

**NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR INDIAN SYSTEM OF MEDICINE &
NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR HOMEOPATHY, NEW DELHI**

**Directives for Counseling & Admission in Undergraduate
(BAMS/BSMS/BUMS/BHMS) Courses of Ayurveda, Siddha, Unani &
Homoeopathy (ASU&H) Streams for the Academic Session 2026-27**

A. DIRECTIVES FOR COUNSELING AUTHORITIES (STATE /UT)

I. Common directives for State/UT Counseling and Admissions:

Eligibility Criteria to Participate in the Counseling:

1. Colleges/Institute who have received permission from the Medical Assessment and Rating Board/National Commission for Indian System of Medicine (NCISM) for Ayurveda, Siddha and Unani streams or the Medical Assessment and Rating Board/National Commission for Homoeopathy (NCH) for admission to ASU&H- UG courses for the academic session 2026-27 shall only be eligible to participate in the counseling process.

Seat Matrix (AIQ & State / UT Quota):

2. The seat matrix for admission in the State/UT Government/Government-aided institutions and Private Institutions shall be fifteen per cent (15%) for All-India Quota and eighty-five per cent (85%) for State/Union Territory Quota as specified in the NCISM and NCH Regulations in force at the time of admission. (Please refer to Sl.No:14 of this guideline).

Provided that-

- i. the AIQ for the purpose of admission in all the Deemed Universities (both Government and Private - established under Central Act), shall be hundred per cent;
 - ii. the University and institute, which are already having more than fifteen per cent All-India Quota seats, shall continue to maintain that quota;
 - iii. Five per cent. of the annual sanctioned intake capacity in Government and Government-aided institutions shall be filled up by candidate with specified disability in accordance with the provisions of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 (49 of 2016) and based on the merit list of NEET(UG)-2026.
3. For State/UT quota (85%), the seat matrix for Government, Management, NRI quota etc., shall be as per respective State/UT policy; however, all admissions (except foreign nationals) shall be through counseling conducted by State/UT counseling authority.
 4. The Management seats under the State/UT Quota in Private Institutions shall be treated as domicile-free.

Reservation:

5. Category-wise reservation of seats shall be as per Central or State or UT Reservation Policy, as the case may be.
6. Reservation for allotment of 15% AIQ-UG seats in Private ASU&H Institutes:-All AIQ-UG seats of Private ASU & H Institutes are open in nature (all category candidates are eligible).

However, as mentioned in relevant regulations, the relaxation in qualifying criteria may be provided category-wise.

Counseling schedule:

7.State/UT counseling authorities shall follow the counseling schedule for the A.Y. 2026-27 as specified by NCISM/NCH for seamless admission process as given below:

Schedule for Central /State / UT Counseling

Rounds	Schedule for Admission	Central Counseling (AACCC)	State/UT Counseling
		All India quotas Govt. + Govt. Aided+ Deemed University+ Central University + National Institute	(including State/UT quota & All India Quota seats of Private Institutes)
Round-1	Counseling Process	31 st August 2026 to 16 th September, 2026	09 th September, 2026 to 24 th September, 2026
	Last date of joining	23 th September 2026	26 th September 2026
Round-2	Counseling Process	26 th September, 2026 to 2 nd October 2026	3 rd October, 2026 to 9 th October 2026
	Last date of joining	9 th October, 2026	14 th October, 2026
Round-3	Counseling Process	14 th October, 2026 to 23 rd October, 2026	24 rd October, 2026 to 29 th October, 2026
	Last date of joining	29 th October, 2026	03 rd November, 2026
Stray Vacancy Round (SVR-I)	Counseling Process	3 rd November, 2026 to 12 th November, 2026	Counseling and Seat Allotment - (12 th November, 2026 to 27 th November 2026)
	Last date of joining	18 th November, 2026	
Stray Vacancy Round (SVR-II)	Allotment Process	23 rd November, 2026	Last date of joining 30 th November, 2026 Note: State/UT counseling Authorities shall conduct sufficient phases of stray vacancy rounds to fill the vacant seats, considering the number of available eligible candidates in the State/UT and availability of vacant seats within the cut-off date of admission as notified by the NCISM/NCH. (Refer Guideline-20)
	Last date of joining	30 th November, 2026	
Cut-off date of admission in ASU&H-UG courses for the A.Y 2026-27			30 th November 2026
Cut-off date for uploading the admitted students' data by the institutions on the NCISM/ NCH portal.			30 th November, 2026 (On or Before 6 PM)
Last date for data uploading of admitted students by counseling authorities on the State Ayush Admission Reporting inter phase of AACCC-UG Portal.			30 th November, 2026
Last date of data uploading of admitted students of all Rounds (institution-wise) by counseling authorities on the NCISM/NCH portal.			05 th December 2026

