

## COMPETITION COMMISSION OF INDIA

### Press Release

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The Competition Commission of India ('the Commission') has released a report titled '**Market Study on the Pharmaceutical Sector in India: Key Findings and Observations**' ('the study'). The report may be accessed at

[http://cci.gov.in/sites/default/files/whats\\_newdocument/Market-Study-on-the--Pharmaceutical--Sector-in-India.pdf](http://cci.gov.in/sites/default/files/whats_newdocument/Market-Study-on-the--Pharmaceutical--Sector-in-India.pdf)

With the overarching objective of understanding the factors that influence price competition in the pharmaceutical sector, the study focused on the specific realms of pharmaceutical distribution and the role of trade associations therein, trade margins, online pharmacies and the prevalence of branded generic drugs in India and its implications for competition. Since the pharmaceutical sector is a regulated sector, the study also attempted to explore the areas of interface between regulation and competition with a view to ascertain the Commission's advocacy priorities.

The report summarises the main findings and the Commission's observations based on the study. It is expected that the insights gained from the market study will inform and contribute significantly to the design of the pharma market in India to help attain the objective of affordable medicines for all.

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