

Access to Healthcare

Centre tightens health fund rules, [Asian Age](#)

Even as the health budget saw a major dip this time, the Centre has decided that there will be no decrease in the budget allocated for their flagship scheme National Health Mission. However, tightening its noose on the utilisation, the health ministry has decided funds will be released to states

Ethics & Compliance

Doctors launch educational website, [The Times of India](#)

CHANDIGARH: Now, doctors' opinion will be just a click away. A group of city-based doctors, on Sunday, launched a unique concept, Society for Promotion of Ethical and Affordable Healthcare (SPEAK), and a website that will not only educate residents but also discuss their problems at PHD Chambers on Sunday.

Drug makers' tax benefit claim on freebies, gifts unlawful: CAG, [The Economic Times](#)

NEW DELHI: Slamming the practice of pharma companies offering freebies and gifts to doctors, government auditor CAG said that drug makers have claimed tax benefits on such expenses despite these being prohibited by law.

The Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) said that it audited 2,868 assessment records of pharma companies and

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Despite skewed sex ratio, conviction for female foeticide rare, [Deccan Herald](#)

New Delhi, May 10, 2015 (PTI) Despite India's declining child sex ratio, as many as 30 states and union territories have not convicted even a single person for pre-conception and pre-natal diagnostic between 2011 and 2013, raising concerns about the poor implementation of the PCPNDT Act.

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DTAB turns down proposal to amend Rule 44 of D&C Rules for upgradation of qualifications of govt ana, Pharmabiz.com

The Drugs Technical Advisory Board (DTAB), which is the highest decision-making body under the Union health ministry on technical matters, has turned down a proposal from the Union health ministry to amend Rule 44 of the Drugs and Cosmetics Rules for upgradation of the qualifications of government analysts.

DCGI to study global regulations to frame rules on online pharmacy soon, Pharmabiz.com

Against the backdrop of cases of illegal online sales of prescription drugs through e-commerce sites in India, Drug Controller General of India (DCGI) office is now planning to study the existing regulations internationally to come out with a set of rules on online pharmacy. The issue is likely to be

Maha FDA issues notices to e-commerce site for online sale of abortion kit, Pharmabiz.com

Following Maharashtra Food and Drug Administration (FDA) recent actions on e-commerce site Snapdeal.com, the state regulator has also sent notices to e-commerce site, shopclues.com, for online sales of Medical Termination of Pregnancy (MTP) kit.

Medical Termination of Pregnancy (MTP) pills are recommended by physicians only for pregnancies that haven't exceeded 63

Ministry of Ayush reconstitutes AUSDTAB but with no representative from Kerala, Pharmabiz.com

In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 33 C of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act 1940, the Union ministry of Ayush, has reconstituted the Ayurveda, Unani, Siddha Drugs Technical Advisory Board (AUSDTAB) with director general of health services as chairman.

Advisor or joint advisor dealing with drugs in the Ayush

Online sale of prescription drugs dangerous trend: Harshdeep Kamble, Business Standard

Maharashtra FDA acted swiftly against Snapdeal and filed FIR in connection with sale of prescription drugs. In an interview with, FDA Commissioner Harshdeep Kamble explains how they dealt with the matter.

What prompted FDA to take action against e commerce companies especially Snapdeal for sale of prescription drugs?

TB, diabetes drug prices to fall by 30%, The Economic Times

NEW DELHI: The drug price regulator has capped prices of 30 medicines including antibiotics and those used in treatment of diabetes, tuberculosis and malaria. The move is expected to bring down prices of most of these medicines by 25-30%. However, in some cases the reduction could be by as much

Other News on Pharma

Centre sanctions Rs. 10 crore for RIMS, The Hindu

The Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Medical Sciences (RIMS), which has been struggling to mobilise funds for development projects, has got a respite, with the Union government allocating Rs. 10 crore for setting up a Mother-Child Health Centre of Excellence on the premises.

GM mosquitoes prove effective against dengue in Panama, Zee News

Panama City: Panama's Gorgas Memorial Institute for Health found in a recent study that

genetically modified (GM) mosquitoes can be used to combat dengue with a high degree of effectiveness, scientists involved in the project said.

The director of the study, Lorenzo Caceres, said that in a period of six months

Gujarat launches India's first mobile drug testing lab Pharmabiz.com

The much anticipated mobile drug testing lab was launched this week by the Gujarat health ministry, making it the first state in the country to possess such a high tech on the go-spot-detecting drug testing laboratory. The state government has made a total investment Rs. 1 crore from the funds

Health Ministry to roll out award from cleanest medical facilities, The Economic Times

NEW DELHI: In a move to push the goal of Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan, the Union Health Ministry is set to roll out an award to recognise hospitals that demonstrate high levels of cleanliness, hygiene and infection control.

"Awards would be given to the best two district hospitals in each state, one

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JP Nadda tells states to obtain maximum benefits from NDA schemes, The Economic Times

SHIMLA: Union Health Minister J P Nadda today called upon the states to derive maximum benefits from the schemes and programmes of NDA government and said that abundant funds are available but the state has to take an initiative.

20 lakh kids yet to be immunised: Nadda, The Tribune

Union Health Minister JP Nadda at Himachal Pradesh University in Shimla on Sunday. Tribune photo

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To protect every child against disease and ensure proper care of mother and child is the commitment of the NDA government led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. It will ensure that the "Mission Indradhanush"™

Parl Panel Concerned over Lack of Funds for Health Research, The New Indian Express

NEW DELHI: A Parliamentary panel has expressed concern over the lack of funds provided for research into non-communicable diseases which it said to be detrimental in controlling the lifestyle diseases.

The parliamentary standing committee on Health and Family Welfare, which examined demands for Grants of the Department of Health Research for