Drugs Technical Advisory Board
9th Feb, 2019

What to study?

For Prelims: About DTAB.

For Mains: Why treat the below mentioned medical devices as drugs- need, concenrs and significance.

Context: The Centre, in a notification, has said that **medical devices — all implantable devices, CT Scan, PET and MRI equipment, defibrillators, dialysis machines and bone marrow separators — will be treated as drugs for human beings** with effect from April 1, 2020.

The decision was taken in consultation with the **Drugs Technical Advisory Board**.

What necessitates this move?

Majority of medical devices are completely unregulated in India. With this move, all implantable devices and some diagnostic equipment will be brought into the regulatory framework which is important from a patient safety perspective.

Drugs Technical Advisory Board (DTAB):

DTAB is **highest statutory decision-making body on technical matters related to drugs** in the country. It is constituted as per the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940. It is part of Central Drugs Standard Control Organization (CDSCO) in the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

To be looked in UPSC Paper 2 Topic:

1. Statutory, regulatory and various quasi-judicial bodies.

2. Government policies and interventions for development in various sectors and issues arising out of their design and implementation.