

8. National Commission for Indian System of Medicine Bill, 2019

Prelims Level: Medicine & Pharma

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Why in News?

- Cabinet approves proposal for official amendments in the National Commission for Indian System of Medicine (NCIM) Bill, 2019.

Highlights:

- The NCIM bill is aimed at bringing reforms in the medical education of the Indian medicine sector in lines with the National Medical Commission proposed for Allopathic system of medicine.
- The draft bill provides for the constitution of a National Commission with four autonomous boards entrusted with conducting overall education of Ayurveda under the Board of Ayurveda and Unani, Siddha and Sowa Rigpa under the Board of Unani, Siddha and Sowa Rigpa.
- The bill is currently pending in the Rajya Sabha.
- The Proposed Legislation Will:
 - ✓ Ensure necessary regulatory reforms in the field of Indian System of Medicine education.
 - ✓ Enable transparency and accountability for protecting the interest of the general public.
- The Commission will also promote the availability of affordable healthcare services in all parts of the country.
- The Commission has been structured to streamline the functions related to academic standards, evaluation, assessment and accreditation of educational institutions pertaining to the Indian System of Medicine.
- The main objective of establishing the NCIM is to promote equity by ensuring an adequate supply of quality medical professionals and enforce high ethical standards in all aspects of medical services in the Indian System of Medicine.