



**INDIA OMAN COOPERATION IN TRADITIONAL MEDICINE:
STRATEGIC INTEGRATION PATHWAYS FOR AYURVEDA AND
INDIGENOUS HEALING SYSTEMS**

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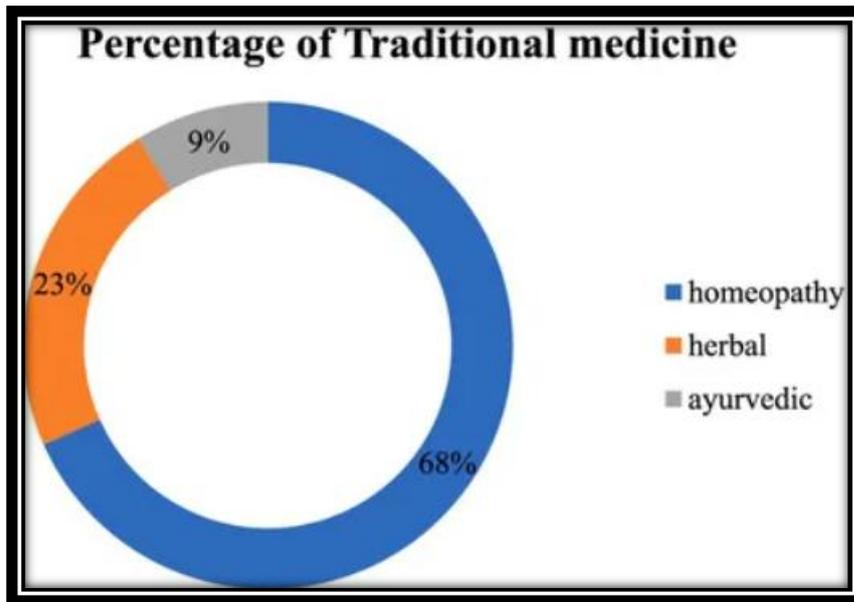
Executive Summary

This white paper explores the transformative potential of India Oman cooperation in traditional medicine, focusing on Ayurveda, Unani, Siddha, and Oman's rich heritage of frankincense based healing. With India's AYUSH sector valued at USD 24 billion in 2024 and the GCC medical tourism market projected to reach USD 22.2 billion by 2033, the convergence of Indian traditional medicine expertise with Oman's strategic position as a wellness hub presents unprecedented opportunities. This document provides data driven analysis and actionable recommendations for enterprises to integrate traditional medicine offerings across both markets, creating sustainable business models while preserving ancient healing wisdom.

1. Introduction

Traditional medicine represents the convergence of ancient wisdom and modern wellness aspirations. India and Oman, two nations with over 5,000 years of documented healing traditions, stand at a unique juncture where their complementary strengths can create a new paradigm in global holistic healthcare. The bilateral relationship between these nations, strengthened by centuries of maritime trade and cultural exchange, now extends into the realm of traditional medicine with remarkable potential for mutual benefit.

India's traditional medicine systems Ayurveda, Yoga, Unani, Siddha, and Homeopathy, collectively known as AYUSH have experienced remarkable renaissance over the past decade. The sector has grown exponentially from USD 2.85 billion in 2014 to USD 24 billion in 2024, demonstrating both domestic adoption and international recognition. This growth trajectory reflects a global shift toward preventive healthcare, natural therapies, and holistic wellness approaches that address the root causes of disease rather than merely treating symptoms.



Simultaneously, Oman's traditional healing heritage, centered on the therapeutic use of frankincense (Boswellia sacra), myrrh, and indigenous Arabian herbs, offers unique compounds

recognized worldwide for their medicinal properties. The Sultanate's frankincense from the Dhofar region is considered the finest globally, with UNESCO World Heritage recognition for its historical and cultural significance. This natural resource, combined with Oman's strategic geographic position as a gateway to the Gulf Cooperation Council markets, creates compelling opportunities for bilateral cooperation that can reshape the traditional medicine landscape across the Middle East.

The synergy between India's comprehensive traditional medicine infrastructure and Oman's role as a potential regional hub presents unprecedented business opportunities. With bilateral trade reaching USD 10.61 billion in FY 2024-25 and a Joint Vision Partnership for the Future signed in December 2023 specifically identifying Oman as a potential central hub for Ayurveda in the Middle East, the political will and economic foundation for cooperation are firmly established. Furthermore, the presence of over 620,000 Indians in Oman creates a cultural bridge that facilitates the adoption of traditional medicine practices while providing a ready market for authentic Ayurvedic products and services.

This white paper outlines strategic pathways for enterprises and businesses to capitalize on this convergence. It provides detailed analysis of what each nation brings to the partnership, examines existing cooperation frameworks, and presents twelve unique, constructive, and doable recommendations that can generate substantial economic value while advancing global wellness objectives. Each recommendation is supported by implementation strategies, financial projections, and measurable outcomes that demonstrate both commercial viability and social impact.

