

IPR & Innovation

Biogen CEO Highlights Neuroscience Innovation Forum, [Pharmaceutical Executive](#)

By Casey McDonald Pricing and Sovaldi couldn't avoid mention at this week's World Medical Innovation Forum put on by Partners Healthcare in Boston. The meeting highlighted multiple issues in neuroscience but also touched on hot buttons across the industry.

Talking Sovaldi, Biogen's CEO George Scangos, said that the development of the

B'luru scientists find drug which could cure malaria with one dose, [The Times of India](#)

Bengaluru: Three scientists from Bengaluru, who led a team of global researchers looking for an antimalarial drug, have found a fast-killing solution. After completing some tests, it'll go in for clinical trials on humans. That this drug has the potential to cure the dreaded disease in one dose makes it

Coming soon, a clearer IPR policy, [The Hindu Business Line](#)

New Delhi, April 30:

Inter-ministerial discussions on the final draft begin

Inter-ministerial discussions on the proposed new Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) policy have begun and the Government is likely to be ready with it in the next few months, a senior official has said. The new policy proposes to bring clarity to

Drug Discovery Outsourcing Market Forecast 2015-2025, [The Telegraph](#)

LONDON , April 30, 2015 /PRNewswire/ --

Opportunities for Leading Companies

Report Details

Drug discovery outsourcing - your guide to the commercial potential of services and companies in this market

Where is the drug discovery outsourcing market heading? Visiongain 's new report gives you revenue predictions for the drug discovery outsourcing market and its

Elsevier Announces the Launch of Journal of Commodity Markets, [The Telegraph](#)

AMSTERDAM , April 30, 2015 /PRNewswire/ --

Elsevier , a world-leading provider of scientific, technical and medical information products and services, is pleased to announce the launch of a new journal, Journal of Commodity Markets.

Commodity markets are important for economic development and growth and are at the center of many geopolitical

Government initiatives to spur pharma sector growth: Study, [Pharmabiz.com](#)

The policies of the Government aimed at making quality healthcare affordable to all, increasing access to healthcare in rural and urban areas and increasing penetration of healthcare insurance is expected to complement growth in the Indian pharmaceutical market, according to a pharmaceuticals sector 2015 outlook study by Dun & Bradstreet.

IPR: India still on 'priority watch list' of US, [Business Standard](#)

In its annual report on intellectual property right (IPR) laws and patent regimes of partner countries, the US Trade Representative (USTR) has again kept India on a 'priority watch list'.

However, keeping in mind the recent bonhomie of sorts between both countries, the Office of the USTR, an agency of the

Insurance Newsletter: 27-30 April, 2015, [India Infoline](#)

India Infoline News Service | Mumbai | April 30, 2015 13:46 IST The government has raised the limit of foreign direct investment in pension sector to 49 per cent in line with the FDI cap in the insurance sector.

FSDC panel reviews factors that impact financial stability

The RBI, SEBI and IRDA

Long-delayed Indo-Swiss Free Trade Deal Still Snagged: Report, [The New Indian Express](#)

GENEVA: A long-delayed free trade deal between India and Switzerland is not likely to be signed soon, a senior Swiss official said today, with differences on intellectual property rights and data protection still unresolved.

Despite India's business-friendly premier Narendra Modi rolling out the red carpet to foreign investors, concluding the agreement

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Make branded medicines cheaper, Indian Medical Association requests health ministry, [DNA India](#)

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Prices of branded drugs available in India should be brought down closer to the prices of their generic alternatives, requests a letter from the Indian Medical Association (IMA) addressed to the union health ministry.

Prices of branded

New Virtual Campus to Train Tomorrow's Academic Leaders, [The Telegraph](#)

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Elsevier Publishing Campus offers free training, advice and options for debate on a variety of topics related to academic publishing

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On IPR, [The Hindu Business Line](#)

Your edit, For a new IPR regime (April 30) throws light on the stringent patenting laws creating unfavourable trade conditions. The government would do well to align the laws with the international community and reduce prices by giving subsidies and increasing taxes. The government should also consider availing the services

Online registration begins at GMCH-32, [The Tribune](#)

