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Age-old - Nimbu Paani, can cure jaundice faster, tells scientist, [The Times of India](#)

The age-old home remedy for jaundice - nimbu paani or lemon juice - has now got a 21st century spin, thanks to Indian scientists. They have literally squeezed lemons to nano-dimensions to create a nanodrug for speedy and accurate therapy of the disease. Widening the scope of nanomedicines in India, scientists in West Bengal have designed special nanoparticles that break down bilirubin - the yellow pigment found in bile, a fluid made by the liver. Essential to liver health, higher than normal levels of bilirubin in blood (hyperbilirubinemia), may indicate certain diseases, including jaundice, in adults as well as newborns.

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AIIMS to get Rs 1,500 crore facelift in next three years, [The Economic Times](#)

NEW DELHI: The health ministry has drawn up a major plan for massive upgradation of All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) by injecting nearly Rs 1500 crore over the next three years to expand and improve the infrastructure as well as services at the country's premier health institute. The detailed plan, chalked out by the health ministry, include making all patient-related services online. Starting from the registration process to seeking appointments for consultation with doctors and even prescription and appointments for diagnostics will be made online. Besides, the blueprint outlines major expansion of the institute's physical infrastructure.

AIIMS takes fight against eye cancer to the masses, [The Hindu](#)

"Know the glow" is your first defence at winning the war against Retinoblastoma. The most common eye cancer is a genetic disease that affects children below the age of five years. "Awareness is the key. Parents should lookout for a shiny white centre in the eye, which could be the first indicator of the presence of this cancer," said Bhawana Chawla, Additional Professor, Dr. R. P. Centre, All India Institute of Medical Centre (AIIMS). She was speaking at a press conference organised at AIIMS on the occasion of World Retinoblastoma Week, here on Thursday.

Medical & Regulatory

CII urges Government to address Issues facing Indian Companies in China, [Business Standard](#)

The Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) has urged the Government of India to take urgent steps to address issues facing Indian companies in China. Sectors such as IT, drugs and pharma, and media and entertainment pose several challenges for Indian companies. To contain the rising trade deficit between India and China, CII suggests urgent measures to reduce non-tariff barriers in these sectors, stressed Mr Chandrajit Banerjee, Director General, CII.

Drug, pharma and healthcare industry to come together at IPHEX 2015, [Express Pharma - National](#)

IPHEX 2015 will be held at Bombay Exhibition Centre from May 13 to 15, 2015. The exhibition will

bring together the drugs, pharmaceutical and healthcare industry, all under one roof. Pharmaceuticals Export Promotion Council of India (Pharmexcil) will organise the exhibition and Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Department of Commerce, Government of India will support it. Over 400 overseas buyers from focus areas are being invited to participate in the exhibition. The event will be co-located with PHARMA Pro&Pack Expo 2015, a show for pharma machinery manufacturers.

Govt to set up pharma clusters to promote bulk drug production, [Pharmabiz.com](#)

Government is examining the recommendations of an inter-ministerial committee report submitted recently to boost manufacturing active pharmaceutical ingredients (APIs) by setting up of pharma clusters in the country. The Centre is also planning to come out with incentives to boost bulk drug industry, considering the fact that 60 per cent of drug import costing Rs. 12,000 crore is from China. The plan to set up pharma clusters entails operationalising the existing ones and setting up new ones.

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Ranjana Smetacek – Director General, Organisation of Pharmaceutical Producers of India. Rajasthan has done a good job in procuring drugs. Recently we've heard there are going to be budget slashes and that this may change. We are going to continue with it but there are going to be budget cuts because of the distressing financial situations that we have inherited from the UPA government in Delhi and from the previous government in Rajasthan.

BREATHING JAAN INTO JANAUSHADHI, [Express Pharma - National](#)

The Jan Aushadhi scheme, launched in April 2008 by the then Union Minister of Chemicals & Fertilisers and Steel Ram Vilas Paswan, started with the objective of improving out, As a concept, it is a great initiative to ensure the accessibility of affordable medicines for the people of the country. These noble intentions have not lived up to the expectations of public in general for two A fresh lease of life Heeding such industry feedback and going solely by the numbers, the new government at the centre looks keen to breathe new life into Jan Aushadhi.

Other News on Pharma

MORE THAN JUST MEDICINES, [The Times of India - Chennai](#)

The medical industry is one such which can thrive even in recession. Yet it has remained a misconception that those pursuing courses in pharmacy end up as medical representatives, waiting outside doctor's chambers lobbying for capsules, or worse as salespersons in shops. Unaware of the sector's growth in double digits, students have tended to avoid the entry level courses in pharmacy vying mostly for its glamorous cousin, medical sciences, better known as MBBS. But experts say with its sustained growth, the pharmacy sector in India offers a plethora of opportunities.

India Mongolia to sign MoU for cooperation in field of TSM&H, [Pharmabiz.com](#)

Government of India is planning to sign a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Mongolia for sharing knowledge and mutual cooperation in the field of Traditional System of Medicine and Homoeopathy (TSM&H). As part of this, the Union cabinet has approved the signing of the MoU between India and Mongolia. With this MoU, both countries will enhance their bilateral cooperation in the areas of traditional medicine such as Ayurveda, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy (Ayush). This will be of immense importance to both countries considering the shared historical and cultural legacy. Both India and Mongolia have rich cultural and traditional heritage.