2. Historical Cooperation and Current Trade Overview

2.1 Existing Framework and Regulatory Recognition

The foundation for India - Oman cooperation in traditional medicine rests on solid regulatory ground. Ayurveda has been approved as a legitimate medical system in Gulf countries including Saudi Arabia, Oman, Bahrain, and Qatar, with licensed practitioners and therapists authorized to practice professionally. More significantly, Ayurveda consultations, medicines, and therapies are covered under medical insurance in these countries, removing a critical barrier to market penetration and signaling official recognition of traditional medicine's therapeutic value.

In Oman specifically, multiple licensed Ayurveda centers operate in major cities including Muscat, Salalah, and Sohar, providing a range of traditional treatments to both local populations and expatriate communities. Prominent Indian institutions such as Kottakkal Arya Vaidya Sala have established branches in Hamriya and Sohar, bringing authentic Ayurvedic formulations and treatment protocols to Omani patients. The Al Manar Ayurvedic Centre, established in 2017, has emerged as a leading supplier of Indian medicine not only in Oman but also in the broader UAE market, demonstrating the commercial viability of traditional medicine enterprises in the Gulf region.

The acceptance of traditional medicine in Oman extends beyond commercial presence to genuine patient adoption. Statistics indicate that approximately 10 to 15 percent of Omanis traveling to Kerala for medical purposes specifically seek alternative treatments, primarily Ayurvedic therapies for chronic conditions, wellness enhancement, and rejuvenation. This patient flow represents both an opportunity and a challenge while it demonstrates strong demand for authentic Ayurvedic treatments, it also indicates that local capacity in Oman is insufficient to meet this demand, creating economic leakage as health tourism spending flows to India rather than remaining within Oman's economy.

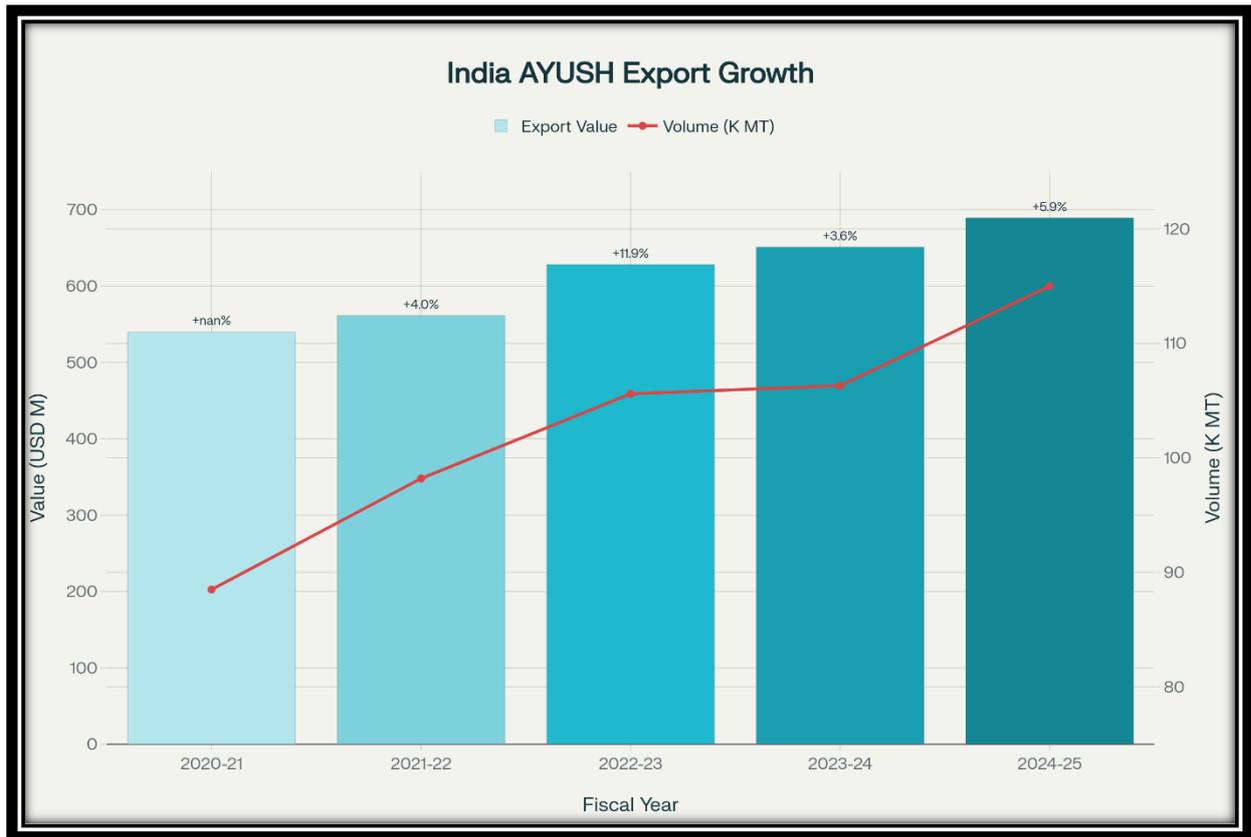
India's traditional medicine infrastructure has expanded globally through systematic government efforts. The country has signed 25 bilateral agreements and 52 institutional partnerships for AYUSH worldwide, establishing 43 AYUSH Information Cells across 39 countries to promote awareness and facilitate cooperation. These diplomatic and institutional frameworks provide templates and mechanisms that can be leveraged for deeper India - Oman engagement, particularly in areas such as regulatory harmonization, practitioner licensing, and quality standards for traditional medicine products.

