

## IPR & Innovation

### **Government exhorts pharma companies to invest more in R&D, [The Economic Times](#) (6th June, 2015)**

Government urged pharmaceutical companies to increase investment in research and development (R&D) to emerge as a hub of innovation in low cost health products and services. India will have to move beyond the manufacturer of generic drugs and emerge as a hub of innovation in low cost health products and services, said Health and Family Welfare Minister JP Nadda at a FICCI conference on 'India Life Sciences', a report on life sciences industry. Saying that the patents of many biopharmaceuticals and innovative molecules are expiring in 2018, Nadda exhorted on the indigenous companies to grab the opportunity. "This would be the best time for Indian manufacturers to initiate production of such components so that saving drugs reach millions of patients across the world," the Union minister said.

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### **India and Europe need to collaborate on IPR: Rajiv Aggarwal, [India Infoline](#) (7th June, 2015)**

While speaking at the Indo-European Conference on Fostering Co-operation in Research, Innovation and IPR on 5th June 2015; Rajiv Aggarwal, Joint Secretary, DIPP and Controller General of Patents, Designs and Trademarks, Intellectual Property Office, started his address by talking about the MoU between the India and European Patent Office and the positive results it had yielded in the recent past. He also mentioned about the Government's intention to open four new National Institute of Design(s) in various parts of India and the possibility of having European faculty on board to impart education.

## Access to Healthcare

### **Govt. launches Jan Aushadhi medical store in Delhi, [Business Standard](#) (6th June, 2015)**

Minister of State for Chemicals and Fertilizers Hansraj Gangaram Ahir on Friday inaugurated the Jan Aushadhi Generic Drug Store at Indian Medical Association (IMA) headquarters here. Ahir said that Jan Aushadhi Yojana would be re-launched in the month of August 2015 in a big way. He said that about 1000 Stores of Jan Aushadhi would be opened to provide quality generic medicines at affordable rates to the entire population of the country. The Minister hailed the efforts of the Indian Medical Association (IMA) in opening the Jan Aushadhi Stores in their premises and expressed hope that they would help in creating awareness among the doctor's community to prescribe generic medicines.

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### **Health, childcare tips will be on phone, web, [Business Standard](#) (8th June, 2015)**

With the Modi government's thrust on a digital India, the union health ministry is trying to devise interactive web portals and mobile apps for most of its flagship programmes like immunisation drives and mother and child care. Officials in the health ministry said union Health Minister J.P. Nadda has asked for the digitisation of almost all services being provided by the government in the sector. The ministry has set up a web portal in pursuance to the decisions of the National Knowledge Commission to provide healthcare related information to the citizens of India and serve as a single point of access for consolidated health information.

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### **Centre may rename, rebrand Jan Aushadhi, to open 1000 more stores soon, [Pharmabiz.com](#) (8th June, 2015)**

In a big boost to the jinxed 'Jan Aushadhi Scheme', launched by the Department of Pharmaceuticals (DoP) way back in 2008 to provide quality medicines at affordable prices to the common people of the country, the Central government will soon open 1000 more stores under this scheme. Union minister of state for chemicals and fertilisers Hansraj Ahir disclosed that the government proposes to soon open 1000 more stores under the 'Jan Aushadhi Scheme' to make available quality generic medicines at affordable prices through these special outlets.

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## **Ethics & Compliance**

### **Image of Indian pharma industry tarnished: EY, [The Hindu Business Line](#) (6th June, 2015)**

The increase in foreign regulatory inspections has marred the image of the Indian pharmaceutical industry, according to a survey by EY. Out of 19 US Food and Drug Administration's (USFDA) warning letters issued in 2014, eight were issued to Indian companies, EY said in its latest survey analysing the state of data integrity compliance in Indian pharmaceutical industry. India has the second largest number of manufacturing facilities outside of the US (523 as on March 2014) registered with the USFDA. There has also been a steady rise in drug exports to the US from India. It has gone up from \$1.25 billion in FY10 to \$3.45 billion in FY14. "With the growing importance of the Indian pharmaceutical industry in the global market, the number of foreign regulatory inspections has also increased considerably," the survey said.

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## **Medical & Regulatory**

### **Govt amending Drugs and Cosmetics Act to unleash innovation of life sciences industry, [Financial Express](#) (6th June, 2015)**

Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare, J. P Nadda on Friday said that the Centre was in the process of amending the Drugs and Cosmetics Act to unleash innovation and the entrepreneurial spirit of manufacturers and ensure the rights, safety and well-being of clinical trial participants, while at the same time facilitating such trials. Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare, J. P Nadda on Friday said that the Centre was in the process of amending the Drugs and Cosmetics Act to unleash innovation and the entrepreneurial spirit of manufacturers and ensure the rights, safety and well-being of clinical trial

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### **Trade body urges Centre to prevent online sale of prescription drugs, [Pharmabiz.com](#) (6th June, 2015)**

India's 7 lakh retail drug sellers under the umbrella of All India Organisation of Chemists and Druggists (AIOCD) has urged the government to disallow online sales of prescription drugs. According to the AIOCD, "Online sales of medicines is an easy escape route to tamper with the prescriptions. Any such move to allow sale of drugs online can be detrimental to patient safety. Its opposition to online sales of drugs is a step towards derailing the move of many new-age e-pharmacies trying to partner with retailers for e-commerce." Drug Controller General of India (DCGI) office is also planning to study the existing online drug trade regulations internationally to come out with a set of rules on online pharmacy. The issue is high on the agenda and likely to be taken up in the forthcoming Drug Consultative Committee (DCC) meet this year. The free availability of prescription drugs from online retail sites has added to the growing concern around the aspect of the lack of adequate regulatory framework for the e-commerce

sector.

