



## **Slack in Pharma Regulation, Medical Education, and Unplanned Bond Policy: Health Sector**

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Due to the Gambia tragedy, Indian pharmaceuticals may now be looked at with suspicion, which will hurt the domestic pharma industry. It is time for the authorities in our country to regulate quality in the pharmaceutical industry without increasing the prevalence of inspector raj.

The Front of Pack labelling recommendations have been endorsed by 24 organisations and institutions, including the Centre for Science and Environment (CSE), the Indian Academy of Pediatrics (IAP), the Public Health Foundation of India (PHFI) and Diabetes India.

A resident doctor in Rajasthan is seeing a demonstration against the government's bond service policy, which is being imposed forcibly without proper planning. The resident doctors in the PG batch of 2019-22 put in a lot of effort during COVID-19. They still haven't gotten their degrees, and there hasn't even been a posting for their services in compliance with the bond policy.

In this background, this Occasional News Wrap (ONW) captures various information related to health regulation expressed by way of selective write-ups, op-eds, articles, news, etc. in the month of October 2022. This is the second volume of CUTS ONW on this subject, which covers various dimensions of health regulations and policies.

	Article/Op-ed	Key Takeaway
1	<p>Unplanned Bond Policy, Withheld Certificates-Plight of Residents Doctors in Rajasthan</p> <p>By Barsha Misra <i>Medical Dialogues</i> October 04, 2022</p>	<p>The medics are concerned because, despite the fact that the state strictly enforces the rules of <a href="#">compulsory bond</a> service, orders have not been posted to the medics despite the fact that students graduated six months ago. The resident doctors in Rajasthan are on strike in protest over the state government's unplanned implementation of bond service policies in the states as well as the withholding of certificates.</p>
2	<p>MP HC Upholds In-Service Reservation for Doctors Serving Rural Areas, Rule to be Implemented from Next Year</p> <p>By Barsha Misra <i>Medical Dialogues</i> October 9, 2022</p>	<p>The state's amendment was recently upheld by the high court, and that is about the service <a href="#">reservation rules</a>, which narrowed the advantages of the reservation to only those doctors serving in rural areas and excluded those working in district hospitals.</p>
3	<p>Committee Meets to Draw Up Governing Pharma Firms' Freebies</p> <p>By Priyanka Sharma <i>Mint</i> October 11, 2022</p>	<p>The first meeting between government entities and the governmental think tank NITI Aayog has taken place. The government's most recent action is to break the financial links between <a href="#">pharmaceutical companies</a> and the doctors who recommend their products.</p>
4	<p>Lessons from Maiden: Gambia Deaths Raise Several Questions</p> <p><i>Business Standard</i> October 13, 2022</p>	<p>The Centre's decision to set up a four-member committee to investigate allegations against Maiden Pharmaceuticals raises key questions about the regulatory systems that govern India's <a href="#">pharmaceutical industry</a>. An immediate probe following the death of 66 children in The Gambia after being allegedly administered paediatric cough syrups manufactured by Maiden Pharmaceuticals suggested that the company had been using contaminated raw material.</p>
5	<p>Delhi Health Bill Being Finalised Direction Issued to Bring Uniformity in Functioning of Pathological Laboratories</p> <p><i>Healthworld.com (ET)</i> October 17, 2022</p>	<p>The Delhi High Court said in an affidavit that "the Health Department has passed the order dated May 31, 2022, in order to bring uniformity and <a href="#">standardisation</a> in the running of the pathological laboratories in the NCT of Delhi, until the Delhi Health Bill is finalised.</p>
6	<p>SC to Examine Validity of Age Restriction for Conducting Tests Before Abortion</p> <p><i>ANI</i> October 26, 2022</p>	<p>According to Section 4 of the Pre-Conception and Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques (Prohibition of Sex Selection) Act, 1994, this deals with the regulation of prenatal <a href="#">diagnostic techniques</a>. According to this section, no pre-natal diagnostic techniques shall be used or conducted unless the person is qualified to do so under the condition that the age of the pregnant woman is over 35 years.</p>

7	<p>Pharmacy Council of India Mandates Urgent Implementation of Pharmacy Practice Regulations For Pharmacists</p> <p><i>Medical Dialogues</i> October 26, 2022</p>	<p>The Pharmacy Council of India (PCI) recently issued a notification directing the implementation of the <a href="#">Pharmacy Practices Regulation (2015)</a>. A letter from the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW), which was about the clarification of the procedure for the implementation of the regulation in states.</p>
8	<p>Healthcare Regulations Must Factor in Complex Structure of Private Sector</p> <p>By Preeti Sudan October 28, 2022</p>	<p>According to recent news reports, the <a href="#">Competition Commission of India (CCI)</a> found that some super-specialty hospitals affiliated with well-known chains that operate in the Delhi-National Capital Region abused their dominant positions by charging "unfair and excessive prices" for consumables, rent, medications, medical tests, and other services.</p>
9	<p>Inadequate Regulations, Standards a Problem for Health Care Biometrics</p> <p>By Jim Nash October 30, 2022</p>	<p>According to those who participated in the interviews, <a href="#">national regulations</a> and standards are required in order to integrate patient data from the multiple electronic health records kept by each provider and the various healthcare facilities that patients attend. There cannot be a proprietary or system-dependent solution to this challenge.</p>
10	<p>Think Tank To Govt: Bring Warning Labels For Processed Food Consumed By Kids</p> <p>By Kavita Bajeli Datt October 31, 2022</p>	<p>The experts recommended that the marketing of harmful foods and beverages to children be promptly banned through <a href="#">legislation</a> in light of scientific data linking greater consumption of UPFs to elevated risks of non-communicable diseases, such as diabetes, heart issues, and cancer.</p>
11	<p>Delhi HC Directs Petitioner To Implead Aggregators/Corporate Entities In A Plea Over Blatant Violation Of Indian Medical Council Regulations, 2002</p> <p>By Sukriti Mishra October 31, 2022</p>	<p>The court was hearing a plea filed by an Association of Practising Pathologists seeking directions for <a href="#">blatant violation</a> of the Indian Medical Council (Professional Conduct, Etiquette and Ethics) Regulations, 2002, by corporate entities/online aggregators in the field of lab services who are indulging in various malpractices and the aggressive solicitation/ full-page advertisements, etc., in violation of various rules and guidelines governing medical practitioners.</p>