Detailed round-wise schedule to be prepared and uploaded by the Central /State/UT counseling authorities on their respective websites and give wide publicity.

Date of course commencement of the BAMS/BUMS/BSMS/BHMS: 2nd November, 2026

As per National Commission for Indian System of Medicine (National Examinations for Indian System of Medicine) Regulations, 2023 and National Commission for Homoeopathy Examination Regulations 2023.

*A penalty of ₹1,00,000 (Rupees One Lakh) per day shall be levied by the NCISM/NCH on colleges/institutes for failure to submit the admission data within 30th November, 2026 (On or Before 6 PM).

- ❖ It has been observed in past academic year that the schedule of State/UT Ayush Counseling is delayed as a result of which candidate find difficulties in making choice of college for admission/ becoming ineligible for Ayush Counseling/forfeiture of Security money thus inviting multiple grievances and litigations. In order to avoid it State/UT-Counseling authority/University need to begin their State/UT Ayush Counseling as per schedule specified.
- ❖ State/UT Ayush Counseling authority shall provide the data of vacant seat on the last day of reporting of every round to Central Govt. (AACCC, NCISM) to take analytical/calculative decision regarding counseling.

Counseling and Admissions:

8. All sanctioned/permitted seats by the Medical Assessment and Rating Board for Indian System of Medicine (MARBISM)/NCISM/Medical Assessment and Rating Board for Homoeopathy (MARBH)/NCH, irrespective of categories/reservations, are to be filled only through online counseling, i.e., Central/State/UT counseling as the case may be (except foreign nationals).
9. Ayush Admissions Central Counseling Committee (AACCC), NCISM will conduct "AIQ-UG Online Counseling" for admission to AIQ (15%) seats under State Govt. /Govt. Aided Colleges/Institutes, Central/Deemed Universities (Established under Central Act) and National Institutes of ASU&H streams.
10. The State/UT Counseling authorities shall conduct counseling for admission in 15% of AIQ-UG seats under Private ASU&H colleges/institutes/State Universities (other than Deemed Universities established under the Central Act). Further, State/UT Counseling shall be conducted in adherence to guidelines/schedule provided by NCISM/NCH to avoid the overlapping of the Schedule of AACCC counseling and State/UT counseling.
11. For State/UT Quota (85%), the seat matrix for Government, Management, NRI Quota etc., shall be as per respective State and UT policy; however, all admissions in all quotas (except foreign nationals) shall be through online counseling conducted by State/UT counseling authority.
12. Seat allotment in any category shall be as per inter-se-merit.
13. No candidate who has failed to obtain the minimum eligibility marks in NEET (UG)-2026 shall be eligible for admission to Undergraduate courses for the academic year 2026-27.
14. Qualification Criterion:(As per the ASU &H-UG Regulations in force at the time of admission)
 - (a) National Commission for Indian System of Medicine(Minimum Standards of Undergraduate Ayurveda Education) Regulations-2022
 - (b) National Commission for Indian System of Medicine (Minimum Standards of Undergraduate Unani Education) Regulations-2022
 - (c) National Commission for Indian System of Medicine(Minimum Standards of

Undergraduate Siddha Education) Regulations-2022

- (d) National Commission for Homeopathy (Homeopathy Graduate Degree Course- Bachelor Homeopathic Medicine and Surgery (B.H.M.S) Regulations-2022*
- (e) The National Commission for Homoeopathy (Homoeopathy Graduate Degree Course – Bachelor of Homoeopathic Medicine and Surgery (B.H.M.S.) Amendment Regulations 2025*
- (f) NCISM's BOA letter dated 19.08.2026*
- (g) NCISM's BUSS (Unani-U.G.Regl) letter dated*
- (h) NCISM's BUSS (SID-UG-MSE) letter dated*

