

Pharmacopoeia Commission for Indian Medicine & Homoeopathy (PCIMH)

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In news— Minister Ayush has mentioned about the Pharmacopoeia Commission for Indian Medicine & Homoeopathy in the Lok Sabha recently.

About PCIMH-

- The Commission was **initially established as Pharmacopoeia Commission for Indian Medicine (PCIM) on 18th August, 2010** as an autonomous body under Ministry of AYUSH and was registered under Societies Registration Act, 1860 on 31st August, 2010.
- Two central laboratories namely Pharmacopoeial Laboratory for Indian Medicine (PLIM) and Homoeopathic Pharmacopoeia Laboratory (HPL) both were established as subordinate offices under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare in 1970 and 1975 respectively.
- Both PLIM and HPL were designated as supporting structures of PCIM&H in due course.
- However, in pursuance to the decision of the Central Government, Homoeopathy was incorporated and the Commission was renamed as Pharmacopoeia Commission for Indian Medicine & Homoeopathy (PCIM&H) in July 2020.
- The Commission is engaged in development of Pharmacopoeial Standards for Ayurvedic, Unani, Siddha & Homoeopathic drugs.
- Further, PCIM&H is also acting as Central Drug Testing cum Appellate Laboratory for Indian systems of Medicine & Homoeopathy.