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**GS-II Issues Relating to Development and Management of Social Sector/Services relating to Health, Education, Human Resources**

**1. The Central Government Recently notified all Medical Devices as Drugs.**

**Discuss the Significance and Implications of this Move.**

**Why this Question?**

- The recent Covid-19 Outbreak has exposed the medical industry's fault-lines by bringing India's heavy reliance on imports to the Forefront.

**Key Demands of Question:**

- Explain the significance and the implications of the recent reforms introduced by the government in the Medical Devices Rules.

**Directive word:**

**Discuss:**

- This is another common directive which is an all-encompassing one – you have to debate on paper by going through the details of the issues concerned by examining each one of them. You have to give reasons for both for and against arguments. And once all the discussion is done, a suitable apt conclusion may be given at the end of the answer.

**Structure of Answer:**

**Introduction:**

- Give brief intro about the recent initiatives taken by the government in the medical devices rules.

**Body:**

- Explain in detail about the recent reforms in the medical devices rules.
- Discuss the significance and the implications of this reform. For example, it will end the arbitrary regulatory regime, ensure safety of the patients, ensure affordability and quality of the medical devices, etc.
- Discuss the challenges concerns regarding the Medical Industry in India.

**Conclusion:**

- Conclude with the significance of the Reform.