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**Pharma Dept mulls ban on sale of baby food items at pharmacies, [Business Standard](#) (8th June, 2015)**

In the wake of Maggi controversy, Department of Pharmaceuticals is mulling to bring a proposal to ban sale of baby food products and other supplements at pharmacies. The department said only pharmaceutical items like medicines and syrups must be allowed for sale in such shops. "People purchase baby food products and supplements from chemist shops under the impression that these are good for health...What happened in the Maggi case we all know...It is mostly consumed by children. So these should not be sold at chemist shops," Minister of State for Chemicals and Fertilisers Hansraj Gangaram Ahir told PTI.

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**India and Netherlands Signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for Development of Vaccines during, [Business Standard](#) (8th June, 2015)**

A Memorandum of Understanding was arrived at between India and Netherlands for development of vaccines. The MoU signed under 'Make in India' initiative of Government of India will enable the Bharat Immunologicals and Biologicals Corporation Ltd (BIBCOL), a Central PSU under Department of Biotechnology, to develop Measles - Rubella vaccine at its plant at Chola, Bulandshahr, U.P. Translational Vaccinology (INTRAVACC) a government-based institute of the Netherlands will extend technical support for the development of vaccine. The MoU was signed in the august presence of the Prime Minister of The Netherlands Shri Mark Rutte during his visit to New Delhi.

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**CDSCO West Zone partners with UL to train inspectors on audit regulations, [Pharmabiz.com](#) (8th June, 2015)**

In order to develop a robust compliance and regulatory framework by the drug regulators in India, Underwriters Laboratories (UL), a global safety science organisation, has signed up as a knowledge partner with the Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO) West Zone. Under this partnership, UL will help train CDSCO' Western Zone officials. The specially designed online training courses, based on international regulatory guidelines, will empower the CDSCO officers with the appropriate training on good manufacturing practices for pharmaceuticals and medical devices as well as good clinical practices.

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**DoP rejects Parenteral Drugs' review plea against ceiling prices of glucose inj 10% & mannitol 20% 1, [Pharmabiz.com](#) (8th June, 2015)**

The Department of Pharmaceuticals (DoP) has rejected the review application filed by Parenteral Drugs (India) Ltd against the fixation/revision of ceiling prices of glucose injection 10 per cent and mannitol 20 per cent 100 ml by the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA). The NPPA through its notification No. S.O. 3131 (E) dated 10.12.2014 had fixed ceiling price of glucose injection 10 per cent and SO No. 3134(E) dated 10.12.2014 fixed ceiling price of scheduled medicine mannitol 20 per cent 100 ml under para 31 of DPCO 2013.

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## Other News on Pharma

**MoU to boost Dutch infra investment in Indian healthcare, [Business Standard](#) (6th June, 2015)**

In a move that could further boost the Netherlands' investment in the Indian health care sector, the Healthcare Federation of India (NATHEALTH) on Friday inked a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with a Dutch group. The collaboration with the Netherlands-based Task Force Health Care (TFHC) is intended to improve the healthcare and life science sectors in both countries, NATHEALTH said in a statement. "India needs a significant increase in funding (\$3 trillion cumulatively) to bridge the gaps in

Indian healthcare ecosystem. Through this alliance NATHEALTH & Task Force Health Care will develop and strengthen cooperation," said NATHEALTH president Sushobhan Dasgupta.

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**Union health minister releases FICCI knowledge paper 'Indian Life Sciences: Vision 2030', [Pharmabiz.com](http://Pharmabiz.com) (6th June, 2015)**

Union health & family welfare Minister J P Nadda released the FICCI knowledge paper titled "Indian Life Sciences: Vision 2030, Expanding Global Relevance and Driving Domestic Access" at Lifesciences Conference 2015, organized by FICCI in New Delhi today. FICCI believes that by achieving this Vision 2030, the industry will continue making significant contribution to the economy and healthcare outcomes. In pharmaceuticals, India is now the eighth largest country by value globally with one of the highest growth rates. It is strongly positioned in key overseas markets like USA. In clinical trials, India continues to be one of the top 15 destinations globally. Significantly, Indian drugs are available at affordable prices as compared to global markets. Further, India is the primary supplier of essential medicines for numerous diseases, helping save millions of lives globally.

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