For admission to ASU & H-UG Courses:

15. The eligibility to admission in ASU&H-UG courses should be as per the ASU&H-UG regulations and should be followed strictly. The details of qualifications for different categories are as follows:

- For ASU&H- UG Courses - the candidate shall have passed 10 +2 (or equivalent) with subjects of Physics, Chemistry, Biology or Biotechnology

16. No candidate shall be admitted to BAMS, BSMS, BUMS & BHMS Degree Courses unless he/she has attained the age of seventeen years on or before the 31st December of the year of his/her admission in the first year of the course. Further, there is no upper age limit for admission to ASU&H-UG courses.

17. In order to be eligible for admission to an undergraduate course for an academic year, it shall be necessary for a candidate to obtain minimum of marks at the 50th percentile in the 'National Eligibility cum Entrance Test' for the undergraduate course' held for the said academic year:

Provided that in respect of -

(a) candidates belonging to the Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes, the minimum marks shall be at the 40th percentile;

(b) candidates with benchmark disabilities specified under the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 (49 of 2016), the minimum marks shall be at 45th percentile in the case of the General category and 40th percentile in the case of the Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes.

18. No Authority or Institution shall admit any candidate to the Undergraduate courses in contravention of the criteria or procedure laid down in respect of admissions, and any admissions made in contravention shall be cancelled by the NCISM/NCH.

19. Any admissions made beyond/over and above the intake capacity sanctioned/permited by MARBISM/NCISM/MARBH/NCH for the said academic session shall not be approved.

20. Vide Court order dated 30.11.2023 in SCA No. 19485/2023 at High Court of Gujarat, the Court has observed that the authority has not provided any guidelines to fill the seats that remain vacant after the Stray Vacancy Round (SVR). To comply with the direction of the court, it is requested to all Central/State/UT counseling Authorities to conduct sufficient phase- wise allotments in stray vacancy round to fill the seats, considering the number of available candidates in the Central/State/UT merit list, whichever is applicable, and availability of vacant seats till the seats get filled within the cut-off date of admission as notified by the NCISM/NCH. The guidelines for State/UT counseling Authorities to conduct the SVR are as follows:

- a) Publication of non-reported /not-filled seats after R-3 on the State/UT counseling portal (wide publicity by any other means may also be adopted)
- b) Publication of ineligible list of candidates who have not complied with the

Central/State/UT counseling rules/norms

- c) Registration facility for non-registered candidates on the State/UT counseling portal
 - d) Choice filling facility, as applicable.
 - e) Allotment of seats is based on the merit and preferences of the candidates.
 - f) Publication of result on the State/UT counseling portal
 - g) Reporting at the allotted institute
21. After the first phase of allotment in SVR, publish the non-reported/not-filled seats on the State/UT counseling portal and conduct subsequent rounds to fill the vacant seats, if any, as per the procedure mentioned in the first phase allotment considering the availability of candidates. Eligible non-registered candidates shall be provided the registration facility for all rounds of SVR; however, the whole process of SVR allotment be completed within the time frame, and no admission after the cut-off date decided by NCISM/NCH shall be allowed/approved. The schedule for the last round of SVR shall be conducted in such a way that the allotted candidates will get sufficient time to report to the allotted institute before the cut-off date of admission decided by NCISM/NCH.
22. It has been observed in past few years, that different Hon'ble Courts use to grant relief to the candidates taking offline admission just before cut-off date of admission on the ground of technical glitch in State/UT-Ayush Counseling portal. Therefore, State/UT-Ayush Counseling Authorities portal must be technically sound for seamless online counseling and admissions of eligible candidates, till the process of admissions last.
23. **There shall not be any institute-level counseling through any mode. Any admissions made at the institute level shall not be approved by the NCISM/NCH/Concerned University, and the institute shall be penalized as per the provision laid down under sub-section (1)(a)(f) of section 28 of the NCISM Act 2020/NCH Act 2020.**
24. There shall not be any offline admission or admission without counseling (Central/State/UT), and any admissions in contravention of this shall not be approved.
25. Admission made in violation of the NCISM / NCH directives will be treated as invalid, and action will be initiated under the NCISM Act, 2020 / NCH Act, 2020.
26. Institutes will be held responsible in case students face hardship due to admission irregularities such as offline admissions, admission without counseling, and admission beyond sanctioned intake capacity. In such case, students shall be discharged from the course and institution, and the institute will be subjected to face consequences as per the provision laid down under the sub-section (1) (a) (f) of section 28 of NCISM Act 2020/NCH Act 2020, and the person responsible will be prosecuted as per the section of IPC/BNS concerned, whichever is applicable.
27. **Admissions shall not be approved by any means after the cut-off date and time for admission as specified by NCISM/NCH.**
28. No authority has the power to extend or modify the cut-off date of admission specified by NCISM/NCH, and such admissions shall not be approved.
29. No authority has the power to modify the intake capacity for admission into UG courses in ASU&H colleges sanctioned by MARBISM/NCISM/MARBH/NCH.
30. State/UT Counseling Authorities may direct ASU&H colleges/institutes to ensure the eligibility of the candidate as laid down in respective NCISM (MSE-UG) Regulations 2022 and NCISM letter ref NCISM's letter no. BOA/2-B/UG/2026,11-76/2021-BUSS(Unani-U.G. Regl.), NCISM's letter no.18-12/2021-BUSS(SID-UG-MSE) dated 20.08.2026 for Ayurveda, Siddha & Unani for admissions in ASU-UG courses and NCH (Homoeopathy Graduate Degree Course – Bachelor of Homoeopathic Medicine and Surgery (B.H.M.S). Regulations- 2022 and The National Commission for Homoeopathy (Homoeopathy Graduate Degree Course – Bachelor of Homoeopathic Medicine and Surgery (B.H.M.S.)