2.2 Trade Dynamics and Export Patterns

India's traditional medicine export sector has demonstrated robust growth over recent years, reflecting increasing global acceptance of Ayurvedic and herbal products. Export value of Ayurvedic and herbal products from India reached approximately 651 million U.S. dollars in fiscal year 2024, representing steady growth from USD 479.6 million in FY21 to USD 606.2 million in FY23. These products are currently exported to 150 countries globally, with major markets including the United States, Germany, United Arab Emirates, and other GCC countries, positioning India as a significant player in the global natural health products industry.

The product categories driving this export growth encompass a diverse range of traditional medicine offerings. Ayurvedic formulations and herbal supplements constitute the largest category, followed by essential oils and aromatherapy products that leverage India's biodiversity and extraction expertise. Personal care and cosmetics represent a rapidly growing segment, as global consumers increasingly seek natural alternatives to synthetic beauty products. Herbal teas and functional foods appeal to wellness-conscious consumers, while raw herbs and botanical extracts serve as ingredients for international manufacturers formulating their own traditional medicine products.

However, despite this overall growth trajectory, India's current export volume to Oman specifically remains relatively modest compared to the potential market size. This gap presents significant opportunity for expansion, particularly given Oman's role as a distribution hub for the broader GCC market. The existing trade flows demonstrate proof of concept and market acceptance, while the untapped potential suggests that strategic interventions such as those recommended in this white paper could multiply trade volumes significantly within a five year timeframe.



2.3 Oman's Traditional Medicine Heritage

Oman's traditional healing heritage centers on frankincense, known locally as luban, which has been harvested from *Boswellia sacra* trees in the Dhofar region for over 6,000 years. *Boswellia sacra*, which grows exclusively in Oman's Dhofar region and to a lesser extent in Yemen, is generally agreed to produce the finest frankincense globally. The premium Hojari grade, characterized by bright citrus colored tears and producing citrus aroma with woody and balsamic tones, commands the highest prices in international markets and is reserved for therapeutic applications rather than mere incense burning.

The therapeutic applications of Omani frankincense are extensive and well documented in traditional medicine systems spanning multiple cultures. Traditional uses include treatment of arthritis, rheumatism, ulcers, asthma, bronchitis, gastrointestinal disorders, tumors, cancers, infertility, mood disorders, anxiety, depression, and memory loss. Modern scientific research has validated many of these traditional applications, identifying boswellic acids as the primary bioactive compounds responsible for frankincense's anti-inflammatory, anti-cancer, and neuroprotective properties. Omani frankincense typically contains the highest concentrations of AKBA globally, reaching up to 58%, which explains its superior therapeutic efficacy.

Beyond frankincense, Oman possesses diverse traditional healing resources that remain underutilized commercially. Myrrh, another aromatic resin with antimicrobial and anti-inflammatory properties, grows in several Omani regions. Various medicinal plants found in the Dhofar mountains and Jabal Al Akhdhar offer therapeutic compounds that have been used in traditional Omani medicine for generations. Natural hot springs in multiple locations provide opportunities for therapeutic bathing treatments, while mountain caves with unique microclimates have traditionally been used for treating respiratory conditions. Desert environments offer sand therapy potential for joint conditions, and the marine coastline provides resources for thalassotherapy applications.

Oman's traditional healing practices also include methodologies that parallel systems found in Ayurveda and other traditional medicines. Traditional heat therapy practices like Wasam are similar to Ayurveda's Agnikarma (therapeutic cauterization). Hijama, or cupping therapy, is widely practiced for various conditions. Herbal medicine preparations using local plants follow traditional formulation methods passed down through generations. Prophetic medicine traditions, rooted in Islamic teachings, guide the use of specific foods and natural substances for health maintenance. These indigenous practices provide a foundation upon which modern traditional medicine enterprises can build, creating culturally relevant offerings that resonate with Omani consumers while maintaining therapeutic efficacy.

The UNESCO World Heritage recognition of the "Land of Frankincense" in Dhofar, which includes ancient incense trade routes and archaeological sites, provides cultural legitimacy and marketing potential for traditional medicine products based on Omani resources. The government has implemented protection programs for *Boswellia sacra* trees, including sustainability initiatives that ensure harvesting practices do not damage trees or compromise future frankincense production. These conservation efforts guarantee the long term availability of high quality frankincense for therapeutic applications while positioning Oman as a responsible steward of natural resources.

