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India to Host Second WHO Global Summit on Traditional Medicine

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India is set to host the **Second WHO Global Summit on Traditional Medicine** in New Delhi in December 2025, building on the inaugural summit held in Gandhinagar, Gujarat, in 2023.

Context and Objectives

- **Organizers:** Jointly organized by the **World Health Organization (WHO)** and the **Ministry of AYUSH**, Government of India.
- **Theme:** "Restoring balance: The science and practice of health and well-being."
- **Global Vision:** The summit aims to shape the future of traditional medicine globally by promoting its **integration into national health systems** based on **science, evidence, and responsible practice**.
- **Alignment with WHO Strategy:** Discussions will align with the **WHO Global Traditional Medicine Strategy 2025–2034**, which advocates for people-centred healthcare and planetary well-being.
- **Key Deliberations:**
 - Scientific investment and research.
 - Governance and regulation frameworks.
 - Protection of **biodiversity** and safeguarding **Indigenous knowledge** and Intellectual Property Rights (IPR).
 - Ethical use of **digital technologies and Artificial Intelligence (AI)** to elevate traditional medicine.
- **Global Health Diplomacy:** India's leadership in hosting the summit highlights its role in promoting traditional healthcare systems (AYUSH) on a global stage.
- **Public Health:** Focuses on integrating traditional medicine, which is accessible and affordable, into the goal of achieving **Universal Health Coverage (UHC)**.
- **Biodiversity & IPR:** The protection of medicinal resources and indigenous knowledge is an important environmental and ethical concern.