

The Indian Medicine Central Council (Amendment) Bill, 2020

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In news:

The Indian Medicine Central Council (Amendment) Bill, 2020 which was passed by the parliament amends the Indian Medicine Central Council Act, 1970.

More information:

- The Act provides for the constitution of a **Central Council which regulates the education and practice of the Indian Medicine system** (includes Ayurveda, Yoga, Naturopathy).
- The Bill replaces the Indian Medicine Central Council (Amendment) Ordinance, 2020 which was promulgated on April 24, 2020.
- The Bill provides that the Central Council will stand superseded from April 24, 2020 and will be reconstituted within one year from the date of its supersession.
- In the interim period, the central government will constitute a **Board of Governors, which will exercise the powers of the Central Council.**
- These include regulating the practice and education of Indian Medicine.
- The Board of Governors will **consist of up to ten members.**
- The members will include persons of eminence in the field of Indian Medicine, and eminent administrators.
- They may be either nominated members or ex officio members, appointed by the central government.
- The central government will select one member to be the

Chairperson of the Board.

- The Board and the Central Council will be bound by directions of the central government on questions related to policy matters (other than technical and administrative matters).