Amendment Regulations 2025 for admissions in Homoeopathy-UG courses by proper scrutiny of the relevant original certificates and documents at the time of admission.

31. AACCC will circulate the list of ineligible candidates to the State/UT counseling Authority during the 3rd & Stray Vacancy Round (SVR-I & II) of AACCC-UG counseling to prevent them from participating in the State/UT counseling. **State/UT Counseling Authorities need to ensure that such candidates have not been allotted any seat through any rounds of State/UT counseling for admission in ASU&H-UG courses.**
32. State/UT Counseling Authorities may direct ASU&H colleges/institutes to ensure the authenticity and correctness of the details of admitted students before completing the admission procedures. Further, the ASU&H colleges/institutes should be instructed not to allow admissions without original documents. No modifications/ corrections after the cut-off date and time of admission as specified by NCISM/NCH shall be entertained.
33. The State/UT Counseling authorities have to submit a list of admitted students (i.e. college-wise consolidated list of admitted students through all rounds of counseling) to NCISM/NCH within specified date as mentioned in the schedule from the cut-off date of admission in the format and in the manner as prescribed by NCISM/NCH.
34. All State/UT Counseling Authorities are requested to see the website of AACCC (www.aaccc.gov.in), from time to time for AACCC-UG counseling scheme & FAQs, Schedule, and any updates/notices uploaded regarding the All India Quota-ASU&H-UG counseling for the A.Y 2026-27.
35. The State/ UT counseling for ASU&H-UG Courses shall be started only after Central Counseling has commenced, in accordance with the schedule issued by NCISM/NCH.
36. In past few years, the student helpline center of AACCC, receive lot of grievances from candidates participating in State/UT-Ayush Counseling that is outside the purview of Central Ayush Counseling Authority. Therefore, State/UT Counseling Authority must run an effective Query Redressal System to facilitate the counseling and admission process of UG courses and provide the email ID & Phone no of the same on the State/UT Counseling Authority's website.
37. **State Ayush Admissions Reporting Portal:** All State/UT counseling Authorities are requested to upload the round-wise data on admissions made through State/UT counseling under 85% of State/UT Quota seats of State Govt./Govt. Aided colleges and 100% seats of Private Institutions of Ayurveda, Siddha, Unani and Homoeopathy streams all over the Country on the interphase of the AACCC-UG portal.

