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Edition: National

Date: September 19, 2014

Headline: [We need an ecosystem of innovation to retain our young scientists: Novartis India chief](#)

Synopsis: Last September, Novartis India chief Ranjit Shahani stepped down as President of the Organisation of Pharmaceutical Producers of India, a global forum for drugmakers. In April 2013, the Supreme Court delivered its judgment on a benchmark case involving Glivec, a blood cancer drug from Novartis. The two incidents may not be linked. But there is no denying the pressure on Shahani, especially in the years leading up to the Glivec judgment that set the tone for implementing the amended Patents Act in India. "I don't know if Glivec was the poster boy or I was," says Shahani, recollecting the global scrutiny. After seven years of litigation, the SC eventually dismissed Novartis' application for a patent on Glivec. "It was disappointing...I was involved every step of the way," says Shahani. Glivec was a breakthrough drug and it changed the way cancer is treated and researched, he reiterates. But that experience has not deterred Shahani from appealing to the Government to create an ecosystem of innovation. By not doing so, he says, the country is losing its share of young scientists who seek opportunities abroad. On an average, about 15 per cent of the research strength of MNCs overseas, is from India even at senior levels, he says. Citing in-house examples, he mentions Vasant 'Vas' Narasimhan, global head of development at Novartis Pharmaceuticals; Dhavalkumar D Patel, heading Novartis Institutes for BioMedical Research (NIBR) Europe. In 1963, Jawaharlal Nehru had inaugurated the Ciba-Geigy research centre in Mumbai. It shut in 1982, Shahani says, waiting for patent protection laws. More recently, Astra Zeneca closed its centre in Bangalore.

OPPI/ Drug pricing

Website: Pharmabiz

Edition: Online

Date: September 22, 2014

Headline: [New NPPA notification on 43 formulations to hit sales by 33% and trade margin by 6%](#)

Synopsis: With the NPPA September 15 notification, capping the prices of 43 formulations, which includes gastro-intestinal, anti-infectives drugs and vaccines, sales of the new product basket worth Rs. 450 crore is likely to get impacted by 33 to 40 per cent and trade margin by 6 per cent, say trade bodies. According to sources, pharma companies like Alkem, Ranbaxy, Cipla and Lupin would be impacted largely with the NPPA September 15 notification. The latest tranche of price control includes key medicines such as ciprofloxacin, cefotaxime, BCG vaccine and rifampicin. The hardest hit comes from the fixing of two different doses of ciprofloxacin 500 mg and 250 mg. All major drug makers including Alkem, Ranbaxy, Dr Reddy's Labs, Lupin, Mankind and Cadila, sell different brands of ciprofloxacin. With the new notification in place, popular medicine brands such as Pfizer's Gelusil, Serum's BCG vaccine and USV's Glycomet have also come under price control.

NPPA/DPCO/ Drug Pricing

Publication: The Economic Times

Edition: National

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Headline: [NPPA caps prices of 43 drug formulation packs](#)

Synopsis: National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) has capped the prices of 43 formulation packs

including drugs such as antibiotic Ciprofloxacin, BCG vaccine and anti-diabetic Metformin. "The prices have been fixed / revised in respect of 43 formulation packs, both ceiling and retail price packs, under DPCO, 2013," NPPA said.

Similar reports in-

The Times of India- [Prices of 36 more vaccines, drugs capped](#)

The Hindu Business Line- [New rules open door for firms to exit price-controlled drugs](#)

The Hindu- [Frequent changes in drug price control list a pain for chemists](#)

The Indian Express- [Govt caps prices of 36 more medicines to improve access](#)

The Financial Chronicle- [Govt caps prices of 36 more drugs](#)

The New Indian Express- [Prices of 43 More Drugs Capped](#)

Business Today- [NPPA caps prices of 43 more medicines](#)

Reuters- [India caps prices of 36 more drugs to improve access - government official](#)

Publication: The Economic Times

Edition: Online

Date: September 19, 2014

Headline: [NPPA asks drug makers to register for online database](#)

Synopsis: National drug pricing regulator NPPA has asked all pharmaceutical firm to register themselves under the Integrated Pharmaceutical Database Management System (IPDMS) for online filing of returns for monitoring, fixing and revision of drug prices. "Availability of reliable database is a necessary pre- requisite for carrying out the functions of price fixation and price revision in respect of scheduled drugs; price fixation in respect of new drugs," National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) said in a notice on its website.

