

Ayush practitioners may soon have to clear common exam

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: Homoeopaths and practitioners of Indian systems of medicine such as Ayurveda, Siddha and Unani may soon have to clear a common entrance exam and an exit exam to get licences to practise with the Cabinet approving two draft bills – the National Commission for Homoeopathy, Bill, 2018, and the National Commission for Indian Systems of Medicine (NCIM) Bill, 2018, – proposing such exams for graduates in these streams.

The two bills also propose a teacher's eligibility test to assess the standard of teachers before appointment and promotion.

In a move to ensure transparency and accountability in education for alternative medicine, the two bills seek to replace the existing regulators with new ones.

The National Commission for Homoeopathy Bill provides for constitution of a national commission with three autonomous boards entrusted with conducting education of homoeopathy by Homoeopathy Education Board. The board of assessment and rating to assess and grant permission to educational institutions of homoeopathy and board of ethics and registration of practitioners of homoeopathy to maintain national register and ethical issues relating to practice are under the National Commission for Homoeopathy, an official statement said.

The two bills are aimed at bringing reforms in education of Indian medicine sector in lines with the National Medical Commission proposed for allopathy system of medicine.



Govt clears new coastal regulation zone notification

The Union Cabinet headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has approved the Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) Notification-2018 for promoting economic growth in the coastal areas, the government said on Friday. The move comes in the backdrop of a series of representations received by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change from various coastal states and Union Territories, besides other stakeholders for a comprehensive review of the provisions of the Coastal Regulation Zone Notification, 2011. PTI