Tribune News Service Chandigarh, April 30 A breather for tech-savvy residents of the city, Government Medical College and Hospital (GMCH), Sector 32, today launched the facility of online registration for OPD consultation. The service will be limited to eight patients in a day, initially, and no registration fee will be

Pharming Reports on Financial Results for Q1 2015, [The Telegraph](#)

LEIDEN, The Netherlands , April 30, 2015 /PRNewswire/ --

Biotech company Pharming Group N.V. ("Pharming" or "the Company") (Euronext Amsterdam: PHARM) today published its (unaudited) financial report for Q1 2015 ended

31 March 2015 .

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Revenues from operations increased to

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Ethics & Compliance

Medical firm staffer blocked at MCH, [The Hindu](#)

The Government Medical College Hospital (MCH) premises here witnessed noisy scenes on Thursday as a group of people blocked the employee of a medical company following suspicion that he was trying to cart away medicines from the MCH store.

Tension prevailed in the area as representatives of various political parties rushed

US lauds PM Modi's IPR remarks, but places India 'priority watch list', [The Economic Times](#)

NEW DELHI: The United States has placed India under its 'priority watch list' in the annual review of intellectual property rights regime of its trading partners, noting that several of its policies continue to be of grave concern.

However, it has lauded Prime Minister Narendra Modi's remarks made early this month

Medical & Regulatory

AstraZeneca's heart drug Brilinta receives US FDA priority review designation, [Pharmabiz.com](#)

The US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has accepted and granted Priority Review designation to AstraZeneca's Brilinta (ticagrelor) supplemental new drug application (sNDA) to treat patients with a history of heart attack.

The sNDA is based on the results of the PEGASUS-TIMI 54 study, a large-scale outcomes trial in more than

HC quashes MCI circular on entrance test for NRIs, [The Times of India](#)

BENGALURU: The high court on Thursday quashed the January 16, 2015 circular issued by the Medical Council of India (MCI) on the entrance examination for NRI students for admission to the MBBS course from 2015-16.

Allowing a batch of petitions filed by SN Medical College, Bagalkot, and others, a division bench

HC Quashes Circular on Entrance Exam for NRIs, [The New Indian Express](#)

BENGALURU: The High Court on Thursday quashed the circular issued by the Medical Council of India to conduct entrance exams for NRI students for admission to MBBS course from the academic year 2015-16.

A division bench of Justice Patil and Justice P S Dinesh Kumar quashed the circular issued on January 16,

High Court relief for unaided private medical colleges, [The Hindu](#)

In a relief to unaided private medical colleges, the High Court of Karnataka has quashed the Medical Council of India's (MCI) circular making Common Entrance Test (CET) mandatory for admission to MBBS courses under non-resident Indian (NRI) quota from the academic year 2015-16.

A Division Bench comprising Justice B.S. Patil and

MCI teams catch govt med colleges off guard, [The Times of India](#)

Nagpur: The Medical Council of India (MCI) conducted surprise, simultaneous inspections at three government medical colleges in Vidarbha on Thursday, probably to prevent 'transfer' of staff between these colleges during the inspection. The council had also inspected the new Gondia GMC on Monday.

On Thursday, three different teams inspected GMC Yavatmal,

MCI warns medical colleges for hiring part-time faculty, [The Times of India](#)

CHENNAI: In a move to plug in loopholes while reviewing the standard of medical colleges in the country, the Medical Council of India (MCI) will conduct more surprise inspections and give approvals to only those institutions that have full-time faculty.

MCI president Dr Jayashri Ben Mehta, who was in the city

New MBBS curriculum may be introduced next year, [The Hindu](#)

The Medical Council of India (MCI) is working on a new MBBS curriculum for the country, which may come into effect by 2016-17. The first draft has been completed. After looking at it once more, it will be sent to medical colleges for the faculty to be trained, after which it

No statutory status for model prescription format: FDA, [The Times of India](#)

KOLHAPUR: The food and drugs administration (FDA) has failed to act against doctors not following the 'model prescription format' claiming that the guidelines lack statutory status.

