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– Economic Times

Anti-dumping duty of \$0.277- 0.404 per kilogram has been imposed on a compound, used in the pharmaceutical industry, imported from the US and China to protect domestic makers from cheap shipments. The Central Board of Excise and Customs (CBEC) has imposed definitive anti-dumping on import of Methyl Acetoacetate from the two countries for five years. The duty has been slapped following recommendation by the Directorate General of Anti-dumping and Allied Duties (DGAD).

2. [Mylan, Biocon confirm efficacy of Trastuzumab biosimilar](#)

– ETHealthWorld

Global pharma major Mylan Inc, and Biocon have confirmed the efficacy and safety of MYL-14010, a proposed biosimilar trastuzumab co-developed by the firms, in comparison to Roche's branded Herceptin used for treatment of cancer. Trastuzumab is indicated for treatment of a type of breast cancer, Biocon said. "The positive outcomes of the global Phase III clinical study with our proposed biosimilar trastuzumab for HER2-positive breast cancer patients are a significant milestone in our joint biosimilars development program with Mylan," Biocon Chairperson and MD Kiran Mazumdar Shaw said.

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3. [Telemedicine market may touch Rs 200 cr-mark by 2020: Assocham](#) – ETHealthWorld

The country's telemedicine sector is expected to double to US\$ 32 million (about Rs 210 crore) by 2020, industry body Assocham has said. Currently, the sector's market size stands at US\$ 15 million (about Rs 100 crore), it said. The chamber said efforts are needed to create an overarching framework from primary to district healthcare centres and issues like bandwidth and connectivity need to be fixed to boost the sector's growth. Growth of a sustainable

telemedicine network in India depends upon introduction of legal frameworks, development of national e-health policies, trained human resource and regular funding.

4. [Indian-origin brothers get caught in UK Pharma imbroglio](#) – ETHealthWorld
Bhikhu and Vijay Patel, the founders of pharmaceutical empire Waymade Plc, have been named in a special 'Times' investigation for charging "extortionate" prices for drugs by dropping an existing brand name of a medicine and instead selling it under its generic name. They also run the charitable Shanta Foundation, which funds educational and medical projects in Kenya and India. Two Indian-origin millionaire brothers have been caught in a controversy for allegedly exploiting a loophole in Britain's state-run National Health Service's pricing controls to overcharge for the sale of generic drugs, according to a media report.
5. [Don't confuse patents with innovation](#) – The Hindu Business Line
An article by Eben Moglen / Mishi Choudhary (Choudhary is a technology lawyer and Moglen a professor of law and legal history at Columbia University) says that the announcement of the National IPR Policy is something of a missed opportunity. What the Government should have delivered to the Indian people is a 'national innovation policy', in which intellectual property rights would have a place, but would not consume the entire foreground of the picture. The gravest danger arising from the emphasis on "monetisation" of traditional knowledge is that non-Indian interests will patent and monopolise benefits derived from Indian traditional knowledge not only elsewhere in the world but even here. This will prevent innovation based on traditional knowledge, depriving Indian society of the fruits of its own past. The policy's other basic defect is that it takes for granted that the degree and extent of innovation in society can best be measured by quantifying property rights: the number of patents applied for or issued, the amount of 'intellectual property' collateralising 'IP-friendly loans', etc. This tendency to assume that more patents equals more innovation is indefensible.
6. [Diabetes drugs 10-35% cheaper](#) – Times of India
Some popular and commonly used antibiotics and anti-diabetes medicines are set to be cheaper by 10-35%. Drug price regulator, National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority, has slashed retail prices of 25 essential medicines, most of which are used in treatment of diabetes. The revised prices will be effective immediately, NPPA chairman Bhupendra Singh told TOI. For consumers, this may come as an additional relief because these 25 medicines were under government price control with a cap on their MRP. "Essential medicines need to be kept at affordable limits hence with every new. Though the government caps prices of all essential medicines listed under NLEM, companies are allowed to revise prices annually as per the change in wholesale price index.
7. [Archaic drug law haunts Indian chemists](#) – Times of India
Despite the government focusing on the repeal of archaic laws in India, realization of the aim seems to be a far cry, for the drug industry at least. With pharmacists becoming redundant and the advent of "online pharmacy", the Drug and Cosmetic Act, 1940, has come to haunt Indian chemists in the retail sector who claim they are now facing existential crisis. A recent order of the Uttar Pradesh Food Safety and Drug Administration (FSDA), Lucknow has renewed the debate on the law with the department asking all districts to ensure that all "pharmacists or qualified persons" employed with 'drug selling installations" get their documents verified by the department along with a physical verification. Failing on this front can lead to action being initiated against the retail drug sellers and the license of the pharmacist can get cancelled, the order states.
8. [Why precision medicine is the new buzzword in cancer care](#) – Hindustan Times
Using a patient's individual tumor biomarkers to determine the best treatment can improve success rates, studies showed Saturday. Unlike chemotherapy and radiation therapy, targeted

medicine allows to preserve healthy cells. This approach, especially immunotherapy, which boosts the immune system to destroy tumor cells -- is revolutionizing oncology, according to the study released at the annual meeting of the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO). Promising responses observed in four cancer types, including carrier-specific molecular alterations, have already helped widen the cohort of patients participating in this clinical trial, the researchers said. "Although it is still early to draw conclusions, our findings suggest that, for example, HER2-targeted therapy could be expanded beyond the current indications of HER2-positive breast and gastric cancers." They all showed a reduction of at least 30 percent of their tumor. Based on the data, researchers recruited more patients for the study, which is ongoing and expected to reach 500 participants.

