

## IPR & Innovation

### Accident relief system to start on May 9, [The Times of India](#)

Ranchi: The state police will introduce Accident Relief and Medical Assistance (ARMA) service in Ranchi on May 9 to ensure that accident victims don't have to travel to hospitals in autos and goods transport vehicle. A command centre is also being established at Medica hospital which will take care of

### “Take a Breath” on the Specialty Drug Pricing Issue...?, [Pharmaceutical Executive](#)

By Tom Norton Watching the latest volleys fly in the ongoing specialty drug pricing wars, it does make you wonder: Is it possible that all involved couldn't just step back for a moment and take a breath? There's got to be a better way to create pharma pricing policy than

### AIIMS launches autism helpline, [The Hindu](#)

Help is just a phone call away for parents with autistic children. The All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) has launched a helpline to help parents cope with any medical emergency.

Department of Paediatrics, AIIMS, Child Neurology Division chief Prof. Sheffali Gulati said the Autism telephonic helpline (9868399037) is aimed

### CM to lay foundation stone for varsity's research centre on Monday, [The Hindu](#)

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah will lay the foundation stone for the Advanced Science Research Centre (ASRC) being established by Mangalore University at a cost of Rs. 141.38 crore on 20 acres of land at Belapu in Udupi district on April 4.

A release by the university here said that the centre was

### 3,000 Doctors Join Protest Seeking Protection, [The New Indian Express](#)

VELLORE: Nearly 3,000 members of the Indian Medical and Dental associations, working in about 180 private hospitals and clinics across the district, joined the 24-hour State-wide strike from 6 am on Saturday to protest the continued attack on medicos across the country and seeking protection.

Dr D Maheswaran, secretary of the

### Odisha govt launches free medicine scheme, [Deccan Herald](#)

Bhubaneswar, May 2, 2015, DHNS: Odisha government has launched a free medicine programme that would supply medicines for various diseases including cancer and mental disorders.

Christened “Niramaya”, the scheme, implemented through the newly formed Odisha State Medicine Corporation, is made available to those taking treatment only at state-run health facilities.

State Health

### Pentavalent vaccination, [The Hindu](#)

CHITTOOR: Chief minister N. Chandrababu Naidu is scheduled to launch the Pentavalent vaccine at Tirupati on May 7, according to the District Medical and Health Officer (DMHO) Dr K. Koteswari.

The DMHO held a meeting with the deputy DMHOs and other senior medical officers here on Saturday.

Prior to the visit of

### Research Foundation Launched, [The New Indian Express](#)

COIMBATORE: The Kovai Medical Center and Hospital has launched KMCH Research Foundation,

dedicated to research in healthcare recently. In a press release, Dr Krishnan Swaminathan, Consultant Endocrinologist, KMCH and president of the research foundation, stated that it was a non-profit, independent, public charity trust which aimed at promoting high quality

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Key Obamacare Actions for Rx Manufacturers in 2015 , Pharmaceutical Executive

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## Access to Healthcare

**1.24 lakh children fell prey to respiratory diseases, [Asian Age](#)**

Respiratory diseases have taken the lives of at least 1.24 lakh children between the age group of 0 to 4 in the state from 2001 to 2012.

The diseases that have claimed maximum lives are asthma, lower respiratory diseases, pneumonia and hypoxia birth asphyxia a condition occurring from deprivation of

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## Medical & Regulatory

**Biogen, AbbVie seek US FDA marketing approval for Zinbryta to treat MS, [Pharmabiz.com](#)**

The US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has accepted for review the Biogen and AbbVie's Biologics License Application (BLA) requesting marketing approval of Zinbryta (daclizumab high-yield process) for the treatment of relapsing forms of multiple sclerosis (MS).

"We are pleased by the FDA's acceptance of our BLA for Zinbryta, which we

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**FDA orders FIR against Snapdeal.com top brass, [The Statesman](#)**

The Maharashtra Food and Drugs Administration (FDA) has ordered the filing of a first information report (FIR) against e-commerce major Snapdeal.com's CEO, directors and distributors on charges of selling prescription drugs online, a top official said here on Friday.