2.4 Bilateral Vision and Political Commitment

The December 2023 India - Oman Joint Vision Partnership for the Future represents a watershed moment for traditional medicine cooperation. During high - level discussions, both leaders specifically discussed the possibility of Oman becoming a central hub for Ayurveda in the Middle East, given the traditional Indian system of medicine's growing popularity in the region. This explicit political commitment from the highest levels of government creates an

enabling environment for private sector investment and institutional collaboration that would otherwise face significant bureaucratic and regulatory obstacles.

The Vision document identifies several key cooperation areas that directly support traditional medicine integration. Manufacturing generic medicines and traditional formulations in Oman can leverage India's pharmaceutical expertise while utilizing Oman's strategic location for GCC market access. Health services collaboration encompasses not only conventional medicine but explicitly includes traditional and complementary medicine systems. Medical tourism and wellness cooperation recognizes the commercial potential of health travel between the two nations and positions wellness tourism as a priority sector. Knowledge transfer and capacity building acknowledges the need for systematic training of Omani practitioners and therapists in Indian traditional medicine systems. Research and innovation in traditional medicine opens pathways for joint clinical studies, product development, and scientific validation of traditional therapies.

This political framework translates into practical advantages for businesses and enterprises seeking to operate in the traditional medicine space. Regulatory approvals that might otherwise take years can be expedited through government to government channels. Investment proposals receive priority consideration from relevant ministries and agencies. Land allocation for wellness projects benefits from streamlined processes. Visa facilitation for Indian practitioners and patients traveling for treatment becomes more predictable and accessible. Most importantly, the explicit political commitment signals to private investors and institutional partners that India - Oman traditional medicine cooperation is a strategic priority with long - term government support, reducing political risk and increasing investment confidence.

3. What India Brings to the Table

3.1 Comprehensive AYUSH Ecosystem and Market Scale

India has developed a uniquely extensive traditional medicine ecosystem supported by rapid market expansion, institutional infrastructure, and manufacturing capacity. The AYUSH sector grew from USD 2.85 billion (2014) to USD 24 billion (2024), with projections of USD 34.48 billion by 2030 at a 6.75% CAGR; domestic market momentum between 2014 - 2020 reached 17% CAGR with a valuation of USD 43.4 billion. The Ministry of AYUSH (est. 2014) and the

WHO Global Centre for Traditional Medicine in Jamnagar anchor India's role as the global leader in traditional medicine research and standardization. A network of national institutes including the All India Institute of Ayurveda, CCRAS, and specialized Unani, Siddha, Homoeopathy, and Yoga institutions supports clinical validation, practitioner training, and research. Manufacturing strength includes 7,800+ licensed units producing over 25,000 classical and proprietary herbal formulations, supported by GMP compliant facilities, analytical laboratories, and standardized quality-control systems.

3.2 Ancient Knowledge Systems and Therapeutic Expertise

Ayurveda provides a 5,000 year old, constitution-based, preventive and therapeutic medical system focused on metabolic balance and root cause correction, supported by canonical texts such as Charaka Samhita, Sushruta Samhita, and Ashtanga Hridaya. Therapies such as Elakizhi, Pizhichil, Podikizhi, and Panchakarma offer high efficacy for musculoskeletal disorders, degenerative diseases, metabolic conditions, dermatological issues, neurological and psychological disorders, and reproductive and fertility concerns many of which are prevalent in GCC countries. Complementary systems expand the therapeutic spectrum: Yoga (234.4 million participants in 192 countries) offers evidence based preventive and disease specific protocols; Naturopathy provides hydrotherapy, mud therapy, and diet therapy; Unani aligns with Arabic Persian medical traditions familiar to Middle Eastern populations; Siddha delivers mineral based pharmacology suited for specific chronic conditions.

3.3 Human Resource Excellence and Cultural Competence

India's human resource base comprises over 755,780 registered AYUSH practitioners supported by 886 undergraduate and 251 postgraduate colleges producing BAMS trained physicians versed in traditional systems and modern medical sciences. Specialized cadres include Panchakarma therapists, yoga instructors with international certifications, naturopathy practitioners, and Marma therapists, enabling deployment of comprehensive traditional medicine centres abroad. Extensive experience treating international patients enhances cultural adaptability, communication proficiency, and sensitivity to GCC social norms. Practitioners routinely deliver halal compliant formulations, integrate family oriented care models, and

maintain high English language proficiency, strengthening suitability for Omani and broader GCC healthcare environments.

