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New Regulatory Bodies to Cover Traditional Medicines

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Why in News

Recently, the Rajya Sabha passed the **National Commission for Indian Systems of Medicine (NCIM) Bill, 2019** and **the National Commission for Homeopathy Bill, 2019** for setting up separate commissions for Indian traditional systems of medicine and homoeopathy respectively.

- The **National Commission for Indian Systems of Medicine (NCIM) Bill, 2019** seeks to replace the existing regulator Central Council for Indian Medicine (CCIM) with a new body to ensure transparency.
- Whereas, the National Commission for Homeopathy Bill, 2019, aims to replace the Central Council for Homeopathy, which is the current regulatory body for homeopathy.

Key Points

- **Overall Objectives:**
 - The two legislations aim to ensure **availability of quality medical professionals of Indian systems of medicine and homeopathy**.
 - The Bills also intend to adopt and integrate the latest research with the traditional medicines.
- **Loopholes:**
 - **Exclusion of yoga and naturopathy** from the ambit of the National Commission for Indian System of Medicine.
 - **Absence of an appellate tribunal** for both the commissions.
 - **Lack of integration of modern and traditional** medical education.

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