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Bangalore to be integrated medicine hub



MEETING OF MINDS: Prince Charles with Dr Issac Mathai in London

Initiative By Prince Charles And Soukya Foundation

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Bangalore: The country's Silicon Plateau was at the vanguard of the IT revolution. Now, Bangalore is all set to lead the way in healthcare through integrated medicine, where East meets West and technology meets tradition.

In a quantum leap in integrated medicine, Bangalore could become the hub for a combination of traditional

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and modern systems for doctors from all over the world. Driving this initiative is Prince Charles's tie-up with Bangalore-based Soukya Foundation led by Dr Issac Mathai.

The foundation will ink a pact soon with the proposed Royal College of Integrated Medicine, London, of which Prince Charles is the founder, to provide clinical training in Bangalore to European and Western doctors in ayurveda and homoeopathy and traditional forms of medicine to integrate them in their practice.

"The second campus of the Royal College will be in Bangalore. We have already proposed the setting up of an All

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Bangalore has the largest system of traditional medicine practitioners. "We're in a unique position to take up this project. Bangalore is on the global map with patients from other countries coming here for various treatments. Integrating treatment will take healthcare to the next level," said Dr Mathai. At the World Health Assembly 2005 in Geneva, Prince Charles said: "While scientists try to learn more about how acupuncture works, robust evidence, drawn from international studies indicates it does work, particularly for conditions like osteoarthritis of the knee."

India Institute of Integrated Medicine to the Union health ministry. At a meeting in London last week with Prince Charles, we finalized the project which will kick off in July 2010," Dr Mathai told STOI.

At the meeting, Prince Charles observed that integrating Western and Eastern medicine is the future of modern healthcare. He felt that integrative medicine will be cost effective with least side-effects.

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