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About 80% of doctors and 75% of dispensaries are serving urban India, which makes only for 28% of the country's population, leaving the rest in dire need of basic health facilities, a new report revealed on Saturday.

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2. [National IPR policy to promote creativity, innovation: DIPP – The Hindu](#)

The National Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) policy announced by the government will help promote creativity and innovation in the country, a senior official said in New Delhi on Tuesday.

Joint Secretary in the Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP) Rajiv Aggarwal said the government is making an ecosystem to promote both these things.

“India has just come out with the National IPR policy. The slogan or the entire bedrock of that policy rests on creativity and innovation. We talk of a creative and innovative India,” Mr. Aggarwal said at a function in New Delhi.

3. [Indian innovation has long way to go: DIPP’s Agarwal – The Hindu](#)

India has a long way to go in promoting innovation despite moving 15 places up to 66th rank in the Global Innovation Index, according to a top official. “While India’s rank has increased, there is still a long way to go,” Rajeev Agarwal, Joint Secretary, Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP) said on Saturday while addressing a gathering at a conference on innovation.

Speaking about the national Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) policy, Mr. Agarwal said the bedrock of the policy was to promote creativity and innovation. “We need to make sure we create an ecosystem where young Indians can move ahead, based on the research that has already been done. If you don’t have protection, then what would be the incentive to innovate?” he asked.

4. [India can break into the top-25 rank in the next 10 years: WIPO Chief – Business Standard](#)

In India to launch the Global innovation Index, 2016, Francis Gurry, director-general at the World Intellectual Property Organization, tells Subhayan Chakraborty what India needs to do for being known as an innovator.

5. [Need to create awareness about IPR stressed – Business Standard](#)

A senior DRDO official today stressed the need to create awareness about Intellectual Property Rights among various stakeholders and said they had taken efforts to improve the standard and importance of IPR in new fields. “There is a need on awareness about IPR among various stakeholders. DRDO has taken efforts to improve the standard of research and importance of IPR in new research fields,” Director of the Institute of Nuclear Medicine and Allied Sciences, DRDO, Ajaykumar Singh said. He was speaking after an IPR cell was inaugurated at Bharathiar University here today.

6. [With price cap, 22 drugs get cheaper – The Economic Times](#)

In a move that would make some commonly used cancer drugs, anti-retrovirals and medicines to treat malaria cheaper by up to 45%, the central drug regulator has capped prices of 22 essential medicines with immediate effect. The price cap announced by National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) would bring down maximum retail price or MRP of these medicines down by 10-45%. It is likely to impact prices of nearly 220 medicine brands containing 22 formulations.

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7. [Made in India drugs safe & effective: Survey – The Economic Times](#)

Medicines produced in India were found to be safe and effective, a year-long health ministry survey revealed after tests of nearly 50,000 drug samples across the country. The exercise — the first nationwide survey involving government, civil society and pharmacy professionals after 2009 — was kicked off in the wake of rising concerns that several medicines made in India posed risks to patients. The latest findings reiterate the government viewpoint that a negligible portion

of the drugs manufactured in India are below the prescribed standards. The results of the detailed report is expected in a month's time and is expected to help the government understand the measures needed to improve the quality of medicinal products in India, according to a top health ministry official.

8. [Pharmaceuticals department earmarks Rs300 crore for common facilities in medical parks](#) – Mint

Development of common facilitation centre for medical devices (DCFC-MD) scheme proposes to give Rs25 crore or 70% of cost of equipment and machinery and fixed assets as grant-in-aid for setting up of common facility centres.

Department of Pharmaceuticals (DoP) has come up with a scheme to finance common facility centres like component and radiation testing in proposed medical device parks with an outlay of Rs.300 crore as it looks to curb import dependence. "The Department has formulated a scheme for financing common facility centres in medical device park with an outlay of Rs.300 crore," DoP said in a statement.

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9. [Universal health services to be provided at 150 health sub-centres](#) – The Hindu

As part of a pilot project under the Centre's Universal Health Coverage Programme, universal health services will be provided at 75 health sub-centres each in Baran and Churu districts of Rajasthan. The National Health Mission has started preparations for implementing the ambitious project. State Mission Director Naveen Jain said here that the Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy (AYUSH) doctors would provide outdoor services at the sub-centres every evening from October 2. Besides, the residents of the area would get the facility of free-of-cost blood sugar test, haemoglobin test and high risk pregnancy identification.

10. [World's first leprosy vaccine, from Indian lab, to go on trial](#) – The Times of India

The first exclusive vaccine for leprosy, made in India, will be piloted in five districts of Bihar and Gujarat in a few weeks as a part of the country's push efforts at eradicating the crippling disease that affects 1.25 lakh people every year. About 60% of the global leprosy patients live in India, where detection and treatment leave many of them crippled. If the pilot phase shows satisfactory results, the programme will be implemented in other high-prevalence districts across the country. The vaccine developed by founder-director of the National Institute of Immunology (NII) G P Talwar, has been approved by the Drug Controller General of India (DCGI) and the US-FDA.

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- [Made-in-India leprosy vaccine to be launched](#) – The Hindu
- [India to launch its first exclusive leprosy vaccine: Union Health Minister](#) – The New Indian Express

11. [Gujarat gears up to woo fresh pharma investments as tax havens lose relevance](#) – Business Standard

With the tax incentives nearing an end in the hilly states and the Goods and Services Tax (GST) paving way for an uniform tax regime across the country, pharamanufacturing hubs like Gujarat have started gearing up to woo investors to the state. For starters, Gujarat is planning to set up a pharmaceutical park in its flagship industrial hub Sanand, about 30 odd kms from Ahmedabad under the Cluster Development Programme of the Centre. Plans are afoot to house a medical devices park near Sanand as well and a detailed project report (DPR) has been sent to the Centre.

12. [Top cos line up for Pharma Expo 2016 at Pragati Maidan](#) – Business Standard

Key pharmaceutical manufacturing companies including ayurvedic and herbal product makers would participate in the 'Indian Pharma Expo 2016', starting tomorrow at Pragati Maidan. The three-day fair will provide an opportunity to the companies to display their products and services to both domestic and global visitors.

In its 5th edition, companies from all over India will be participating to display their new products, innovative technologies and trends which will be coming soon in the future of the Indian pharmaceutical industry.

13. [AIOCD demands blanket ban on online sale of medicine](#) – Pharmabiz.com

All India Organisation of Chemists and Druggists (AIOCD), having pan India presence of more than 8 lakh members, has reiterated its demand for a total ban on online sales of medicines as it considers such an activity can lead to major public health problems. In a letter to Union minister for health and family welfare J P Nadda, prime minister, minister of state for health and family welfare, principal secretary, health, joint secretary, health and family welfare, all members of parliament, AIOCD has cautioned them that online sale of medicine if allowed, would prove hazardous to the public health at large as unscrupulous elements could route spurious drugs to customers via online platform.

14. [Indian Pharmacist Association demands exclusive pharmacy cell under health ministry for better pharmacy governance](#) – Pharmabiz.com

The Indian Pharmacist Association has demanded a pharmacy cell under ministry of health & family welfare for a better pharmacy administration in the country. The Association is of the view that the pharmacy practice is a specialised technical field and the pharmacy professionals can only suggest, understand and execute the best pharmacy services or cadre in large public interest.

The Association has recently met the J P Nadda, Union health minister to discuss the long pending demand of the pharmacists in the country and issues related to the upliftment of the profession. The Association has a list of demands including increasing the grade pay of the pharmacists, strengthening of FDA for the better coordination with the agencies dealing with food and drugs laws.