

## Cannabis Cultivation

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### About Cannabis Cultivation:

- **What is cannabis?** Cannabis refers to a group of three plants with psychoactive properties, known as **Cannabis sativa, Cannabis indica, and Cannabis ruderalis**.
- Cannabis is made up of more than 120 components, which are known as cannabinoids but experts have a pretty good understanding of two of them, known as **cannabidiol (CBD) and tetrahydrocannabinol (THC)**.
- The Mexican term 'marijuana' is frequently used in referring to cannabis leaves or other crude plant material in many countries.

- The unpollinated female plants are called hashish. Cannabis oil (hashish oil) is a concentrate of cannabinoids obtained by solvent extraction of the crude plant material or of the resin.
  - In India farming of cannabis has **been legalised in Uttarakhand**, and controlled cultivation of cannabis is also being done in some districts of Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh.
  - **Legal Provisions in India**
    - The central law that deals with cannabis (weed or marijuana) in India is the **Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, of 1985**.
    - The NDPS Act prohibits the sale and production of cannabis resin and flowers, but the use of leaves and seeds of the cannabis plant is permitted
    - The **states have the power** to regulate and **form the state rules for** it.
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## Q1) What are Psychotropic substances?

Psychotropic substances are chemicals that affect the central nervous system, producing changes in mood, perception, behavior, and cognition. They include a wide range of drugs, both legal and illegal, that are used for recreational, medicinal, or spiritual purposes.

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