Pharma Companies in Chennai: List of Pharmaceutical Companies and Plants (2026)

Short answer: the best-known pharma companies in Chennai are Orchid Pharma, Caplin Point Laboratories, Apex Laboratories, Fourrts (India), Medopharm, Bafna Pharmaceuticals, Tablets (India) and TTK Healthcare; Strides and Pfizer also run sites there. A Department of Pharmaceuticals survey (2023) counts four pharma clusters in and around Chennai – the largest at SIDCO Alathur, Kanchipuram (29 units).

Online version with clickable sources: https://www.trumachealthcare.net/pharma-companies-in-chennai/

#	Company	Head office / site	Known for	Status	Source
1	**Orchid Pharma**	Head office (Nungambakkam); plant at SIDCO Alathur	Cephalosporin APIs; founded 1992 (Dhanuka group since 2020)	Operating	https://nsearchives.nseindia.com/corporate/ORCHPHARMA_10072026200954_S…
2	**Caplin Point Laboratories**	Head office (Perungudi); injectables plant at Gummidipoondi	Generics for Latin America; founded 1990	Operating	https://nsearchives.nseindia.com/corporate/CAPLINPOINT_30082025164253_…
3	**Apex Laboratories**	Head office (Guindy)	Branded formulations incl. Zincovit; founded 1978	Operating	https://apexlab.com
4	**Fourrts (India) Laboratories**	Head office; two Tamil Nadu plants	Branded formulations	Operating	https://www.careratings.com/upload/CompanyFiles/PR/22012021041144_Four…
5	**Medopharm**	Head office; plants at Guduvanchery	Generics incl. WHO-prequalified products; founded 1970	Operating	https://extranet.who.int/prequal/sites/default/files/whopir_files/WHOP…
6	**Bafna Pharmaceuticals**	Head office; export plant at Madhavaram	Formulation exports	Operating	https://bseindia.com/bseplus/AnnualReport/532989/73500532989.pdf
7	**Tablets (India)**	Head office; plant at Tondiarpet	Formulations	Operating	https://drugscontrol.tn.gov.in/tamil/pages/manufacturers_directory/loa…
8	**TTK Healthcare**	Head office	OTC and consumer health incl. Woodward's Gripe Water	Operating	https://ttkhealthcare.com/consumer-products
9	**Strides Pharma (Alathur)**	Site	Tablets and capsules for the US	Operating	https://business-standard.com/markets/capital-market-news/strides-phar…
10	**Pfizer Global Drug Development Centre**	Site (IIT-Madras Research Park)	R&D centre, opened 2022	Operating	https://biospectrumindia.com/news/95/21172/pfizer-opens-global-drug-de…
11	**BCG Vaccine Laboratory, Guindy**	Site (Government of India)	BCG vaccine, since 1948	Operating	https://dirbcglab.gov.in/milestones_of_bcg.php
12	**Shasun Pharmaceuticals**	Former head office	APIs	Merged into Strides (2015)	https://business-standard.com/article/pti-stories/strides-arcolab-chan…
13	**Hospira / Pfizer, Irungattukottai**	Former site	Sterile injectables	Closed (2019)	https://business-standard.com/article/companies/pfizer-to-stop-manufac…

Chennai pharma clusters – key facts

Kanchipuram (SIDCO Alathur, Thiruporur): 29 pharma units – DoP Survey of Pharma Clusters, Feb 2023
Thiruvallur (Kakkalur Industrial Estate): 17 units

Guindy Industrial Estate: 8 units
Ambattur Industrial Estate: 3 units
Tamil Nadu: 5 pharma clusters (also Tiruvannamalai, 22 units); Chennai is named among the clusters with most large units

Sources: Department of Pharmaceuticals, Survey of Pharma Clusters (CMRSD, Feb 2023); company websites, annual reports and stock-exchange filings; WHO prequalification records; news reports linked in the table. Company list is for information only – no endorsement. The order is not a ranking.

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