



**News Updates: October 8, 2013**

#### FDA

**Publication: Mint**

**Editions: National**

**Headline: [FDA plans surprise inspections at Indian drug units](#)**

**Synopsis:** India's growing importance as a hub of copycat medicine producers and rising compliance problems prompt regulator to consider the plan

#### Drug Pricing

**Publication: Business Standard**

**Editions: National**

**Headline: [Glaxosmithkline India hit by drop in bulk orders](#)**

**Synopsis:** GlaxoSmithKline's Indian business has been hit by a drop in sales which two industry sources said was linked to a protest by bulk buyers against a cut in their profit margins under a new government drug pricing policy.

#### Clinical Trials

**Publication: The Hindu Business Line**

**Editions: National**

**Headline: [Clinical trials crucial](#)**

**Synopsis:** Drug development will be hit if clinical trials suffer.

**Publication: Pharmabiz**

**Editions:**

**Headline: [ISCR for continuation of clinical trials in India for providing early access to new therapies](#)**

**Synopsis:** The Indian Society for Clinical Research (ISCR) has said that for thousands of patients, participation in a clinical trial can provide early access to new therapies including for debilitating and life-threatening conditions. For patients who have run out of other options, clinical trials are often the last option.

#### Pharmaceutical News

**Publication: Financial Chronicle**

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**Journalist: Kanoko Matsuyama & Simeon Burnett (Bloomberg)**

**Headline: [Sanofi sees return to growth in Q4](#)**

**Synopsis:** The French drugmaker is expected to return to growth in the fourth quarter after the loss of

patent protection on nine drugs in the past three years eroded profit.

**Publication: Financial Chronicle**

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**Headline:** [Sales hit following traders' reluctance to lift stocks: GSK](#)

**Synopsis:** Drugmaker GlaxoSmithKline reported that its sales continue to be affected as its products are not being purchased by retailers and stockists. No reason was immediately attributed for this trend, however in August, the company had a number of its products come under the Drug Price Control Order 2013, resulting in the reduction of prices of the company's drugs.

#### General Industry News

**Publication: The Times of India**

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**Journalist:** Shobha Jain

**Headline:** [Delay cutting of umbilical cord, help stem anaemia](#)

**Synopsis:** Experts now say that delayed clamping and cutting of the umbilical cord instead of immediately after birth, as is the normal practice, can lead to a significant increase in haemoglobin levels in the baby, reducing anaemia. This may be a valuable practice considering that 74% of six-month olds and 78% of three-year olds in India are anaemic.

**Publication: The Times of India**

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**Journalist:** Kounteya Sinha

**Headline:** [Cell transport research wins Nobel in anaemia](#)

**Synopsis:** Two American and a German scientist share this year's Nobel prize for medicine for their groundbreaking research on the human body's complex transport system that makes cells deliver life-saving proteins and other molecules.

**Publication: The Economic Times**

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**Headline:** [Apollo Hospitals Launches 'BP Clinics' in Hyderabad](#)

**Synopsis:** Apollo group announced the launch of 'BP Clinics' a comprehensive, institutional setup to provide expert care to individuals affected by high blood pressure.

**Publication: The Economic Times**

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**Journalist:** Vikas Dhoot

**Headline:** **Efficacy of Govt. Health Cover Under Scanner**

**Synopsis:** The government is having to rethink the efficacy of its flagship health insurance scheme, the Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana (RSBY) which has earned a lot of critical acclaim from the likes of the

World Bank, Harvard University and global think tanks. Although the RSBY has been scaled up a lot since its launch in 2008, it has not been able to reach all of the beneficiaries that it is intended for.

**Publication: Asian Age**

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**Headline: [Juhi meets Maha health secy to discuss cell towers](#)**

**Synopsis:** Juhi Chawla, an actor-turned social activist is leading an anti-mobile tower campaign in Mumbai. She met the Maharashtra health secretary on Monday for more definite regulations and guidelines for installation of mobile towers in the city, especially on rooftops, in housing societies and school buildings.