

Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS) launches “SIDDHI 2.0”

- The CCRAS — under the Ministry of Ayush — has launched the second edition of its research-to-industry programme, “SIDDHI 2.0”, aiming to accelerate evidence-based Ayurvedic research and convert findings into usable products.
- The event is being held in Vijayawada on 25–26 November 2025.
- This marks a significant step toward integrating traditional medicine research with modern healthcare delivery — which may interest you, being in Vijayawada.

Fake medical call centre scam busted in Ahmedabad

- Police in Ahmedabad recently dismantled a fraudulent “medical call centre” operation that targeted NRIs by offering bogus “medical relief packages.”
- 24 people — mostly students including women — were detained. Authorities seized computers, phones, SIM cards, and other evidence pointing to a fraudulent network.
- The scam underscores ongoing health-fraud risks, especially for vulnerable or overseas populations relying on unknown service providers.

Gujarat report warns: Moringa, beetroot, jaggery alone won’t solve anaemia

- According to a new report from the Gujarat Health & Family Welfare Department, widely believed natural remedies — moringa, beetroot, jaggery — are insufficient to effectively combat anaemia.
- The report emphasises need for medical intervention: iron and micronutrient supplementation (e.g. iron-folic acid tablets, iron sucrose, ferric carboxymaltose for severe cases).
- It also recommends expanding screening, tracking via digital monitoring systems (like TeCHO+), and scaling up national programmes like Anaemia Mukt Bharat and POSHAN Abhiyaan to tackle anaemia more systematically.

Medical negligence alleged after death of 8-year-old boy in Karnataka hospital

- In a tragic incident, an 8-year-old boy who was hospitalised for appendicitis and underwent surgery later died. His family alleges medical negligence at the hospital.
 - The case raises serious concerns over post-operative care and accountability in some government medical institutions.
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Broader Context: What This Says About Healthcare in India

- The push by CCRAS with SIDDHI 2.0 highlights a growing emphasis on evidence-based integration of traditional medicine. This may reshape how AYUSH and allopathic treatments coexist.
- Simultaneously, fraudulent medical services (like the fake call-centre scam) show that as demand for healthcare expands — including globally via NRIs — there remain significant risks. It underlines the need for vigilance in trusting medical services.
- The anaemia report from Gujarat emphasizes that nutritional awareness alone won't solve public-health challenges; systemic strategies (supplementation, screening, public health programmes) are needed.
- Cases of alleged negligence show persistent gaps in patient care and oversight, suggesting that as India expands access, quality control remains a key challenge.