

Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Jan Aushadhi Kendras

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About Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Jan Aushadhi Kendras:

- These are set up under **Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana**, which was launched by the Department of Pharmaceuticals, Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers in November 2008.
- **Objective:** To provide quality medicines at affordable prices for all, particularly the poor, so as to reduce out-of-pocket expenses in healthcare.
- These Kendra's provide generic drugs, which are available at lesser prices but are equivalent in quality and efficacy as expensive branded drugs.
- All therapeutic medicines are made available from Jan Aushadhi Stores.
- Jan Aushadhi stores also **sell allied medical products** commonly sold in chemist shops so as to improve the viability of running the Jan Aushadhi store.

- **Pharmaceutical & Medical Devices Bureau of India** (PMBI) has been established under the Department of Pharmaceuticals, Govt. of India, with the support of all the CPSUs for co-coordinating **procurement, supply, and marketing** of generic drugs through the PMBKs.

Who is eligible to open a Jan Aushadhi Kendra?

- State Governments or any organization / reputed **NGOs** / Trusts / **Private hospitals** / charitable institutions / Doctors / Unemployed pharmacists/ individual entrepreneurs are eligible to apply for the new Jan Aushadhi Kendra.
- The applicants shall have to employ one B Pharma / D Pharma degree holder as Pharmacist in their proposed store.
- Primary Agricultural Credit Societies.

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Q1:What is the Pharmaceuticals & Medical Devices Bureau of India?

Pharmaceuticals & Medical Devices Bureau of India (PMBI) is the implementing agency of Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP). PMBI [earlier called Bureau of Pharma PSUs of India (BPPI)] was established in December, 2008 under the Department of Pharmaceuticals, Government of India.

Source: Operation of Jan Aushadhi Kendra

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