

**OPPI News Update**
**April 3-6, 2015**
**Why do we need patents?**

 Publication: [Down to Earth](#)
**Would Affordable 'Modicare' Remain Just A Pipe Dream In India?**

 Blog: [PILMAN](#)
**Rajasthan to downsize free medicine scheme**

 Publication: [The Times of India](#)
**While patients suffer (Editorial)**

 Publication: [DNA](#)
**IMA national head trashes Centre's draft health policy**

 Publication: [The Times of India](#)
**CDSCO asks health ministry to release Rs. 1600 cr under 12<sup>th</sup> Plan for strengthening regulatory apparatus**

 Portal: [Pharmabiz](#)
**Data manipulation: India contests EU charges against GVK Bio**

 Publication: [The Hindu Business Line](#)
**India to host fifth meeting of SAARC health ministers**

 Portal: [PIB](#)

Similar reports:

 The Economic Times – [India to host fifth meeting of SAARC health ministers](#)

 DNA – [India to host fifth meeting of SAARC health ministers on April 8](#)
**Prez for urgent hike in health expenditure**

 Publication: [Deccan Herald](#)
**India's discordant democrats**

 Publication: [Mint](#)
**Robust IP environment is the road to FDI**

 Publication: [Business World](#)
**Health insurance doesn't cover it all**

 Publication: [The Hindu Business Line](#)
**'Come out with child-friendly detection and drugs for TB'**

 Publication: [The Hindu](#)
**Sun Pharma rises to record high on key drug settlement**

 Publication: [Mint](#)
**Barcoding on secondary packaging including mono cartons comes into effect from April 1, 2015**

 Portal: [Pharmabiz](#)

Angioplasties up by 14%, so are fatalities after heart attack operations

Publication: [The Times of India](#)

Infection control norms tightened in hospitals

Publication: [The Hindu](#)

Leave the delusion, take the disruption: how healthcare should view Silicon Valley

Publication: [Forbes](#)

Drugmakers and healthcare companies in United States likely to see gain in Iranian markets

Publication: [The Economic Times](#)

Patent Policy Cost India \$10 Billion Investment

Portal: [NCPA blog](#)

Centre's move irks health activists

Publication: [The Times of India](#)

Need for robust healthcare infrastructure: President

Portal: [Zee News](#)

Free drugs plan gets a quiet burial

Publication: [The Times of India](#)

Significant rise in health expenditure urgently required: President

Publication: [The Hindu](#)

Trade rules offer treat & trauma - Boost for pharma exports

Publication: [The Telegraph](#)

Maharashtra: Online system to make procurement of medicines transparent

Publication: [Hindustan Times](#)

Imported medical devices inflate patient's bill

Publication: [The Hindu](#)

Malnutrition, not HIV, main trigger of tuberculosis in India: Study

Publication: [The Economic Times](#)

Govt takes a step in aligning FTP with WTO

Publication: [Business Standard](#)

Pharma companies dominate 2014 list of Indian firms filing for global patents

Publication: [The Times of India](#)

After a decade: why we need to protect Section 3(d) of the patent law (*Opinion article by Anand Grover, Senior Advocate who argued the Novartis case for the Cancer Patients Aid Association*)

Publication: [The Hindu Business Line](#)

Prime Minister's 3-nation visit

Portal: [Echo of India](#)

Time to conclude FTA, India tells EU

Portal: [SME Times](#)

Health Insurance TPA to begin operations on July 1

Publication: [Business Standard](#)

Crucial vaccines out of reach for many in rural India

Publication: [Business Today](#)

Column: Realising India's trade potential with FTP (Opinion article by Himanshu Tewari, partner (Indirect Tax), BMR & Associates LLP; With inputs from Parag Chavan, associate director (Indirect Tax), BMR & Associates LLP)

Publication: [The Financial Express](#)

PFIZER TO SHUTTER VACCINES SALES BUSINESS IN CHINA

Publication: [The Indian Panorama](#)

India to lead APAC non-vascular stents market growth by 2021: GlobalData report

Portal: [Pharmabiz](#)

Performances of top 25 Indian pharma cos in 9 months indicate 2014-15 a tough year

Portal: [Pharmabiz](#)

Presence of impurities a serious threat to pharma manufacture & marketing: Dr AR Ramesh

Portal: [Pharmabiz](#)

Draft bilateral investment pact keeps tax disputes, contracts out of arbitration

Publication: [The Indian Express](#)

Training for drug inspector aspirants

Publication: [The Hindu](#)

Sangh Parivar affiliate pans draft IPR policy

Publication: [Express Pharma](#)

'Right time for talks on India-EU free trade pact' (PTI story)

Publication: [DNA](#)

Similar reports:

The Economic Times – [Right time for talks on India-EU free trade pact: Commerce Secretary Rajeev Kher](#)

Free Press Journal – [Right time for talks on India-EU free trade pact: Kher](#)

Zee News – [Right time for talks on India-EU free trade pact: Commerce Secretary](#)

Time to conclude free trade agreement, India tells EU

Publication: [Business Standard](#)

Similar reports:

SME Times – [Time to conclude FTA, India tells EU](#)

Media Freedom: Hetero's response to statements of Director

Portal: [Spicy IP](#)

UPDATE 1-India to add more AIDS, TB drugs to essential medicines list -sources (similar report in all the websites and publications)

Portal: [Reuters](#)

New foreign trade policy not too ambitious; a step in the right direction (Editorial)

Publication: [The Economic Times](#)

No minutes of MCI ethics panel's meets since May '13

Publication: [The Times of India](#)

**Health data of patients to be centralized**

Publication: [The Hindu](#)

**Pharma exports: FTP promises to address problems abroad**

Publication: [The Economic Times](#)

**India faces new health threat** (*Opinion article by Kenneth E. Thorpe is Chairman, Partnership to Fight Chronic Disease; Robert W. Woodruff Professor and Chair of the Department of Health Policy & Management, in the Rollins School of Public Health of Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia*)

Publication: [The Hindu](#)

**Modi budget and BJP manifesto**

Portal: [Business Recorder](#)

**Health care, sanitation biggest concerns**

Publication: [The Times of India](#)