

## **AYUSH appoints 2,752 doctors this year**

Jaipur: In a major boost to Ayurveda in the state, the government is set to recruit 2,752 doctors on contractual basis this year. It has already made 2,000 appointments in the past two years.

Health minister Rajendra Rathore said 2,676 posts of Ayurveda Yoga Unani Siddha and Homeopathy (AYUSH) doctors were lying vacant in 2013 in the state. The health department recruited 1,461 Ayurveda doctors, 143 Homeopathy and 132 Unani doctors. It also recruited 1,936 AYUSH doctors.

He was speaking at a programme organised by Rajasthan AYUSH Mahasangh held to welcome 2,000 newly appointed AYUSH doctors in the city on Wednesday. The state government has decided to give a fillip to AYUSH including therapies like yoga and natural therapy. Rathore said that work of construction of yoga and natural therapy hospitals is on in all the 33 districts of the state.

He said that they have prepared a proposal for development works of Rs 100 crore for 2016-17. Moreover, medicines of Rs 25.15 crore will be made available in AYUSH hospitals under AYUSH mission. Besides, the health department will set up Panchkaram centres in nine districts of the state. They would come up in the current financial year, Rathore said.

Moreover, in the current financial year, three more Anchal Prasuta centres will be opened. With three new centres for care of pregnant women, each district will have its own centre. The government is taking serious measures to take AYUSH to a new high in the state. Apart from recruiting AYUSH doctors, it has decided to recruit AYUSH nurses too. It will recruit 973 compounders for AYUSH hospitals in the state.

Rajasthan has one of the best infrastructures in AYUSH in the country. It has 5,366 AYUSH centres, 17 AYUSH colleges and one Ayurveda University. Also, AYUSH wellness centres will come up at 200 primary health centres soon. The AYUSH department has identified 200 PHCs in different districts to set up the wellness centres, the minister said.