

WHO to Launch Traditional Medicine Global Library (TMGL)

What / Who

- **Organisation:** World Health Organization (WHO)
 - **Initiative:** Launch of the Traditional Medicine Global Library (TMGL)
 - **Purpose:** To provide a unified, accessible digital platform housing diverse knowledge, policies, and evidence on traditional, complementary, and integrative medicine (TCIM).
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When & Where

- **Launch Date:** December 2025
 - **Format:** A digital library accessible worldwide
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Why / Need

- Traditional medicine continues to play a crucial role in primary healthcare for millions globally, particularly in Asia and Africa.
 - Despite wide use, scientific evidence, policies, and regulations are fragmented and difficult to access.
 - TMGL aims to bridge this gap by consolidating reliable, curated, and up-to-date information in one global repository.
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Key Features of TMGL

- **Content Types:**
 - Scientific publications and clinical research on traditional medicine
 - Global policy documents and regulatory frameworks
 - Multimedia resources (case studies, clinical training materials, expert interviews)
 - Data on safety, efficacy, and quality of herbal and other traditional remedies
 - **Access:** Open and digital, designed for policymakers, researchers, healthcare providers, and the public.
 - **Curation:** WHO will ensure data credibility by sourcing from verified institutions, peer-reviewed studies, and government regulatory bodies.
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Potential Benefits

- **For Policymakers:** Evidence-based decision-making for integrating traditional medicine into national health systems.
 - **For Researchers:** Easier access to published and ongoing studies in the field.
 - **For Healthcare Providers:** Reliable clinical and regulatory references to guide safe use.
 - **For the Public:** Better awareness and safer use of traditional and complementary treatments.
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Broader Context

- The initiative follows the momentum from the WHO Global Summit on Traditional Medicine (2023, Gandhinagar, India), which emphasized stronger research and regulation.
- WHO's Global Centre for Traditional Medicine (GCTM) in Jamnagar, Gujarat, India, will play a pivotal role in supporting the TMGL.
- This aligns with the WHO Traditional Medicine Strategy 2014–2023, extended beyond 2023, focusing on harnessing traditional medicine while ensuring quality,

safety, and efficacy.

Significance

- **First-ever comprehensive global digital library dedicated solely to traditional medicine.**
- **Expected to improve transparency, global cooperation, and responsible integration of traditional practices into modern health systems.**
- **Strengthens India's position as a global hub for traditional medicine knowledge and research, with Jamnagar GCTM leading contributions.**