

MoU signed between PCIM&H and IPC for Inter-Ministerial cooperation for promotion and facilitation of "One Herb, One Standard"

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The primary objective of this MoU is the development of cooperative efforts between PCIM&H (Pharmacopoeia Commission for Indian Medicine and Homoeopathy) (Ministry of Ayush) and IPC (Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission) (Ministry of Health & Family Welfare) to promote public health by facilitating the development of harmonized Herbal drug standards.

Since both PCIM&H and IPC are working with the common cause, it is logical and meaningful to harmonize the standards to achieve "One Herb – One Standard".

This MoU will further facilitate collaboration for **promoting exchange of information** in the area of standardization of Traditional medicine by sharing of scientific information and drug raw materials/extracts, seminars, workshops, training and brainstorming programs.

The **sole authority of publication of monographs** categorized under the "one herb one standard" will lie with **PCIM&H only**.

This MoU is going to provide an opportunity to all stakeholders like manufacturers, researchers and regulators in herbal medicine to get world class monographs to be used in their respective areas.

Ministry of Ayush believes that this harmonization of standards will fulfill the objective of "One Herb, One Standard and One Nation" and improve ease of doing business in India and also improve overall trade of Indian botanicals.

It will prove a significant step towards Atmanirbhar Bharat as promoted by Government of India.

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