The state had in July last year constituted a committee under the chairmanship of then commissioner of food and drugs administration (FDA) Mahesh Zagade to

PET vs GLASS THE DEBATE CONTINUES, [Express Pharma - National](#)

As the industry gears up to implement the switch from PET to glass for medicines meant for certain patient categories, the debate on the merits and demerits of both materials continues. Usha Sharma reports The Central Drugs Standard Control Organization (CDSCO), Director General of Health Services, Ministry of Health and Family

Retirement at 75: Mixed reaction to MCI proposal for medical teachers, [The Indian Express](#)

Written by Anuradha Mascarenhas | Pune | Updated: April 30, 2015 5:17 pm

A Medical Council of India (MCI) proposal to raise the maximum age set for retirement of the medical teachers' fraternity in India to 75 years is being challenged by various quarters in Maharashtra where the retirement age has

Soliciting patients online unethical, [Deccan Chronicle](#)

Hyderabad: E-medicine, soliciting patients online and registering on websites are practices that are being questioned for ethical reasons, sparking a debate among doctors.

With many websites and mobile apps available that connect patients with doctors, there are questions being raised whether it all amounts to advertising and if they promote services

Sanofi gets EU marketing approval for Toujeo to treat diabetes in adults, [Pharmabiz.com](#)

The European Commission has granted marketing authorization in Europe for Sanofi's Toujeo (insulin glargine [rDNA origin] injection, 300 U/mL), a next-generation basal insulin for the treatment of type 1

and type 2 diabetes mellitus in adults.

"The EU marketing authorization for Toujeo represents a significant milestone for Sanofi, expanding our integrated

Three held for making and supplying fake drugs, [The Indian Express](#)

The three accused in police custody on Thursday. The spurious drugs were manufactured in Mohali. (Source: Express Photo by Purushottam Sharma)

The Crime Branch apprehended three persons for manufacturing and supplying spurious drugs and recovered 10 cartons of medicines during a raid on a factory in Mohali this week. Police registered

Other News on Pharma

Autotest VIH® (HIV Self-Test) has Received the CE 0459 Mark, [The Telegraph](#)

PARIS , April 30, 2015 /PRNewswire/ --

A revolution in HIV testing

The French company AAZ has announced that it has received the CE mark for the first self-administered HIV blood test which will be manufactured in France under the name autotest VIH® .

DIPP seeks cabinet to hike proposal limit to Rs 3,000 crore for four FDI plans, [The Economic Times](#)

NEW DELHI: The next round of foreign direct investment reforms is aimed at boosting capital inflows, promoting the 'Make in India' programme and securing infrastructure funding.

The Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion, the nodal agency in charge of foreign investment, has sought cabinet approval for four proposals, including treatment of non-repatriable investments by

Finance ministry may be urged to shun meet funded by tobacco companies, [The Times of India](#)

NEW DELHI: Faced with opposition from public health activists, the health ministry is set to intervene and may soon urge the finance ministry to distance itself from an upcoming international conference in New Delhi, being co-organised by a consortium funded by several transnational tobacco companies.

The event - The 12th Annual

Final regulations on clinical trials likely by year-end, [The Hindu Business Line](#)

The final rules and regulations on clinical trials in India are likely to be in place by the year-end, a senior government official said on Thursday.

The regulatory pathway is in place, a compensation system is in place, and with the call for "Make in India", we should aspire to be

Japan plans to double investments in India in five years to more than \$35 b, [The Hindu Business Line](#)

Trade ministers ink five-point agenda to increase trade, facilitate investments

Japan plans to double its investments in India in five years to over \$35 billion, develop exclusive Japanese townships in the country and intensify cooperation in information technology, Japanese Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry Yoichi Miyazawa said on Thursday.

Furthering trade

Miyazawa

Proposal to set up 3 virology centres sent to ministry, [The Times of India](#)

Ranchi: The state health department has initiated the process of setting up virology centres for dengue, swine flu and Ebola cases.

"We sent the proposal for setting up three centers to the health ministry this week. Their communique is being awaited," principal health secretary K Vidyasagar told TOI.

The state health centres

Suresh Kumar for ban on chewing tobacco, [Deccan Herald](#)

May 1, 2015, Bengaluru, DHNS Demanding a ban on chewing tobacco in Karnataka, BJP MLA S Suresh Kumar wondered why the State government, which had taken a step in this direction, had backtracked from enforcing it.

Addressing the media in Bengaluru on Thursday, Kumar said that despite Health Minister U T