9. [Diabetes drug metformin might help breast cancer survivors: Experts](#) – Hindustan Times
In the fight against cancer, a commonly-used drug for diabetes cure, metformin, might be a new weapon. Evidence from two new studies from the Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania suggest that metformin, commonly used to treat for type 2 diabetes, improves survival for some breast cancer patients and shows promise as a treatment for patients diagnosed with endometrial hyperplasia. "Using metformin as a cancer prevention strategy has been controversial and results have been inconsistent, but our analysis reveals that use of the drug is time-dependent, which may explain the disparity. While use of the drug may have a survival benefit for some breast cancer patients, those who developed breast cancer while already using Metformin may have more aggressive cancer subtypes," said lead author Yun Rose Li.
10. ["Bring down prices of cancer drugs further"](#) – The Hindu
Oncologists of Tiruchi on Sunday stressed the importance of bringing down the prices of cancer drugs in order to make them affordable to all sections of the society. G. Senthil Kumar, vice president of the club, said that 3000 and 3500 new cancer cases were reported in Tiruchi and Thanjavur in 2015-16. It had seen a marginal increase when compared to previous years. Of them, 600 cases were related to paediatric cancers. Similarly, oral and breast cancers were found common among the affected patients. Ill effects caused by tobacco chewing and life style modifications were said to be the main reasons.
11. [Women receive poor access to medical care, despite being more prone to heart illness](#) – DNA
A study has revealed that though more women than men are prone to heart diseases in India, very few of them receive medication and care, underlining the gender bias in the country. Our findings have significant implications for future health policy regulations in the Indian government's National Rural Health Mission program that has until recently, largely focused on prevention of communicable diseases and maternal and child welfare and education at primary healthcare delivery level," said the study, acknowledging that "gender disparity remains a challenge". The average age of women heart patients was 48.9 years old while the average age of men was 51.5 years.
12. [To reduce dependence on imports, government to develop 6 bulk drugs, medical devices parks](#) – Indian Express
To reduce import dependence, the government has decided to establish six bulk drug and medical devices parks, which will entail a combined investment of Rs 60,000 crore. "The government has decided to establish 3 bulk drugs and 3 medical devices parks across the country. These parks will require an investment of about Rs 60,000 crore," Fertiliser Minister Ananth Kumar. As per various estimates, once these parks become operational, they can bring down the cost of production of devices and bulk drugs by at least 30 per cent and in long-run, this will help the general public also, he said.

13. [India needs to incorporate changes in pharma sector: WHO](#) – Financial Express
Laying stress on promoting research work in pharmaceutical sector, Regional Director of WHO South East Asia, Poonam Khetrpal Singh said India needs to incorporate changes and innovate in the sector to address today's need. "There is no one model that suits all. We have health services which are solely by the government, by the private sector and those which are a mix of the public and the private sector. "In India, we would need to think of new ways in which the health care services are rendered, a release quoting her said.
14. [US industry sends list of complaints to Obama ahead of Modi's visit](#) – Business Today
"Real, meaningful progress remains elusive, and recent signals indicate backsliding in key areas. For instance, India just released its long-awaited National Intellectual Property Rights Policy, which falls far short of industry expectations." The text above is part of a letter that some 17 industry and business-related entities in the US have written to US President Barack Obama ahead of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to the United States, starting June 6th. They urged the US president "to use this visit to engage with the Prime Minister to advance both discussions and concrete action to produce a stronger and more-promising U.S.-India commercial relationship". "Prime Minister Modi finishes the second year of his leadership, however, we are concerned that the high hopes and positive rhetoric that accompanied the beginning of his tenure have yet to be translated into concrete measures to improve the business environment for U.S. workers and companies operating in and exporting to India." The letter has been written on behalf of leading bodies like Association of Equipment Manufacturers; American Foundry Society (AFS); Biotechnology Innovation Organization (BIO); Motion Picture Association of America (MPAA); National Association of Manufacturers (NAM); and the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America (PhRMA) among others. D G Shah, Secretary-General of the Indian Pharmaceutical Alliance says: "We need to see how the prime minister and the Indian government will respond to this, though I do not think there will be any change. The pharma industry, I do not think, is expecting any surprises."
15. [WCD Ministry to hold first ever "All India Women Journalists' Workshop" on 7th June, 2016](#) – pib.nic.in
The Ministry of Women and Child Development, in association with Press Information Bureau, Ministry of Information & Broadcasting is organizing the first ever "All India Women Journalists' Workshop" on 7th June, 2016 at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi. The Conference will bring together 250 journalists from all parts of the country together on a single platform. The women journalists represent print, electronic and online media across the country including small and regional media organizations. This Conference will be a unique gathering of women journalists, who specialize in social sector reporting, coming together to understand, discuss and deliberate on issues concerning women and children. Journalists from 30 States/UTs have already confirmed their participation and more participation is expected in the coming two days. The participating journalists represent several regional publications and regional news channels of the country.