Determination of fees and other charges in case of ASU&H colleges/institutes under NCISM/NCH:

38. The fee for 50 percentage (50%) of total sanctioned/permitted seats in Private ASU&H medical colleges/institutes and deemed universities which are governed under the NCISM Act, 2020/NCH Act, 2020, is to be determined by Fee fixation/Regulatory Committee (FRC) of the respective State/UT/Deemed University as per the guidelines for "Determination of fee and all other charges" prescribed by NCISM (BUSS/Fee/ASU/2022-23 dated 16-09-2022), and NCH (F.No 1-11/2022/NCH/10322-10331 dated 23.11.2022) which has been implemented from the A.Y 2022-23 onwards.

Tuition fee:

39. All State/UT Counseling authorities are requested to ensure that the tuition fee, as laid down and fixed by respective governing or fee fixation committees as applicable, shall be charged in each academic session for four and half years only by the institutes. No tuition fee shall be charged for extended study duration in case of failing examinations or for any other reasons, and there shall not be any fee for internship training at the same institute.

40. All Central/State/UT Counseling authorities are requested to ensure that the college should display tuition fees, hostel fees, and other fees, if any, on the institute's website and the Institute profile while uploading to the Central/State/UT counseling Portal. The same is to be charged from the student at the time of admission. No other charges other than the displayed fees should be charged / collected.

II. Directives for State/UT counseling for admission in 15% of AIQ-UG seats under Private ASU&H colleges/institutes/State Universities (other than Deemed Universities established under the Central Act)

1. State/UT Counseling authorities shall conduct counseling for 15% of AIQ-UG seats under Private ASU&H colleges/institutes/State Universities (other than Deemed Universities established under Central Act).
2. State/UT Counseling Authorities have to conduct counseling for admission in 15% of AIQ-UG seats under Private ASU&H colleges/institutes/ State Universities (other than Deemed Universities established under Central Act) in adherence with guidelines/schedule provided by NCISM/NCH to avoid the overlapping of the schedule of AACCC counseling and State or UT counseling.
3. State/UT counseling authorities should give wider publicity among NEET (UG)- 2026 qualified ASU&H-UG aspirants regarding the registration process of counseling & provide sufficient time for registration before each round of counseling for admission in AIQ-UG seats of Private ASU&H Institutes.
4. State/UT may decide on an all-inclusive application Cost/Non-refundable Registration Fee for counseling for admission in ASU&H-UG seats for all category students. However, the maximum ceiling limit for this fee will be Rs 2000/-.
5. State/UT may decide on refundable security money, which will be refunded to candidates after joining the allotted college or if the candidate does not get any seat during counseling. However, the maximum ceiling limit for this fee will be Rs. 50,000/- for UG seats.
6. Central Govt. receives multiple grievances on non-refund of Security money to eligible candidates of State/UT-Ayush Counseling. State/UT Ayush Counseling authorities need to refund the collected security amount to the eligible candidates in time bound manner after completion of Counseling.
7. State/UT counseling authorities shall conduct 3 rounds of counseling for admission in 15% of All India Quota (AIQ) UG seats of Private ASU&H Institutes/Private State Universities (other than Deemed Universities established under the Central Act). The AIQ seats that remain vacant after the Third round of State/UT counseling may be transferred and converted to the State/UT quota seats, and the same shall be filled up in further rounds as per State Government norms/ rules.
8. No domicile certificate is required for allotment of AIQ-UG seats of Private ASU &H Institutes.
9. For PwBD candidates, the PwBD certificate should be as per the guidelines issued vide NCISM letter ref 1/2/2026-AACCC dated 20.08.2026/NCH letter ref 1-2/2026-AACCC dated 20.08.2026 (Available on counseling website (www.aaccc.gov.in)).
10. The admission on any other reserved quota seats in State shall be through Counseling authority designated by Central/State/UT Govt. only. Admissions done through any committee/local body/private organization members shall not be approved by NCISM/NCH.

B. DIRECTIVES FOR UNIVERSITIES

1. In case of admission in Ayurveda, Siddha, Unani, and Homoeopathy courses, the University shall approve the admissions made by any college/institute with proper permission from the MARBISM/NCISM/MARBH/NCH for the academic session 2026-2026.
2. The University shall not approve the admissions made by the colleges/institutes under the following conditions:
 - Offline admissions
 - Admissions without counseling(Central/State/UT);
 - Admissions after the cut-off-date,
 - Admissions beyond sanctioned intake capacity.
 - Admissions without original mandatory documents
3. There shall not be any institute-level counseling through any mode. Any admissions made at the institute level shall not be approved by the NCISM/NCH/Concerned University and the institute shall be penalized as per the provision laid down under sub-section (1)(a)(f) of section 28 of the NCISM Act 2020/NCH Act 2020.