3.4 Medical Tourism Infrastructure and Cost Competitiveness

India's medical tourism framework includes the Ayush Visa and the Heal in India platform, facilitating streamlined access for foreign patients. Leading destinations Kerala, Rishikesh, Bengaluru, Pune, Coimbatore, and Goa offer accredited, authentic Ayurvedic and integrative wellness facilities across budget and premium tiers. Cost competitiveness remains a decisive advantage: Panchakarma programs in India (USD 1,500 - 3,000) cost 60 - 70% less than Western equivalents (USD 5,000 - 8,000), while 14 - 21 day wellness packages fall in the USD 2,000 - 5,000 range. Herbal formulations are 30 - 50% cheaper than Western supplements due to efficient production and large scale manufacturing.

4. What Oman Brings to the Table

4.1 Frankincense: Global Therapeutic Treasure and Unique Resource

Oman's greatest traditional medicine asset is **Boswellia sacra frankincense from Dhofar**, globally regarded as the highest grade therapeutic resin. Its **premium Hojari variety**, marked by citrus colored tears and a distinctive citrus woody aroma, contains **exceptionally high boswellic acids especially AKBA reaching up to 58%**, far surpassing other regions. These compounds drive scientifically validated **anti - inflammatory, anti - cancer, bronchodilatory, gut - healing, and neuroprotective effects**, supporting uses in arthritis, asthma, IBD, cognitive decline, and systemic inflammation. Frankincense's long standing role in **TCM, Ayurveda, and Arabian medicine**, combined with multiple formats (resin, extracts, essential oils), enhances its therapeutic versatility.

UNESCO's recognition of Dhofar's "Land of Frankincense" strengthens its cultural legitimacy and provides a powerful branding narrative rooted in 6,000 years of global trade connecting Arabia with India, China, Egypt, and Rome. Oman's sustainable harvesting programs further secure long term supply and environmental responsibility critical for high value wellness product positioning. Beyond frankincense, Oman hosts commercially untapped medicinal assets including **myrrh, indigenous desert botanicals, date - palm derivatives**, along with

natural hot springs and therapeutic microclimates offering opportunities for new product lines and wellness tourism development.

4.2 Strategic Geographic Positioning and Market Access

Oman's central Gulf location and strong connectivity make it an ideal **regional hub** for traditional medicine products and services. It provides direct access to the **GCC medical tourism market growing from USD 8.7 billion (2024) to USD 22.2 billion (2033)**, and the **MENA wellness tourism market expanding at 13.4% annually to USD 10.7 billion**, with wellness travelers spending **44% more** than average tourists. Supporting infrastructure includes modern airports, Duqm Port as a logistics base, efficient road networks, and high quality tourism facilities, complemented by Oman's reputation for safety and stability.

The **India–Oman Joint Vision (2023)** identifies Oman as the Middle East's potential **Ayurveda hub**, aligning with Vision 2040's diversification focus on wellness tourism. This policy synergy creates a supportive environment where traditional medicine enterprises encounter facilitation rather than regulatory friction accelerating market entry and expansion.

4.3 Growing Wellness Market and Consumer Characteristics

Oman's wellness and medical tourism sector is expanding due to its natural landscapes, emerging retreat culture, and **50 - 70% lower treatment costs** compared to Western countries. Hot springs and unique natural sites offer authentic experiences attractive to high value visitors. Key customer groups include **high spending GCC nationals**, European wellness tourists seeking genuine Arabian healing traditions, the **620,000 + Indian diaspora**, and short distance GCC travelers preferring Oman over longer trips to India.

Compared to saturated markets like UAE or Thailand, Oman offers first mover advantages and a distinct Arabian wellness identity centered on frankincense and regional healing traditions. Its alignment with Islamic cultural norms, gender sensitive facilities, and halal certified wellness products gives it a natural competitive edge in GCC markets.

4.4 Government Support, Regulatory Environment, and Investment

Oman's regulatory environment strongly supports traditional medicine collaboration. **Vision 2040** prioritizes wellness tourism, while **Ayurveda's insurance coverage** ensures affordable access and a reliable revenue base. Licensing frameworks for traditional practitioners ensure quality standards and patient safety.

The investment climate encourages foreign participation through **FDI friendly policies**, tourism tax incentives, land allocation for wellness projects, PPP opportunities, medical visas for foreign patients, and fast tracked hiring of Indian AYUSH professionals. Oversight by the Oman Accreditation Council ensures internationally aligned safety, malpractice, confidentiality, and informed consent standards, enabling both patient trust and high quality service delivery.

4.5 Cultural Advantages and Market Readiness

Oman's **large Indian diaspora** drives immediate demand for Ayurveda and serves as cultural ambassadors, workforce supply, and facilitators of India - Oman supply chains. With a **per capita income of USD 25,060**, Omani consumers have strong purchasing power and a growing preference for preventive and holistic wellness. Insurance coverage reduces price sensitivity, while many Omanis already travel to Kerala for premium Ayurvedic care showing high willingness to pay for authenticity.

Cultural compatibility reinforces this readiness: Omani patients exhibit strong trust in Indian medicine, follow Ayurvedic diet and lifestyle advice diligently, and share family centered healthcare values. Ayurveda's natural food diet aligns well with halal principles, and long historical ties between India and Oman further enhance acceptance of Indian traditional medicine.

