



CCSEA Withdraws Stray Dogs from Vaccine Trials

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Why in News?

Recently, the **Committee for Control and Supervision of Experiments on Animals (CCSEA)** in India has **withdrawn its recommendation to employ stray dogs in vaccine trials**.

- This decision comes in response to concerns raised by **People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) India** regarding the **scientific and ethical implications of using stray dogs in experiments**.

What were the Concerns Raised Regarding CCSEA's Recommendation to Use Stray Dogs in Vaccine Trials?

- PETA emphasized that the CCSEA's recommendation to employ stray dogs in vaccine trials, contradicted its obligations under the [Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960](#), and the **Breeding of and Experiments on the Animals (Control and Supervision) Amendment Rules, 2006**.
 - Also, it pointed out that the recommendation to **use stray dogs contrasted with the policies adopted by the EU, UK, US, and Australia**, India's counterparts in the field of science and technology.
- PETA India has argued that **relying on stray dogs in tests cannot accurately predict human responses to vaccines**, leading to delays in the approval of effective treatments.
 - The withdrawal of this recommendation represents a positive stride toward safeguarding animal welfare and fostering scientific progress.

Note

PETA India is the animal rights organization. It's a **non-governmental organization (NGO)** that works to **end animal abuse in business and society**.

- PETA India's mission is to: raise awareness about animal cruelty, educate policymakers and the public and promote respect for all animals

What is the Committee for Control and Supervision of Experiments on Animals?

- **About:**
 - **CCSEA** is a **statutory** Committee of the **Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying (DAHD), Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying (MoFAH&D)** constituted under the **Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (PCA) Act, 1960**.
- **Function:**

- CCSEA is duty bound to take all such measures as may be necessary to ensure that **animals are not subjected to unnecessary pain or suffering before, during or after performance** of experiments on them.
- For this purpose, the Committee formulated the **Breeding of and Experiments on Animals (Control & Supervision) Rules, 1998 (amended in 2001 & 2006)** to regulate the experimentation on animals.
 - Under the provisions of the above rules, establishments who are engaged in Bio-medical research, breeding and trading of laboratory animals are **required to get themselves registered with CPCSEA.**

What is the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960?

- It is an act of the Parliament of India that **prevents the infliction of unnecessary pain or suffering on animals.**
 - The act was originally passed in 1890 and **replaced by the 1960 act.**
- The act provides for the prevention and protection of animals from: **Cruelty, Unnecessary pain, Overwork, Torture, Abuse.**
 - The act also establishes the **Animal Welfare Board of India.**

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