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News: ImmunoACT's cell therapy to treat blood cancer gets CDSCO nod

Central Drug Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO)

- The Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO), **Directorate General of Health Services, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare** under the Government of India is the National Regulatory Authority (NRA) of India.
- Under the **Drugs and Cosmetics Act of 1940**, CDSCO is **responsible for approval of New Drugs, Conduct of Clinical Trials, laying down the standards for Drugs, control over the quality of imported Drugs in the country and coordination of the activities of State Drug Control Organizations by providing expert advice** with a view to bring about the uniformity in the enforcement of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act.
- Formulated in 1940 in pursuance of the **recommendations of Chopra Committee (1930)**, the primary objective of the Act is to **ensure that the drugs and cosmetics sold in India are safe, effective and conform to quality standards.**
- CDSCO along with state regulators, is jointly responsible for grant of licenses of certain specialized categories of critical Drugs.

➤ Drug Controller General of India (DCGI) is responsible for approval of licenses of specified categories of Drugs such as blood and blood products, I.

V. Fluids, Vaccine and Sera.