



Socioeconomic



Population¹

1 416 977 769 (2023)



Life expectancy at birth¹

72 years (2023)



GDP/capita (current US\$)¹

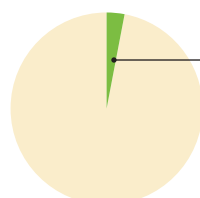
US\$ 2696.7 (2024)



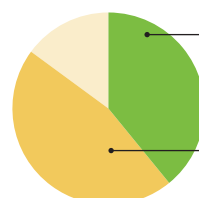
Spending on health

Current health expenditure (CHE)/capita (current US\$)²

US\$ 80 (2022)



3% (2023)
Current health expenditure as share of GDP²



39.1% (2022)
Government health expenditure (% of CHE)²
45.98% (2022)
Out-of-pocket expenditure (% of CHE)²



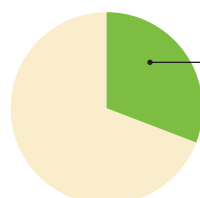
Spending on pharmaceuticals

Government pharmaceutical expenditure

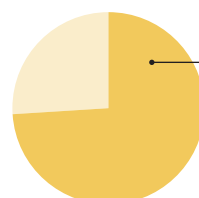
No data

Government pharmaceutical expenditure/capita

No data



30.81% (2021–2022)
Pharmaceutical expenditure (% of CHE)³



74% (2022–2023)
Pharmaceutical expenditure (% of CHE)⁴



Medical and pharmacy workforce

Medical doctors/
10 000 population²

7.23 (2023)

Pharmacists/
10 000 population²

8.6 (2023)

Pharmacy education
accreditation³

Yes

Continuing professional
development for pharmacists³

Partly



Pharmaceutical legislation and policy

1940	Drugs & Cosmetics Act	1985	Narcotic Drugs & Psychotropic Substances Act
1945	Drugs & Cosmetics Rules		
1948	Pharmacy Act	2002	Pharmaceutical Policy
1954	Drugs & Magic Remedies (Objectionable Advertisements) Act		
1955	Essential Commodities Act	2011	National Vaccine Policy
1956	Medicinal and Toilet Preparations (Excise Duties) Act	2012	National Pharmaceutical Pricing Policy
1962	Drugs (Display of Price) Order	2017	National Health Policy; National Action Plan for AMR
1970	Indian Patent Act	2022	New Drugs Medical Devices and Cosmetics Bill (draft)
		2023	National Medical Devices Policy

Intellectual property rights



TRIPS flexibilities incorporated into the law⁵



TRIPS flexibilities utilized⁵



Rational use and antimicrobial resistance

% of market share of non-EML products

No data

WHO Global Antimicrobial Resistance and Use Surveillance System enrollment:

Yes, 2024

Total consumption of antibiotics:

No data

FDC sales in the private market

No data

Number of antibiotics on the private market⁶

	Total	AWaRe			Not recommended
		Access	Watch	Reserve	
Single drugs ⁵	78	21	50	9	
FDCs ⁵	112	39	70	3	57

Market entry



National Regulatory Authority²

Central Drugs Standard Control Organization (CDSCO), Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

Website: <https://cdsco.gov.in/opencms/opencms/en/Home/>

Staff: No data

Annual budget: No data

Products regulated³

☒ Medicines
 ☒ Biologicals
 ☒ Medical devices
 ☒ Traditional medicines

Licensing of establishments

☒ Manufacturers
 ☒ Importers
 ☒ Exporters
 ☒ Wholesellers
 ☒ Distributors
 ☒ Retailers

National Medicines Quality Control Laboratory

5 central drug testing laboratories;
2 regional drug testing laboratories

☒ ISO 17025 certified

☒ WHO prequalified

Rational selection



Body responsible for selection of medical products

Not applicable

☐ HTA used in the selection process

☐ NEML incorporated AWaRE list

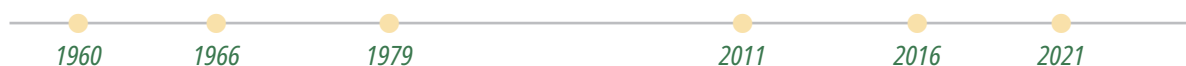
☒ Medicines listed by level of care

☒ Traditional medicines included

National Essential Medicines List (number of active ingredient)⁷



National Medicines Formulary⁸



National Essential Diagnostics List^{3,8}: Yes, 2019

Purchasing



Public sector

☒ **Procurement¹:** Centralized and decentralized

Agency responsible for procurement: No data

LMIS used: State procurement agencies

Frequency of tender: No data

Private sector

☒ **Social Health Insurance**

Name of SHI scheme⁹: Ayushman Bharat – Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana and other state health insurance schemes

Population coverage⁹: over 100 million families (500 million beneficiaries)

Number of products covered¹⁰: >1700

Pricing regulation



Pricing regulatory authority

National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA); Department of Pharmaceuticals; Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers

Public sector

Tendering: Yes

Private sector

Maximum retail price: Yes

Number of price controlled products: No data

No data

Market distribution



Estimated pharmaceutical market value

No data

Public

Tertiary hospitals: No data

Secondary hospitals¹¹: 1193 Sub-divisional Hospitals; 810 District Hospitals

PHC facilities¹¹: 157 921 sub centres; 30 813 primary health centres; 5649 community health centres

Private

Manufacturers¹¹: >3000 companies; 10500 manufacturing facilities

Importers: No data

Wholesellers/distributors: No data

Retail pharmacies: No data

Market exit



Legal provision for

☒ Cancellation of licences of pharmaceutical establishments

☒ Cancellation of marketing authorization of products

☒ Initiating product recalls and withdrawals

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