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Nimesulide Ban

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Why in news: The Union Government has **banned the manufacture, sale, and distribution of oral formulations of Nimesulide above 100 mg** with immediate effect, citing health risks. The move is under **Section 26A of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940**.

What is Nimesulide?

- **Class:** Non-Steroidal Anti-Inflammatory Drug (NSAID)
- **Mechanism of Action:** Inhibits **prostaglandin synthesis**, reducing pain and inflammation.
- **Therapeutic Use:** Short-term management of **acute pain and fever**.
- **Common Side Effects:** Nausea, vomiting, diarrhoea, elevated liver enzymes.
- **Known Risk:** **Hepatotoxicity**, especially at **higher doses or prolonged use**.

Reason for Ban

- Oral formulations above 100 mg are considered **harmful to human health**, particularly **liver-related complications**.
- **Safer alternative analgesics** are available in the market.
- **Legal Basis:** Section 26A of the **Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940** empowers the government to prohibit drugs **harmful to public health**.

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