

price control, drugs became unavailable and a black market flourished with spurious drugs flooding the market. In contrast, with liberalization, prices of commonly used drugs such as antibiotics, anti-diabetes drugs, and anti-tuberculosis drugs declined from March 2002 to March 2003 by 9%, 4%, and 8% respectively. The Indian Pharmaceutical Alliance, an organization based in Mumbai representing national, research based drug companies is protesting the move saying "such a move would impact on the availability of drugs, burden the companies that have

brought to the consumer the latest products at the lowest prices in the world, leave high priced, patented products outside the purview of price control, and jeopardize the global potential of the Indian pharmaceutical industry". (BMJ 2004;329:368,14 August, bmj.bmjournals.com)

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Dyslexia

International Dyslexia Association - <http://www.interdys.org/index.jsp> The International Dyslexia Association (IDA) is a non-profit organization dedicated to helping individuals with dyslexia, their families and the communities that support them.

Contains information about dyslexia, including education, research, message groups, events, articles and software. The website has sections for educators, parents and patients,

Dyslexia Teacher - <http://www.dyslexia-teacher.com/> This website contains sections on identifying children with dyslexia, teaching

methods for children with dyslexia, latest news, links to WWW sites on dyslexia, discussion board and the 'World of Dyslexia' news letter.

Dyslexia Online - http://www.audiblox2000.com/dyslexia_dyslexic/dyslexia.htm

This is an online magazine on dyslexia published by the Audioblox, the website of a popular teaching method for children with learning disorders containing articles of interest for parents of children with dyslexia.

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