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# NANDI Portal

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**Why is in news?** Shri Parshottam Rupala launched NANDI (NOC Approval for New Drug and Inoculation System) Portal

Union Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying, launched **Nandi - NOC Approval for New Drug and Inoculation System portal** at New Delhi.

With this portal, Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying (DAHD) will **facilitate the regulatory approval process with transparency to assess and examine veterinary product proposals** will be more **streamlined through seamless integration with the SUGAM portal** of Central Drugs Standard Control Organization.

This initiative is a significant step **towards advancing Digital India** and promoting the well-being of livestock and the livestock industry and captures the **essence of Minimum Government and Maximum Governance** by leveraging the IT Systems.

The launch of the NANDI portal is another notable undertaking following the **animal vaccination coverage initiative** and **Mobile Veterinary Units (MVUs)**.

This initiative would **also provide valuable support to researchers and industries** from a commercial perspective.

By raising **awareness among livestock rearers and improving logistical facilities**, there would be an increase in the consumption of drugs.

The veterinary vaccines have had, and continue to have, a **major impact not only on animal health** and production **but also on human health** through increasing safe food supplies and preventing animal-to-human transmission of infectious diseases. This is a part of our whole ecosystem.

The DAHD has been making constant efforts to facilitate the regulatory approval process in timely manner, which is very important for the availability of veterinary drugs and vaccines in the country.

NANDI will bring about growth and innovation by **enabling quick and easy coordination** between various Government Departments, Institutes, and Industry through a seamless interconnected system designed to expedite and strengthen the regulatory process.

The portal has **inbuilt features for end-to-end coordination** between Departments, Committees/Subcommittee and Applicants.

With the launch of NANDI (NOC Approval for New Drug and Inoculation System), DAHD continues to stride towards achieving the interventions laid out as part of its Animal Pandemic Preparedness Initiative (APPI).

## SUGAM Portal:

SUGAM is an **online e-Governance portal** introduced by the government of India to **build an in-depth Regulatory framework for the registration processes** of the CDSCO.

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In **January 2016**, India's Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO) introduced SUGAM, an online portal, for filing applications of various services.

The service offered by the SUGAM includes **online submissions, review, and grant of NOC/permission** related to drugs, clinical trials, ethics committee, medical devices, vaccines and cosmetics.

The system also **builds up the database of approved drugs, manufacturers & formulations, retailers & wholesalers in India.**

It is the project of national importance that directly reflects the **Government's DIGITAL INDIA initiatives** and is a major influence in bringing reforms in the Indian Pharma Industry.

#### **Benefits of the SUGAM:**

Applicants can directly apply for all import licenses to the CDSCO

Easy tracking of status of submissions

Easy query handling

Applicants can directly upload documents related to activities of submission

#### **Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation:**

The Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO) has **asked manufacturers to ensure that information be made available to the general public** about the **adverse reactions of some commonly-used antibiotics.**

The CDSCO is the **Central Drug Authority** for discharging functions assigned to the Central Government under the **Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940.**

It is under **Directorate General of Health Services**, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare.

It is headquartered in New Delhi and also has six zonal offices.