

1. **[Centre's flagship initiatives likely to get additional funds](#) – The Hindu**

National industrial corridors, 'Make In India,' 'Start-up India' and the national Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) policy may get a major fillip later this year in terms of additional Budgetary allocation.

The Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP) — the nodal agency for industrial corridors and the above-mentioned flagship initiatives — has begun work on revamping its schemes.

2. **[Ahead of WIPO meet, Scientist & IPR experts' plea to CM for TK protection](#) – The Times of India**

Ahead of the World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO) meet in Geneva this September,

Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) experts and scientists from Kerala raise concerns over the need for Traditional Knowledge (TK) protection and had also written to the Chief Minister to introduce TK Protection Law based on Kerala IPR policy 2008. The scientists call for a stringent TK protection law to check bio-piracy and private appropriation of TK through its patenting.

3. **[GST will change the way India does business: Who will win, who will lose](#) – The Economic Times**

Indirect taxes in India have driven businesses to restructure and model their supply chain and systems owing to multiplicity of taxes and costs involved. With hopes that the Goods and Services Tax (GST) will see the light of the day, the way India does business will change, forever.

Pharmaceuticals:

Currently, the sector enjoys various location-based tax incentives. The effective tax rate (excise duty) for most companies is much below the statutory tax rate (6 per cent).

*Other reports on the GST Bill:*

- [GST Bill: Green light for 'one nation, one tax'](#) – The Hindu
- [Giant leap for GST, but many steps to go](#) – The Times of India
- OPINION PIECE: [Only the first hurdle of GST cleared, Consensus next](#) – The Economic Times (Blogs)

4. **[NPPA to launch app with key drug prices](#) – The Economic Times**

India's drug pricing watchdog is planning to introduce an app that will enable patients to check prices of essential medicines on-the-go. The National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) will do this by extending its "Pharma Jan Samadhan" web-portal facility to smartphones to slash instances of drug makers and retailers overcharging consumers for life-saving, often expensive, medicines. Developed by the National Informatics Centre, the app — "Search Medicine Price"—

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6. [ICMR issues "National Ethical Guidelines for Biomedical and Health Research involving Human Participants, 2016"](#) – Pharmabiz.com
7. [3,000 Jan Aushadhi Stores to be opened across India](#) – ETHealthworld.com

is slated for an android phone launch on August 29 by the minister of chemicals and fertilisers Anant Kumar. iPhone users can also expect to have this information at their fingertips within another two months, according to NPPA.

5. [DCGI to dispose of applications for licences, approvals if clarifications not submitted in 45 days](#) – [Pharmabiz.com](#)

The Central Drugs Standard Control Organization (CDSCO) will dispose of all applications relating to grant of various licences, approvals, permissions, etc, if the applicants fail to submit further technical details/clarifications sought by the CDSCO within the stipulated 45 days.

Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI) Dr GN Singh, in a notice to industry associations like IDMA, IPA, [OPPI](#), FOPE, BDMA, etc, said that while reviewing the pendency status of applications relating to grant of various licence/approval/permissions, etc., it has come to the notice of CDSCO that in a large number of cases where CDSCO had requested the applicant to submit further technical details/ clarifications, etc, the applicants do not respond within a reasonable time and submit their responses to CDSCO. This causes undue delay in the disposal of applications by CDSCO.

6. [ICMR issues "National Ethical Guidelines for Biomedical and Health Research involving Human Participants, 2016"](#) – [Pharmabiz.com](#)

The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) has issued the draft "National Ethical Guidelines for Biomedical and Health Research involving Human Participants, 2016" which will make specific provisions to meet ethical challenges posed by newer scientific advances. The guidelines are divided in various sections to cover a range of topics and attempts to address the emerging ethical concerns related to biomedical and health research. The guidelines have been drafted by Expert Subcommittees working under the dynamic leadership of an Advisory Committee chaired by Dr Vasantha Muthuswamy. The ICMR has invited suggestions/feedback from all interested stakeholders till 15th September, 2016.

7. [3,000 Jan Aushadhi Stores to be opened across India](#) – [ETHealthworld.com](#)

Under Pradhan Mantri Jan Aushadhi Yojana (PMJAY), the central government will open 3,000 Jan Aushadhi Stores (JAS) pan India by the end of this fiscal to make quality drugs available at affordable prices, parliament was told on Tuesday. "In order to open JAS proposed within government hospital premises, a one-time financial assistance is provided to the extent of Rs 2.50 lakh and the margin available for the retailers is 20 per cent so as to ensure a reasonable level of profitability for them," Minister of State for Chemicals and Fertilisers Mansukh L. Mandaviya told the Lok Sabha in a written reply.