Title: Capacity Building For Primary Health Care

(A pluralistic and integrated medical system remains a solution worth exploring)

- It proposes a joint sitting of the Commission, the Central Council of Homoeopathy and the Central Council of Indian Medicine.
- It may “decide on approving specific bridge course.

Missing the reality

- Primary health system that is struggling with a below-par national physician-patient ratio (0.76 per 1,000 population, amongst the lowest in the world) due to a paucity of MBBS-trained primary-care physicians and the unwillingness of existing MBBS-trained physicians to serve remote/rural populations.
- There is an urgent need for a trained cadre to provide accessible primary-care services

Issue of cross-prescription

- The issue of AYUSH cross-prescription.
- There were 7.7 lakh registered AYUSH practitioners in 2016, according to National Health Profile 2017 data. Their current academic training also includes a conventional biomedical syllabus covering anatomy, physiology, pathology and biochemistry.

Conclusion

- Capacity-building of licensed AYUSH practitioners through bridge training to meet India’s primary care needs is only one of the multi-pronged efforts required to meet the objective of achieving universal health coverage set out in NHP 2017.
- It provides a sufficient basis to explore the proposal of bridging their training to “enable them to prescribe such modern medicines at such level as may be prescribed”.

Title: Profit & Loss

(The disqualification of AAP MLAs is a legal question, not a political one)

21 AAP MLAs were appointed Parliamentary Secretaries in March 2015. The Delhi government then introduced an amendment to the Delhi Members of Legislative Assembly (Removal of Disqualification) Act, exempting the post from the definition of “office-of-profit.” President Pranab Mukherjee rejected the amendment in June 2015. Advocate Prashant Patel then petitioned the President seeking the MLAs’ disqualification

What is an ‘office of profit’?

If an MLA or an MP holds a government office and receives benefits from it, then that office is termed as an “office of profit”.

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A person will be disqualified if he holds an office of profit under the central or state government, other than an office declared not to disqualify its holder by a law passed by Parliament or state legislature.

**What are the basic criteria to disqualify an MP or MLA?**

Basic disqualification criteria for an MP are laid down in Article 102 of the Constitution, and for an MLA in Article 191. They can be disqualified for:

a) Holding an office of profit under government of India or state government; b) Being of unsound mind;

c) Being an undischarged insolvent; d) Not being an Indian citizen or for acquiring citizenship of another country.

**What is the underlying principle for including ‘office of profit’ as criterion for disqualification?**

Makers of the Constitution wanted that legislators should not feel obligated to the Executive in any way, which could influence them while discharging legislative functions. In other words, an MP or MLA should be free to carry out her duties without any kind of governmental pressure.

**Title: Profit & Loss, capacity building for primary health care**

**Vocabulary words:**

- Inevitably = Unavoidably, certain to happen (अनिवार्य रूप से)
- Malice = The desire to harm someone (दुरूविया)
- Contend = Struggle to a difficulty (संघर्ष करना)
- Remuneration = Money paid for work or a service (पारश्रमिक)
- Prerequisite = A thing that is required as a prior condition (पहले से आवश्यक)
- Pecuniary = Financial, economic (पैसा-संबंधी)
- Assent = Approval or agreement (अनुमति)
- Pluralistic = Relating to a system in which two or more states coexist (बहुलवादी)
- Contentious = Controversial (विवादास्पद)
- Revamp = Give new form or structure (सुधार)
- Write off = A cancellation of worthless asset (खारज करना)
- Paucity = Insufficient quantity (कमी)
- Inequitable = Unfair, unjust (अनुच्छायी)
- Discourse = Discussion, debate (बातचीत)
- Ostensibly = Apparently (जाहिर तौर पर)
- Upheaval = A violent or sudden disruption (उथल-पुथल)
- Coerce = Persuade to do something by using force (विभेद करना)
Qn.
Do you think a public servant holding an office of profit is unethical? Critically analyse. (200 words)

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क्या आपको लगता है कि एक सरकारी कर्मचारी के द्वारा (office of profit) को रखना अनैतिक है?समीक्षा करें। (200 शब्द)

Qn.
Find the error in the sentence.
The debates around this issue (1) have been ranged from (2) writing off the ability of Ayurveda, (3) yoga and homeopathy. (4) No error (5)