5. Recommendation :

Recommendation 1: India - Oman Frankincense - Ayurveda Product Development Center

Concept:

Establish a joint R&D and product innovation centre in Salalah/Muscat to combine Omani frankincense/myrrh with Ayurveda. Indian AYUSH firms contribute formulation science,

manufacturing expertise, and standardization; Oman contributes premium *Boswellia sacra*, heritage knowledge, and GCC market insight.

Outputs:

Six major product lines:

1. **Anti-inflammatory** (Boswellic acid + Curcumin + Ashwagandha)
2. **Respiratory health** (Frankincense + Vasaka + Tulsi)
3. **Cognitive wellness** (Frankincense + Brahmi + Shankhapushpi)
4. **Premium skincare** (Frankincense EO + Kumkumadi + Manjistha)
5. **Digestive health** (Myrrh + Ayurvedic gut formulations)
6. **Stress management** (Frankincense aromatherapy + adaptogens)

Rigorous clinical validation, bioavailability optimization, and IP portfolio (25 - 30 patents).

Impact/Outcome:

- USD 50 - 75M revenue by Year 5
- 200+ high skilled jobs
- 100+ proprietary formulations
- Oman becomes global hub for frankincense based therapeutic products
- Strong India - Oman co branded wellness identity

Recommendation 2: Oman Ayurveda Wellness City – Flagship Destination

Concept:

Create a 100 - 150 acre integrated Ayurveda Wellness City near Salalah/Nizwa with 200 – 300 bed Ayurveda hospital, Panchakarma village, diagnostics, yoga meditation centres, luxury resort, organic herb farms, frankincense museum, and training academy.

Outputs:

- Residential Panchakarma centre
- Ayurvedic hospital with imaging & labs

- Herb gardens + local cultivation trials
- On site medicine manufacturing
- Degree + certificate courses
- Research centre for integrative medicine

Impact/Outcome:

- 800 - 1000 direct jobs + 2,000+ indirect
- 25,000 medical tourists per year
- Oman positioned as Middle East's Ayurveda capital
- Agriculture diversification via herb cultivation

Recommendation 3: Mobile Ayurveda Wellness Clinics for Rural Oman

Concept:

Deploy 25 - 30 mobile Ayurveda clinics covering 40% rural Oman. Each unit staffed with an Ayurvedic doctor, therapist, and support personnel, offering consultations, basic therapy, chronic care, yoga, and women's health services.

Outputs:

- Monthly rotation across governorates
- Digital health records + telemedicine links to India
- AI supported diagnosis
- Disease management for diabetes, arthritis, gut disorders

Impact/Outcome:

- Health access for 2M rural citizens
- 150k - 200k screenings annually
- 75k - 100k treated patients/year
- 20 - 25% reduction in avoidable hospitalizations

- 150 + jobs, rural health literacy boost

Recommendation 4: India - Oman Traditional Medicine Export Consortium

Concept:

A consortium of 25 - 30 Indian AYUSH companies using Oman as the GCC distribution hub. Shared warehousing, logistics, regulatory compliance centre, and unified marketing brand.

Outputs:

- Central GCC regulatory & QA unit
- Unified brand (“Ayurveda Arabia”)
- Distribution across UAE, KSA, Qatar, Bahrain, Kuwait
- Joint participation in GCC expos
- 500 + product registrations

Impact/Outcome:

- 60 - 70% reduction in market entry cost for MSMEs
- Presence in 2,000 + retail outlets
- 50 + MSMEs gain GCC access
- 300 + jobs in logistics, marketing, regulation

Recommendation 5: Ayurveda - Frankincense Spa Franchise Network

Concept:

A franchise based spa chain “Frankincense & Lotus Wellness Spa” across Oman and GCC. Standardised therapies using frankincense infused Ayurvedic oils.

Outputs:

- Signature treatments (Shirodhara, Abhyanga, Marma therapy)
- 3 - 7 day detox programmes

- Corporate wellness offerings
- Central Training Academy in Muscat/Salalah
- Standardized sourcing from Indian AYUSH firms + Omani frankincense cooperatives

Impact/Outcome:

- 20 spas in Oman + 50 across GCC by Year 5
- 300 - 400 jobs in spa network
- Strong Indo - Omani wellness brand
- Increased local female workforce participation

Recommendation 6: Ayurvedic Medicine Registration Fast-Track Program

Concept:

Bilateral fast - track regulatory pathway with three categories:

- A. Classical medicines (90 days)
- B. Proprietary medicines (180 days)
- C. Cosmetics/wellness (60 days)

Mutual recognition of Indian AYUSH licenses, WHO - GMP, and lab tests.

