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NATHEALTH feels this will impact India's Industry friendly image globally and adversely impact the 'Make in India' efforts in the medical technology domain. The Government recently added Coronary Stents to the National List of Essential Medicines 2015 (NLEM 2015). This will effectively bring the product under price control. Additionally, the Committee of experts constituted by MoHFW, in its report of Ministry of Health has indicated its desire to bring other cardiology products under NLEM as well. The reason cited for this action is the Government's desire to improve the number of percutaneous cardiac interventions (Angioplasty).

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2. [Medical Council of India may be scrapped soon – Economic Times](#)

A committee headed by NITI Aayog Vice-Chairman Arvind Panagariya would submit its report on scrapping Medical Council of India (MCI) to the government next week in view of the poor regulation of medical education by the body. "The committee on MCI has finalised its report after several rounds of deliberation on the issue with stakeholders and experts. It is likely to submit its report next week," a source said.

3. [Flawed Indian studies spur EU regulator to back drug suspensions – Mint](#)

EU drug regulator EMA recommends suspension of a number of medicines that were tested in India, after an inspection of the site found 'substitution and manipulation' of the study samples. Hundreds of mostly generic medicines from companies including Novartis AG's Sandoz unit, Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd. and Mylan Inc., and smaller Indian companies like Lupin Ltd. have been recommended for suspension, according to an EMA statement on Friday. Drugs currently being evaluated using studies from the Semler Research Centre Pvt. site in Bangalore shouldn't be authorized until alternate data is provided, the agency said.

4. [Why services inflation matters – Hindu Business Line](#)

The galloping costs of healthcare, education and housing have left the Indian middle-class reeling. What goes up may not come down — if it is services inflation. The buzz around inflation usually centres around the soaring prices of veggies and dals but the heat is much greater from another quarter — services. Galloping costs of services such as healthcare, education and housing are hurting the Indian middle-class much more and finding a solution to this problem appears difficult. While the Centre is making some attempt to tame food inflation, little is being done to control services inflation, which now looks like a structural issue with the country's

changing demographics and capacity constraints. Increasing incidence of lifestyle diseases has seen demand for healthcare services rise in the country. The National Sample Survey Office's survey in 2014 showed that the proportion of ailing person per 1,000 (in urban regions) stood at 118, up from 99 in 2004 and 54 in 1996. But workforce and infrastructure in the healthcare system is scarce in India and has not been able to serve the increasing demand.

5. [**Doctors to protest against new research rules – Times of India**](#)

The Indian Medical Association's (IMA) state chapter has joined hands with various doctors' bodies to protest against certain clauses in the Clinical Establishment (Registration and Regulation) Act.

IMA announced its decision to hold a joint protest on July 30 at a meeting of chiefs of different medical bodies, held here on Saturday. Calling provisions of the new legislation as "anti-people", the doctors said the act would lead to "corporatization of health care."

6. [**Aspirin a day may keep cancer away – Times of India**](#)

The humble aspirin could help prevent three forms of gastrointestinal that are most common worldwide, including India, said Jack Cuzick, an expert in clinical oncology. In Kolkata, to deliver the Tata oration in clinical oncology on Friday, US-based Cuzick said that aspirin, one of the cheapest and most commonly available drugs, not only reduces the risk of GI cancers but also prevents metastases or spread of the disease. It's important for India to explore easy and cheap options like this to combat the growing menace of cancer, felt Cuzick. Around 11% of all cancer patients in Bengal state suffer from GI cancers. In Kolkata, this number is around 5,000.

7. [**In a string of setbacks, Vizag loses NIPER as well – Times of India**](#)

Contrary to the announcement made by Union minister for chemicals and fertilisers Ananth Kumar that the centre will establish a National Institute for Pharma Education and Research (NIPER) in Vizag, his colleague and Union minister of state for chemicals and fertilisers Mansuk L Mandaviya has stated that there is no such proposal under consideration. during the current Lok Sabha session, it has also come to light that there is no proposal to set up the Indian School of Mines in Visakhapatnam. At the same time, two other central government institutions - Centre of Indian Institute of Packaging (IIP) and a Centre of Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT) - are now being proposed at Kakinada instead of Vizag.

8. [**JIPMER files first patent for research work – The Hindu**](#)

JIPMER would look to develop its first line of patents to open up collaboration with industries on projects that will improve patient care, its Director Dr. S. C. Parija said on Friday. In a press note issued after JIPMER filed its first patent application for one of its research works on Friday, Dr. Parija said securing patents would pave way for institute-industry collaboration for designing and bringing out improved diagnostic kits, procedures and treatment modalities for better patient care. the process of patent development started about six months ago with the launch of an 'Innovation Unit' to encourage students and faculty towards applying for patents for their work. Then a team of faculty was sent to other centres for sensitisation and training.

9. [**India to promote Medical Research environment – The Hans India**](#)

To promote health research at grass root level and to strengthen health infrastructure in the country. Department of Health Research (DHR) has initiated five schemes to promote research environment in the country.

- i. Establishment of Multidisciplinary Research Units (MRUs) in Govt. Medical Colleges.
- ii. Establishment of Model Rural Health Research Units (MRHRUs) in the States.
- iii. Establishment of Network of Research Laboratories for Managing Epidemics and Natural Calamities (VRDL).
- iv. Human Resource Development for Health Research (HRD).
- v. Grants-in-Aid scheme for inter-sectoral convergence & promotion and guidance on health research (GIA).

vi. DHR provides support in the form of grant-in-aid for carrying out research studies to identify existing knowledge gap and to translate existing health leads into deliverable products. The schemes also provide advanced training in India and abroad to medical and health research personnel in cutting edge research areas concerning medicine and health to create trained human resource for carrying out research activities.