

1. [Pharma companies air concerns over plans to cap prices](#) – **The Economic Times**

Indian pharma industry heavyweights have raised serious concerns over plans by the government to amend the country's drug pricing norms to allow the regulator to cap prices of medicines for which no market data is available.

Ananth Kumar, the minister for chemicals and fertilisers, said on August 29 that the ministry would propose amendments to the Drug (Price Control) Order of 2013 within 15 days. If finalised, the regulator will be able to cap prices of several essential medicines, including those to treat poisoning, cardiovascular diseases and haemophilia. Data such as drug prices and company market shares are needed to decide the caps. The Indian Pharmaceutical Alliance (IPA) said such a provision already exists in the drug pricing policy and the DPCO.

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If you are looking for a one-stop platform where you can get information about common diseases and suggestions for leading a healthy life and at the same time share your own experience at the click of the mouse, DrJio.com, a healthcare technology platform, could fit the bill.

Promoted by US-based information technology company, Mango International, it features health information and wellness education, medical assistance, community support, healthcare e-commerce marketplace and a comprehensive and sharable personal health record for the individual consumer.

3. [Healthcare corruption taken to task by technology: study](#) – **Business Standard**

Corruption, Fraud and discrimination are major barriers to healthcare provision in many developing countries, but mobile phone technology innovations like apps could help beat the bad practices, a new study has suggested. Researchers from universities of Edinburgh and Cambridge undertook a comprehensive review of existing studies on how digital technologies were being used to tackle questionable practices in healthcare.

4. ['Magic' drugs: FIR against 4](#) – **The Times of India**

The drug control administration (DCA), a wing of the state's health department, has lodged an FIR against four persons for allegedly running a drug shop at Kalisthan in Patna City without

licence. The quartet has also been charged with making misleading claims and publishing indecent advertisements. The FIR was lodged following a raid on the shop in which "fake" drugs worth Rs 10 lakh were seized. One of the four named in the FIR was arrested on Tuesday.

5. [Yoga helps in resilience against non-communicable diseases](#) – Business Standard

Yoga can contribute to resilience against non-communicable diseases and can be used for preventing and controlling many other lifestyle diseases, Health Minister J.P. Nadda said on Wednesday. "Major non-communicable diseases like cancer, diabetes, cardio-vascular diseases, stroke and chronic obstructive lung disease are to a great extent due to unhealthy lifestyle. If the body is a temple of the mind, yoga creates a beautiful temple," said Nadda, who is leading the yoga session at 69th World Health Organisation (WHO) Southeast Asia region office (SEARO) summit. According to the minister, yoga can bring together body, soul and mind for a holistic approach to health and wellbeing, including the physical, mental and spiritual realms of the human being.

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- [Yoga can contribute to building resilience against NCDs: Nadda](#) – The Hindu
- [Yoga can help build resilience against non communicable diseases: J P Nadda](#) – The Indian Express

6. [Indoco Remedies gets six observations from USFDA for its Goa plant](#) – Mint

Drug maker Indoco Remedies Ltd on Wednesday said it received six observations from US Food and Drug Administration about "objectionable conditions" at its Goa formulation plant that makes ophthalmic and injectable drugs. "All the observations are correctable and the company expects to complete the corrective and preventive actions within a period of 30 days," the Mumbai-based company said in a statement without providing details about the nature of the observations.

7. [NPPA's GUIDELINES FOR RECOVERY!](#) – Pharmabiz.com

The National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority is taking one more step towards recovering the outstanding overcharged amounts on medicines from the pharmaceutical companies. Last week it issued some 'internal guidelines' to speed up the process of recovery. The guidelines say that the recovery process of the overcharged amounts with a 15 per cent interest will be completed within three months. The NPPA has been struggling to curb violations of ceiling prices fixed by it but with not much success as the companies have been routinely overcharging a number of life saving drugs. Till now, the NPPA has been able to recover less than eight per cent of the overcharged amounts from the companies. As of June this year, the Authority has been able to recover just Rs. 387 crore, against a total outstanding amount of over Rs. 4,950 crore. A sum of Rs. 3,720 crore is stuck in various courts on account of litigations for the last 20 years. As per a NPPA document, since its inception in August 1997, the price monitoring authority had issued 1,138 notices to various companies for overcharging several hundreds of drugs marketed in the country.

8. [Dept of Pharma teams up with KDPMA to host one-day seminar on code for marketing on Sept 16](#) – Pharmabiz.com

The department of pharmaceuticals along with the Karnataka Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association (KDPMA) is organising a one day seminar on drugs code for marketing. The event will be held on September 16 at the Lalith Ashok in Bengaluru. The objective is to highlight the Uniform Code of Pharmaceutical Marketing Practices (UCPMP). The theme of the event is 'Building brands-Building a future with ethical marketing practices'.