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Dr. Dinesh Chand Katoch is an Ayurveda postgraduate with specialization in *Kayachikitsa* (Ayurvedic Medicine). He is January 1959 born and has a versatile and immensely productive professional career starting as Ayurveda teacher in April 1983 at his mother institute- Dayanand Ayurvedic College, Jalandhar (Punjab). He joined Central Government Service as Ayurveda Physician in February 1993, promoted as Senior Medical Officer (Ayurveda) in February 1999, appointed as Assistant Adviser (Ayurveda) in the Department of AYUSH, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare in May 2000, promoted as Deputy Adviser (Ayurveda) in February 2002 and then as Joint Adviser (Ayurveda) since February 2007. From April 2008 he was on deputation to WHO for three years as National Consultant for providing technical assistance in implementing WHO-Government of India cooperation strategy in the area of Traditional Indian Medicine and Homeopathy.

Dr. Katoch has more than 30 years' professional experience in clinical, academic, policy & planning and technical advisory matters related to Ayurveda in particular and traditional medicine in general. He has represented India in many international delegations and is member of many technical committees and task forces set up by the Central and State Governments. His contributions for the cause of Ayurveda and traditional medicine are numerous, the prominent ones include amendment of the Indian Central Council Act for providing powers to Central Government for grant of permission to open new colleges and courses of study, development of Re-orientation training & CME program for AYUSH personnel, introduction of safety monitoring system for Ayurveda, Siddha and Unani medicines, creation of databases of Ayurveda & Homeopathic publications, standard treatment guidelines, standardization of AYUSH terminologies and publication of Traditional Herbal Remedies for Primary Health Care brought out by WHO-SEARO. On return to Department of AYUSH after his stint in WHO he has handled AYUSH proposals in 12th Five Year Plan, drug matters and regulations and International Cooperation issues/proposals in the area of Traditional Medicine. WHO Collaborating Centre designation of IPGTRA, Jamnagar and Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga, New Delhi are the important achievements to India attributable to Dr Katoch's persistent efforts for four years. Many of the recent publications like GCP guidelines, Essential Drug Lists, Manual of Procedural Guidelines for Inspection of ASU Drug Testing Laboratories, GMP compliance inspection guidelines and AYUSH profile documents brought out by the Department of AYUSH are due to Dr Katoch's significant contribution for the development of Indian systems of medicine. He has represented India in many delegations and international platforms and visited in the process many foreign countries like Canada, USA (three times), UK (two times), Germany, Switzerland (two times), Russia, China (four times), Malaysia, Trinidad & Tobago (four times), Sri Lanka, Hong Kong etc. He is a member of many Committees, Task Forces, Expert Groups set up by the Central and State Governments and is the Secretary of Ayurveda-Siddha-Unani Drug Technical Advisory Board and ASU Drugs Consultative Committee.
