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The US and India are heading for a clash over the fate of two moratoriums at the World Trade Organization (WTO): one on introducing new norms for the protection of intellectual property rights and other on making recommendations for a robust work programme to negotiate new rules for e-commerce, including customs duties. The US made a strong pitch at the WTO's general council on Tuesday for continuing with the existing moratorium on customs duties and for preparing a work programme on electronic commerce, including cloud-computing and electronically delivered software.
2. [High Court rejects AstraZeneca's diabetes drug plea](#) – Economic Times
The Delhi High Court has dismissed AstraZeneca's plea to block Hyderabad based Lee Pharma from making copies of its anti-diabetes drug Onglyza and left it for the patent office to decide whether to grant a compulsory licence for the medicine. Striking down claims made by AstraZeneca, Justice Manmohan Singh of the Delhi HC on Wednesday passed an order that the patent suit and the application for the compulsory license will move ahead without being influenced by its decision.
3. [Hopes for India to modernize its IP regime](#) – Global Trade
Earlier this month, the Department of the Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP) of the Indian government announced several reforms to the system of intellectual property in that country. "Several measures have been taken to ensure continuous and unending improvement of the Indian IP ecosystem," the department said, in a statement. Among the changes announced was the modernization of IP administration, which included "the complete electronic processing of patents and trademarks applications."

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Even as the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) trade deal is being negotiated between the the US and 11 other Pacific Rim countries, the medical humanitarian organisation Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) has urged the negotiators to remove provisions which will damage access to medicines or risk locking in high drug prices and endangering the health of millions of people. Australia, Brunei Darussalam, Canada, Chile, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Peru, Singapore and Vietnam are the 11 Pacific Rim countries involved in the deal.

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1. [Dr Reddy's ink pact with Purdue varsity for drug research](#) – Business Standard
The US-based Purdue University has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Dr Reddy's Laboratories Limited (DRL) to strengthen pharmaceutical research and development. According to a statement issued by the University, the intent of the MoU is to forge a strong strategic partnership in a range of research areas and novel technologies in the field of pharmaceutical processes and product development.
2. [Government Clears FDI Proposals Worth Rs 981 Crore](#) – NDTV
Government today said it has cleared seven foreign investment proposals, including that of Hathway Cable and Datacom, totalling over Rs 981 crore. The proposals worth Rs 981.15 crore have been cleared by the Finance Ministry following recommendations for the same by the Foreign Investment Promotion Board (FIPB). Hyderabad-based Celon Laboratories too has got permission for downstream investment in a brown field pharma company. The investment has been estimated at Rs 16 crore.