FDA Commissioner Harshadeep Kamble said that the action follows raids and investigations

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**FIR filed against Snapdeal, its CEO among others, [MoneyControl](#)**

Maharashtra's Food and Drug Administration (FDA) clamped down on the e-commerce major for online sale of prescription drugs

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FDA Commissioner

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**FIR ordered against Snapdeal CEO for selling medicines, [Hindustan Times](#)**

HT Correspondent, Hindustan Times, Mumbai

The Maharashtra Food and Drug Administration (FDA) on Friday ordered the registration of an FIR against e-commerce major Snapdeal.com's CEO Kunal Bahl and other directors for selling prescription drugs online without licence.

"We have filed a case against Kunal Bahl and the other directors of Snapdeal. We

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**Online medicine sales: Maha FDA files FIR against Snapdeal, CEO Kunal Bahl, [Firstpost.com](#)**

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**US wants India to consult stakeholders again on IPR policy, [The Financial Express - Chennai](#)**

New Delhi: EXPRESSING concern over the government's alleged 'competitiondistorting' policies 'favouring' local intellectual property right (IPR) owners and domestic manufacturing, the US has asked India again to solicit inputs and conduct stakeholder consultations on the proposed National IPR Policy. The US Trade Representative (USTR), which had raised these concerns in

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## Other News on Pharma

**Apple, IBM tie up to improve lives of elderly, [Deccan Chronicle](#)**

Apple, IBM and Japanese insurance and bank holding company Japan Post have formed a partnership to improve the lives of elderly people in the country, [wired.com](#) said. Washington: Apple, IBM and Japanese insurance and bank holding company Japan Post have formed a partnership to improve the lives of elderly people

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**Hit Hard by Shortages, Delhi Healthcare in Coma, [The New Indian Express](#)**

NEW DELHI: Last week Chaitanya Pranav, a Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS) beneficiary, took his father to the Safdarjung Hospital. After standing in a serpentine queue in sweltering heat for over two hours, and seeing his father's discomfort, Pranav decided to opt for a private CGHS panel even though their high

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**Indo-Global Healthcare Summit and Expo 2015 to be held from July 23 in Hyderabad, [Pharmabiz.com](#)**

Suggestions like manufacturing medical devices locally under Make in India programme, universal insurance coverage, optimum utilization of information technology, production of indigenous drugs were offered on the occasion of curtain press conference of Indo-Global Healthcare Summit and Expo 2015. The event is scheduled to be held between July 23 and

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**Tobacco warning must on 85% pack area, WHO tells India, [The Tribune](#)**

Aaditi Tandon Tribune News Service New Delhi, May 2 With the government dragging its feet on implementing harsher anti-tobacco warnings on packages, the WHO has urged the Ministry of Health to roll its earlier decision to cover 85% pack area with stricter warnings.

WHO Representative to India Nita Menabde on Friday

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**Vaccination drive a success, [Asian Age](#)**

The government's flagship scheme, "Mission Indradhanush", that aims to vaccinate all unimmunised and partially immunised children has come out with flying colours. In its first ever attempt, initiated in May, about lakhs of children have been vaccinated.

According to the figures compiled by the Union health ministry, of the total 22

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**Will refer victims to India for surgery, say authorities, [DNA India](#)**

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The authorities in Nepal, taking care of the rehabilitation programme in the country, says that if they are unable to manage complex surgery of the injured in the country, they will refer these patients to India.

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**World Bank exits event funded by tobacco companies, [The Economic Times](#)**

NEW DELHI: The World Bank has pulled out of the tax conference, which was to be co-organized by a consortium funded by several transnational tobacco companies.

Till Thursday, the bank's name featured on the website of the 12th Annual Asia Pacific Tax Forum, which is to be held in New Delhi