C. DIRECTIVES FOR COLLEGES/INSTITUTES

1. No candidate who has failed to obtain the minimum eligibility marks in NEET (UG)-2026 shall be admitted to ASU&H Undergraduate courses for the academic year 2026-27.

2. There shall not be any institute-level counseling through any mode. Any admissions made at the institute level shall not be approved by the NCISM/NCH/Concerned University. Any such admissions made in contravention to the directives/guidelines issued by the NCISM/NCH, the institute shall be penalized as per the provision laid down under the sub-section (1)(a)(f) of section 28 of NCISM Act 2020/NCH Act 2020.

3. There shall not be any offline admission or admission without counseling (Central/State/UT), or admission beyond sanctioned intake capacity, and any admissions in contravention of this shall not be approved.

4. Admission made in violation of the NCISM/NCH directives will be treated as invalid, and action will be initiated under the NCISM Act, 2020/NCH Act, 2020.

5. Institutes will be held responsible in case students face hardship due to admission irregularities such as offline admissions, admission without counseling, and admission beyond sanctioned intake capacity etc. In such cases, students shall be discharged from the course and institution. The institute will be subjected to face consequences as per the provision laid down under sub-section (1) (a) (f) of section 28 of NCISM Act 2020/NCH Act 2020. The persons responsible will be prosecuted as per the section of IPC/BNS concerned, whichever is applicable.

6. ASU&H colleges/institutes should ensure the candidate's eligibility as laid down in respective regulations as mentioned in these guidelines and proper scrutiny of the relevant original certificates and documents at the time of admission.

7. It is requested that all participating institutes must visit Central (AACCC-UG portal : www.aaccc.gov.in), and the concerned State/UT counseling portal from time to time for counseling scheme & FAQs, Schedule and any updates/notices regarding UG counseling 2026-27.

8. ASU&H colleges/institutes should ensure the authenticity and correctness of the details of admitted students before completing admission procedures. No modifications/ corrections after the cut-off date and time of admission as specified by NCISM/NCH shall be entertained.

9. The colleges should follow the Central/State/UT counseling schedule and upload the details of admitted students and non-reported/vacant seats, if any, for each round on the concerned counseling authority portal, even on holidays.

10. The list of all admitted students with all details shall be uploaded and submitted to NCISM/NCH in the format prescribed by NCISM/NCH **on or before 06:00 PM on the cut-off date** (30th November, 2026) for admission as specified by NCISM/NCH.

As per National Commission for Indian System of Medicine (National Examinations for Indian System of Medicine) Regulations, 2023 and National Commission for Homoeopathy Examination Regulations 2023.

11. The college shall display tuition fees, hostel fees, and other fees, if any, on the institute's website and on the Institute profile while uploading on the Central/State/UT counseling portal as applicable. The same is to be charged from the student at the time of admission. No other charges other than the displayed fees should be collected from the candidates.

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Abbreviations:-

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| 1. ASU&H | - | Ayurveda, Siddha, Unani & Homoeopathy. |
| 2. AIQ | - | All India Quota |
| 3. AACCC | - | Ayush Admission Central Counselling Committee |
| 4. FAQ | - | Frequently Asked Question |
| 5. GoI | - | Government of India |
| 6. MARBISM | - | Medical Assessment and Rating Board for Indian System of Medicine |
| 7. MARBH | - | Medical Assessment and Rating Board for Homoeopathy |
| 8. NCISM | - | National Commission for Indian System of Medicine |
| 9. NCH | - | National Commission for Homoeopathy |
| 10. NRI | - | Non Resident Indian |
| 11. NEET | - | National Eligibility cum Entrance Test |
| 12. UT | - | Union Territory |
| 13. UG | - | Undergraduate |
| 14. SVR | - | Stray Vacancy Round |
| 15. IPC | - | Indian Penal Code |
| 16. BNS | - | Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita |