



## Caps No Cure



Price caps for essential drugs have many unintended consequences. Quality manufacturers shift to non-essential drugs, allowing sub-standard manufacturers to dominate the market, impacting the quality & availability of drugs. For better outcomes, the government should promote competition between manufacturers, strictly regulate the quality of drugs, procure and distribute generic drugs in bulk via public institutions, and tackle information asymmetry by promoting transparency.



## **Enter the Matrix**

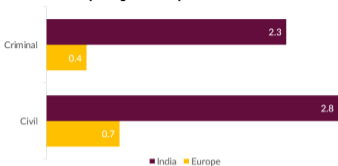
The upcoming National Cybersecurity Policy (2020-25) must articulate and justify its position on the applicability of international law to cyberspace, and bring domestic policy in line with India's global aspirations. The role of private industry in global norm-shaping also raises the need for consistent representation in such fora through a Tech Ambassador.

## **An Empowered CDS**

The creation of a Department of Military Affairs empowers the Chief of Defence Staff (CDS), as its head, to improve military effectiveness. The CDS can act as a bridge between the political leadership and the military establishment, and will be instrumental in shaping the long-term plans of the military.



## Average Time to Dispose of Cases (in years)



*Inefficiency and undercapacity make Indian courts, on average, 5x slower than European ones.*

*(Source: Economic Survey 2018-2019)*

### **Parting shot:**

For every ₹1000 in railway ticket sales

Paid out in salaries: ₹410

Paid out as pensions: ₹260

Though a no-casualty record has been achieved, urgent reforms are needed to improve financial health.

*(Source: BusinessLine/7th Pay Commission)*

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