

1. [China healthcare costs forcing patients into crippling debt](#) - Reuters

Chinese patients take on debt to fund rising medical costs

* Personal medical expenditure expected to hit \$1.9 trln by 2025

* Public health insurance broad but shallow, so much not covered

* Patients liable for about half of total healthcare spending

* Consumer borrowing has tripled since 2010.

2. [Patent Office refuses patent to Italian research firm Indena to treat mucositis](#) - Business Standard

The Indian Patent Office has refused patent protection for a medicine of Italian research firm Indena SPA to treat Mucositis, a painful inflammation that occurs

after chemo or radiotherapy treatment for cancer, in India. The office also refused a pre-grant opposition filed by a scientist in the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), Delhi against the application.

3. [Indian businesses will continue to get warm welcome in Britain: UKIBC chief](#) - Business Standard

Despite Brexit referendum, UK and India believe there are reasons to be extremely positive about the economic partnership. In an exclusive interview with Sanjay Jog, UK India Business Council (UKIBC) CEO Richard Heald says Bilateral Trade Treaty with India should be a priority and would be immensely beneficial to both countries. "Indeed, the UK India Business Council expects that more emphasis will now be put on improving bilateral economic ties especially with India. Already we are hearing increasingly positive noises at all levels about the opportunities that exist in the current environment to increase economic ties between India and the UK.

The UK India Business Council remains positive on the outlook for trade/economic ties with India. The arguments for both Indian and UK companies to trade and to invest in each other's economies remains intact," he said.

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4. [US accepts dissolving heart stents as valuable medical device](#) – The Times of India
"US Food and Drug Administration (USFDA) has officially accepted the dissolving heart stents in its list of valuable medical devices that can safely be used to save lives from heart disease," said Dr. BB Chanana, HOD-Cardiology at Maharaja Agrasen Hospital, New Delhi on Sunday.
With this, Bioresorbable Vascular Scaffolds (BVS), known as dissolving stents, are as good as the best legally available other stents for the same use.

5. [E-commerce websites offering easy access to pharma drugs](#) – The Times of India
Growing e-commerce in India is facilitating significant increase in online pharmacies, leading to easy availability of pharmaceutical drugs and their abuse, the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) says.
In its annual report for 2015, published on Friday, the NCB says abuse of pharmaceutical drugs in India has assumed serious proportions in recent times and the problem seems to be more serious in the northeast and northwest region of the country.

6. [Thane pharma company dupes city trader of 33L](#) – The Times of India
A city-based chemical trader, who had supplied raw material to Mumbai based firms after receiving an online order, has allegedly been duped to the tune of over Rs 33 lakhs.

Dulal Mahavir Mahatao supplied multiple consignments of Astoravastatin Calcium raw material to the pharma company based in Kalher Bhiwandi, Thane since March this year. As a mark of assurance of payment he was handed a post-dated cheque for the consignments after the suspects spoke to him over phone.

7. [Cadila eyes growth opportunity in US, LatAm formulation mkts](#) - dna
Pharma firm Cadila Healthcare sees big growth opportunity in US and Latin American formulation markets and plans to enhance share in the US generics market by launching complex, oral solids and formulations.

"Going forward, the company's focus will continue to be on launching complex, difficult-to-make oral solids and formulations of other dosage forms like injectables, nasals, creams and ointments in order to enhance share in the US generics market," Cadila Healthcare Chairman Pankaj Patel said in the company's annual report.

8. [Improving access to end-of-life care](#) – The Hindu
In an authored article, Professor at the Public Health Foundation of India, Prof Ramanan Laxminarayan, talks about improving the quality of care of the dying by limiting unnecessary therapeutic medical interventions, providing access to trained palliative care providers, ensuring availability of essential medications for pain and symptom control and improving awareness of end-of-life care issues through education initiatives.

9. [Tracking India's hidden burden](#) – The Hindu
In an opinion piece, Anjali Thomas talks on how under-reporting and social stigma have combined to downplay the fact that the incidence of TB in children in India is directly proportional to that in the adult population. "In a June 2016 study published in *The Lancet Infectious Diseases*, researchers from the University of Sheffield and Imperial College, London, estimated that in 2014, around 8,50,000 children globally had developed full-blown TB. After emphasising that their data sets are more uncertain at a country level, lead researcher Pete Dodd estimates that around 1,30,000 children were from India. "This makes India the country with the largest burden of paediatric TB," he says.

The incidence of paediatric tuberculosis is in proportion to that of adult TB, and experts in India believe that Dr. Dodd's figures are a tad conservative. "The number of children with tuberculosis in India could be around 2 lakh for 2015, but only 99,000 were reported that year,"

says Dr. Amar Shah, national consultant for HIV/TB for the Revised National Tuberculosis Control Program (RNTCP)," she added.

10. [India, U.S. will weather trade disputes: Farrell](#) – The Hindu

The Indo-U.S. relationship is unlikely to be affected by disputes the two countries are having at the World Trade Organization (WTO), according to a senior U.S. Department of Commerce official, Diane Farrell. Ms. Farrell's comments to The Hindu, made at an India-U.S. business conference organised at the University of California Berkeley's Haas School of Business, came within hours of an announcement at the WTO that the U.S. will seek sanctions against India on a poultry dispute. [Ms. Farrell herself was initially unaware of this announcement].

11. [India, South Africa pledge to boost ties, Tata, Birla, Cipla ink deals](#) – Bloomberg TV

With global headwinds threatening to slow growth, India on Friday sought to enhance trade and investment with its BRICS partner South Africa especially in mining, chemicals, pharmaceuticals, high-technology manufacturing, telecom and IT. In a joint conference with South African president Jacob Zuma, Modi paid homage to two of the greatest human souls to have ever walked this Earth--Mahatma Gandhi and Nelson Mandela--and highlighted the common fight against racial subjugation and colonialism.

12. [Dishman Pharma's Bavla plant inspection completed by USFDA](#) – ET Healthworld.com

Drug firm Dishman Pharmaceuticals and Chemicals today said inspection of its Bavla plant has been successfully completed by the USFDA.

The company's Bavla plant inspection has been successfully completed by the United States Food and Drug Administration (USFDA), Dishman Pharmaceuticals and Chemicals said in a BSE filing.

13. [Health ministry issues draft code of practice of National Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation](#) – Pharmabiz.com

The Union health ministry has issued draft code of practice of National Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation (NTAGI) which contains information about the responsibilities, structure, functioning, and procedures of the NTAGI and Standing Technical Sub-Committee (STSC).

This Code of Practice has been prepared after reviewing the best practices at global and national scientific advisory committees and has been ratified by chair & co-chairs of the NTAGI with inputs from members of the STSC. All members (current and prospective) of the NTAGI and STSC as well as individuals attending meetings are required to confirm their acceptance of the provisions set out in this document by signing the declaration.