



## Chamoli Herbs will Now Be Sold Across the Country, Ministry of AYUSH has Registered 48 Cultivators

### Why In News?

According to information received from media sources on April 9, 2023, the Union Ministry of **AYUSH** has **registered 48 farmers cultivating** herbs in Chamoli district. Now these cultivators will be able to sell herbs in any corner of the country.

### Key Points

- It is known that the cultivators of the villages of the **high Himalayan regions of Chamoli** are doing business of crores of rupees every year by cultivating Kutki and other herbs on a large scale.
- Last year, the farmers of Chamoli district sold Kutki worth about two crore rupees. Farmers are producing Kutki on about **10 hectares of land in Ghes and Van villages** of Deval block. The cost of Kutki prepared every three years is Rs 1200 per kg.
- Human healers' company of Srinagar Garhwal buys Kutki from farmers. Garhwal University helps in the cultivation of Kutki.
- It is worth mentioning that the Ministry of AYUSH, Government of India is going to make a documentary on herbal farming in the villages of the Himalayan region. The Ministry of AYUSH gives a **70% subsidy for Kutki** cultivation. In this sequence, the Ministry is now making a documentary to connect more and more farmers with the cultivation of herbs, the problems of the farmers.
- It is noteworthy that the herb Kutki, which is grown at an **altitude of 2700 to 4500 meters in the higher Himalayan regions**, is used as a blood purifier, strength, tide and sugar medicine. Kutki is also used in the treatment of Jaundice, hepatitis, allergies, asthma and skin diseases. Apart from this, it is also used as a medicine for arthritis, blood disorders, hiccups and vomiting.



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