Outputs:

- Online portal for submission
- Joint India - Oman regulatory committee
- Pilot for first 50 products
- Standardized documentation package

Impact/Outcome:

- 60 - 70% reduction in approval time
- 50% lower registration cost
- 500+ new products in Oman within 3 years

- Boost to MSMEs exporting to GCC
- Model for GCC - wide regulatory harmonization

Recommendation 7: Traditional Medicine Research Consortium

Concept:

Joint India - Oman research network conducting high quality clinical trials on Ayurveda and frankincense for diabetes, arthritis, gut disorders, mental health, respiratory diseases.

Outputs:

- 15 - 20 clinical trials/year
- Mechanistic studies on Boswellic acids
- Ayurveda + frankincense new formulations
- Joint research with WHO Centre Jamnagar
- Research data repositories

Impact/Outcome:

- 50 + peer reviewed publications annually
- 10 + patents/year
- Evidence supporting insurance coverage
- Global leadership in traditional medicine research
- Enhanced trust among GCC clinicians

Recommendation 8: Frankincense Therapeutic Products Export Platform

Concept:

Create Oman based manufacturing hub for standardized frankincense therapeutic products with Indian technical support.

Outputs:

- Standardized extracts (AKBA % guaranteed)
- Capsules, tablets, topical oils, creams
- GC- MS certified essential oils
- Water soluble frankincense for beverages
- GMP certified production facility

Impact/Outcome:

- USD 75 - 100M exports by Year 5
- 5 - 10x value addition vs raw resin
- 500 + jobs in harvesting, processing, labs
- Oman positioned as global frankincense authority
- Sustainable harvesting + UNESCO linked branding

Recommendation 9: Integrative Ayurveda Conventional Medicine Hospital

Concept:

A 150 - 200 bed integrative hospital with Ayurvedic, conventional, physiotherapy, mental health, nutrition, and diagnostic services under one roof.

Outputs:

- Joint treatment protocols for diabetes, arthritis, cancer supportive care
- Panchakarma + modern diagnostics
- Training for doctors in integrative medicine
- Research unit validating integrative outcomes

Impact/Outcome:

- 50,000 + OPD consultations annually
- 3,000 + inpatient admissions/year
- Improved patient outcomes (less pain, fewer drug side effects)

- Medical tourism magnet for GCC
- Insurance-backed integrative medicine model for the region

Recommendation 10: Traditional Medicine E-Commerce Platform

Concept:

A GCC wide online marketplace for Ayurveda, frankincense, herbal wellness, and tele-Ayurveda consultations.

Outputs:

- 5,000 + SKUs
- AI based personalized product engine
- Teleconsultations with Indian Ayurvedic doctors
- Verified vendors + lab tested products
- Mobile app + subscription wellness plans

Impact/Outcome:

- USD 20 - 30M revenue by Year 5
- 40% repeat customer rate
- 20 - 30% cost reduction for consumers
- Health access for remote GCC regions
- Strong Indo - Omani digital wellness ecosystem

Recommendation 11: Ayurvedic Medical Tourism Packages for GCC Nationals

Concept:

Integrated pre travel, in India treatment, and post return continuity programme for GCC patients seeking Panchakarma, chronic care, or preventive wellness.

Outputs:

- Oman based pre evaluation & orientation
- 2 - 4 week treatment in Indian partner centres
- Post-return follow up, medicines, lifestyle coaching
- Special packages for diabetes, arthritis, IBS, skin conditions, mental health
- Halal friendly, family oriented, GCC tailored services

Impact/Outcome:

- 10,000 + GCC wellness travellers annually
- USD 40 - 60M combined India - Oman revenue
- Higher treatment success via continuity care
- Strong GCC brand trust in Ayurveda
- India - Oman joint medical tourism leadership

6. Business & Enterprise Entry Models

India - Oman cooperation in traditional medicine requires diversified enterprise models that accommodate different scales of investment, risk appetites, and operational capacities. The following five models represent the most feasible and commercially promising pathways for private and public sector entities.

A. Joint Ventures (JVs)

Joint ventures offer an optimal structure for combining India's traditional medicine expertise with Oman's resource base and market access.

Ideal For:

- **Herbal and AYUSH Manufacturing Units**
 - Indian manufacturers bring GMP certified production know how, while Omani partners provide land, capital, regulatory facilitation, and GCC distribution pathways.

- Ideal for producing Ayurveda frankincense formulations, herbal nutraceuticals, and therapeutic oils.
- **R&D and Innovation Centres**
 - Shared investment in laboratories, clinical research facilities, and product development accelerators.
 - Suitable for creating patented blends of frankincense with Ayurvedic herbs for inflammation, respiratory health, cognitive wellness, and dermatology.

Why JV Works:

- Equitable distribution of risk and capital
- Seamless knowledge transfer from India to Oman
- Accelerated regulatory approvals through Omani ownership
- Ensures product authenticity, quality, and market relevance

B. Build Operate Transfer (BOT)

Under BOT, Indian or global wellness operators build and manage facilities for a fixed term before transferring ownership to Oman.

