Services Dr R Damodaran said on Sunday.

Delivering a special address at the national symposium organised by the Isha Outreach at the PSG Institute of Medical Sciences and Research, he said, “Using the funds from the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM), training was provided to the Accredited Social Health Activists under AYUSH. A herbal garden is also in the

reducing infant mortality. Such treatments should be promoted,” he said.

Presenting a paper on ‘Integrated Approach of Allopathic and Alternative Health System’, a participant in the symposium Dr Arun Kumar said that the demand for treatment was not met by the existing system. “Social and cultural factors should be considered while planning a health care system. AYUSH is indigenous and is suitable for our health conditions. A system of Indian medicine along with allopathy is the need of the hour,” he said.

Ma Induba, a volunteer of Isha Outreach said that there was a need to promote traditional ways of treatments. “The integration of allopathy and alternative health care systems helps in increasing the access, affordability and equity in health care,” she said.

PSG Institute of Medical Sciences and Research principal Dr Ramalingam Santhakumar participated.