

MERGING OF PHARMACOPOEIA LAB

In June 4, The union cabinet has given approval to re-establish pharmacopoeia commission for Indian Medicine and Homoeopathy (PCI & H) as subordinate office under the ministry of AYUSH by merging in to the its pharmacopoeia laboratory for Indian Medicine and Homeopathic pharmacopoeia laboratory (HPL).

A pharmacopoeia is a book containing directions for the identification of compound medicines. The Indian Pharmacopoeia is published by the Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission (IPC) on behalf of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India in fulfilment of the requirements of the Drugs and Cosmetic Act, 1940 and the Rules there under. The Indian Pharmacopoeia is an authoritative and legally enforceable book of standard of drugs manufactured or marketed in India. The role of a pharmacopoeia is to furnish quality specifications for active pharmaceutical ingredients (APIs), FPPs and general requirements. The President of Pharmacy council of India is one of the member of the Governing body of Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission. Indian Pharmacopoeia Laboratory functions by publishing documents which add new monographs and update the existing ones in form of Indian Pharmacopoeia (IP) with the purpose of improving the quality of the drugs and medicine prevailing in India.



Merging is mainly aimed to optimizing the use of infrastructural facilities, technical manpower and financial resources of the three organisation for enhancing the standardisation outcomes of Ayurveda, Siddha, Unani, and Homoeopathy drugs towards their effective regulation and quality control.

The Merging is mainly focused to enhance the development of standards of AYUSH drugs and publication of pharmacopoeia and formularies. It is also planned to accord legal status to the merged structure of PCIM&H and its laboratory, the merging of the pharmacopoeial lab will provide complete quality and purity of the drug by preventing the duplication and overlapping of drug.

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