

NPPA Revises Drug Prices

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Recently, the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) has approved a 50% increase in the ceiling prices of eleven scheduled formulations of eight drugs under the Drugs Prices Control Order, 2013.

- These drugs are indicated for the treatment of conditions such as Asthma, Glaucoma, Thalassemia, Tuberculosis, and mental health disorders.
- National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA):
 - NPPA was formed in 1997 as an attached office of the Department of Pharmaceuticals (DoP), Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilisers.
 - An independent regulator that sets drug prices and ensures their availability and accessibility.
 - It derives authority from the Drugs Prices Control Order, 2013, and the Drugs and Cosmetics Act. 1940.
 - NPPA administers 'Pharma Sahi Daam' and 'Pharma Jan Samadhan' platforms for information on medicine prices and registering public grievances.
 - The Integrated Pharmaceutical Database Management System 2.0
 (IPDMS) is being implemented for online information collection from Pharma manufacturers.

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