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Daily PIB summary**Central Bureau of Narcotics PHARMEXCIL MoU NDPS Act**

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WHY IN NEWS

- Central Bureau of Narcotics (CBN) signed a MoU with PHARMEXCIL to promote legitimate pharma exports while enforcing export-import regulations under the NDPS Act, 1985.

WHAT IS THE MANDATE OF CBN AND PHARMEXCIL?

- CBN operates under the Department of Revenue, Ministry of Finance, supervising licit opium poppy cultivation and regulating import/export of controlled substances under NDPS Act, 1985.
- PHARMEXCIL was established by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry to promote Indian pharmaceutical exports globally.

KEY PROVISIONS OF THE AGREEMENT

- Integrates voluntary compliance mechanisms into the pharmaceutical supply chain.
- Prevents the illicit diversion of precursor chemicals, active pharmaceutical ingredients (APIs), and controlled medical substances while expediting export clearance.

KEY TERMS

- **Precursor Chemical:** A chemical substance used in the manufacturing of controlled drugs or narcotic substances.

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PRELIMS FACTS

- Central Bureau of Narcotics functions under the Department of Revenue, Ministry of Finance, not Ministry of Home Affairs.

KEY DATA

- **Parent Act:** Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act, 1985 - Statutory basis for CBN regulatory powers over precursor chemicals and licit opium.
- **CBN Parent Ministry:** Department of Revenue, Ministry of Finance - Crucial distinction as CBN is under Finance Ministry, not Home or Health.

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