Ideal For:

- **Ayurveda Wellness Cities & Holistic Resorts**
 - Large, integrated assets requiring operational expertise (treatment facilities, Panchakarma centres, R&D labs).
- **Traditional Medicine Hospitals**
 - Hospitals offering integrative Ayurvedic modern medicine care, medical tourism services, and chronic disease clinics.
- **Training Academies & Licensing Institutes**
 - AYUSH degree programs, therapy certificate courses, and workforce development centres.

Why BOT Works:

- Reduces upfront government burden
- Ensures world class operational standards
- Allows Omani institutions to acquire long term ownership
- Creates sustainable capacity building

C. Franchising

Franchising allows rapid scaling of consumer facing traditional medicine services with lower capital intensity.

Ideal For:

- **Ayurveda Frankincense Spa Chains**
 - Standardized spa concepts offering massages, Shirodhara, marma therapy, frankincense aromatherapy, and wellness rituals.
- **Ayurvedic Clinics & Panchakarma Centres**
 - Small to medium clinics integrating consults, basic therapies, and herbal dispensaries.
- **Retail Outlets**
 - AYUSH pharmacies
 - Organic wellness stores
 - Herb, oil, and nutraceutical speciality shops

Why Franchising Works:

- Ensures brand consistency and quality
- Encourages local entrepreneurship
- Rapid replication across Muscat, Salalah, Sohar, Nizwa, Buraimi
- Ideal for GCC wide expansion

D. Contract Manufacturing & Assembly

Suitable for small and medium enterprises (SMEs) that wish to enter GCC markets without establishing full scale operations.

Ideal For:

- **AYUSH SMEs** seeking low risk entry by assembling or finishing products in Oman to qualify as GCC manufactured.
- **White label and private label product lines** for Omani retailers, pharmacies, and wellness hotels.
- **Frankincense extract finishing units**, where Omani resin is processed in India and finished products assembled in Oman.

Why Contract Manufacturing Works:

- Reduces cost of regulatory compliance
- Faster market entry
- Leverages existing Indian capacity
- Creates jobs in Oman

E. Digital Platforms

Given the GCC's digital adoption rates, virtual models can scale rapidly with minimal physical investment.

Ideal For:

- **Startups** launching mobile first Ayurvedic wellness marketplaces
- **Health tech firms** offering tele Ayurveda consultations, symptom checkers, and AI driven wellness plans
- **Telemedicine Platforms** integrating AYUSH follow up care, chronic disease management, and cross border continuity of care

Why Digital Platforms Work:

- Serve remote governorates
- Support bilingual content (Arabic/English)
- Enable subscription based revenue models
- Create data driven health insights for policy

7. KPIs for Monitoring

To evaluate the success of India - Oman cooperation, measurable performance indicators should be tracked across four domains.

A. Health KPIs

Chronic Disease Risk Reduction

- 20 - 25% improvement in glycemic and blood-pressure markers in pilot cohort
- patients with improved BMI, HbA1c, stress/anxiety scores

Rural Outreach

- 150,000+ annual screenings through mobile Ayurveda clinics
- 50,000+ telemedicine consultations

Integration With Health System

- Number of hospitals offering Ayurveda integrated care
- Insurance reimbursements for traditional medicine services

B. Tourism KPIs

Medical & Wellness Arrivals

- 25,000 medical/wellness tourists annually
- Average spend per wellness traveler
- Occupancy rates at Wellness City, Ayurveda resorts

Brand Oman Positioning

- Oman ranked among “Top 10 Global Wellness Destinations” by Year 5

- Frankincense based wellness signature experiences

C. Regulatory KPIs

Product Registrations

- **500 traditional medicine products** registered under fast track pathway

Approval Time Reduction

- 90% reduction in regulatory delays
- Average approval time: 60 - 180 days depending on category

Regulatory Convergence Score

- harmonized documents, dossiers, inspections adopted by GCC

Conclusion

India and Oman possess complementary strengths that uniquely position them to co create a **globally competitive traditional medicine corridor**. India contributes deep therapeutic expertise, large scale manufacturing, dense practitioner networks, and research infrastructure. Oman contributes world class frankincense, strong regulatory credibility, a strategic GCC location, high purchasing power, and a culturally receptive population.

By aligning public policy, regulation, enterprise models, and investments, both countries can unlock:

- **Significant economic value** through exports, manufacturing, medical tourism, and wellness enterprises.
- **Stronger public health outcomes** through preventive care, chronic disease reduction, and equitable access.
- **Global recognition and soft power** for both nations in holistic healthcare.
- **Sustainable employment** across manufacturing, wellness, research, and tourism sectors.
- **Innovation leadership** in next generation herbal therapeutics.

This white paper outlines a clear, actionable roadmap one that encourages Indian and Omani governments, industries, investors, and knowledge institutions to collaborate in building a **world leading traditional medicine ecosystem rooted in ancient wisdom and driven by modern science.**