

Controlled Cannabis Cultivation

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Recently, the Himachal Pradesh Cabinet approved a pilot study by two universities on the controlled cultivation of cannabis for medicinal and industrial purposes.

About Controlled Cannabis Cultivation

- It is the **regulated cultivation of specific cannabis** varieties having minimal intoxicating properties, along with strict monitoring to prevent misuse. Such varieties are commonly known as hemp.
- The **tetrahydrocannabinol (THC)** cannabinoid content (a kind of chemical that has an intoxicating effect) in controlled cannabis should be less than or equal to 0.3 per cent.
- Under this, authorities focus on its non-narcotic applications, particularly in the pharmaceutical and industrial sectors.
- **Uses of Hemp:** Hemp's stalks, leaves, and seeds can also be converted into textile, paper, food, cosmetics, biofuel and more. Additionally, **cannabidiol (CBD)** compounds in the plant are effective in **treating chronic pain**.

Laws related to Cannabis Cultivation in India

- Cannabis cultivation is **largely prohibited** in India due to its **psychoactive properties**.
- Section 2 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act, 1985, prohibits the production and sale of cannabis resin and flowers.
- It defines charas as the separated resin, in any form (crude or purified), obtained from the cannabis plant. It also includes concentrated preparations such as hashish oil or liquid hashish.
- However, it **provides exceptions** for cannabis cultivation and **use for industrial and medicinal purposes under government regulation**.
- **Section 10** of the Act **allows state governments** to regulate, permit, or prohibit cannabis cultivation for medicinal and scientific purposes.
- Additionally, **Section 14** grants the Central government the power to authorise and regulate cannabis cultivation for research or other approved purposes.

Controlled Cannabis Cultivation FAQs

Q1: What does cultivating cannabis mean?

Ans: It refers to the practice and process of producing cannabis flowers

Q2: What are the active agents in cannabis?

Ans: Tetrahydrocannabinol

Q3: Which state initiated operation parivartan to eliminate the cultivation of cannabis?

Ans: Andhra Pradesh

Q4: What is cannabis called in India?

Ans: Charas (resin), ganja (flower), and bhang (seeds and leaves)

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