Similar reports in-

Moneycontrol- [NPPA asks drug makers to register for online database](#)

Daily News & Analysis- [Register for online database, NPPA tells drug makers](#) (*link unavailable, scan attached*)

The Financial Express- [NPPA asks drugmakers to register for online database](#) (*link unavailable, scan attached*)

Moneylife- [NPPA asks pharma companies to register for online database](#)

Website: Pharmabiz

Edition: Online

Date: September 20, 2014

Headline: [Rajasthan to train drug inspectors following NPPA's plan to set up price modulating cells](#)

Synopsis: Following National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA)'s plan to set up price modulating cells in each of the state drug control departments, Rajasthan State Drug Control department will be training drug inspectors for monitoring prices of drugs and report violations accordingly to the NPPA cell. With the implementation of the plan, violations reported will be dealt timely with the help of the NPPA cells in case they find any pharma company in contravention to the provisions of Drug Price Control Order (DPCO-2013). NPPA recently had a meeting with all the state drug controllers in Delhi to deliberate on this matter. While states like Maharashtra, UP and other states are awaiting specific directions and notification on this matter from the pricing regulator, Rajasthan is planning to train the drug inspectors from next month onwards, informs Manoj Tongra, Asst Drug Controller, Rajasthan State Drug Control Department.

Patents/ IPR/ Compulsory licensing

Publication: The Financial Express

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Opinion piece: Biswajit Dhar, professor, Centre for Economic Studies and Planning, School of Social

Sciences, JNU

Headline: [IPR policy must drive innovation](#)

Synopsis: Commerce & industry minister Nirmala Sitharaman has made a significant announcement that India would have a National Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) Policy. Many would argue that this pronouncement would not involve a paradigm shift in the government's approach towards IPRs since there is already a degree of coherence in the way this issue is being dealt within the government. But few would disagree that there seems to be a need to consider this critical area in a more holistic manner. What is needed is identification of the elements, which can help in laying the foundations of an IPR policy that clearly articulates the needs of the country. This exercise has become important for two compelling reasons. One, advanced industrialised countries are ratcheting up global standards for intellectual property protection with monotonous regularity, keeping in view the interests of the dominant corporate interests. Two, countries like India are being put under tremendous pressure to accept these norms through bilateral processes or unilateral measures like Special 301 investigations used by the US.

Publication: The Hindu Business Line

Edition: National

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Headline: ['PM Modi must firmly rebuff US pressure to dilute India's robust patent law'](#)

Synopsis: In September 2014, the Prime Minister will undertake his maiden visit to the US. On the Obama administration's agenda is likely to be its long list of complaints about India's intellectual property regime documented in the annual Special 301 Watch List issued by the US government to name and shame countries whose IP policies do not match the aspirations of US IP-intensive industries, especially Big Pharma.

Website: Kangla Online

Edition: Online

Date: September 21, 2014

Headline: [Patent And The Price](#)

Synopsis: Patent is one of the major forms of Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) used in the pharmaceutical industry. Grant of patent in India is governed under the Patents Act, 1970. Significant changes like provision of product patents and increase in the term of patent to 20 years were introduced in the Indian patent law, after India signed TRIPS agreement in 1995. This review provides a brief overview of development of patent law in India as a consequence of the TRIPS agreement. Criteria of patentability and different types of pharmaceutical patents currently being granted in India are described with the aim to provide the fundamental knowledge of pharmaceutical patenting to the researchers.

Unethical medical practices

Publication: The Times of India

Edition: National

Date: September 20, 2014

Headline: [GSK faces \\$489m fine in China](#)

Synopsis: A Chinese court has imposed the biggest ever fine on British pharmaceutical giant, GlaxoSmithKline, which has been ordered to cough up \$489 million for indulging in corrupt practices. Five of GSK's executives including a Briton have been suspended jail sentences. The government had earlier accused the company of bribing doctors and hospital managements through a network of agents to shore up its sales. GSK's former head for China, Mark Reilly, a Briton, was given three years of suspended jail sentence. Four other executives, who are Chinese citizens, have been given jail sentences by a court in the southern city of Changsha for terms ranging between two and four years.

Similar reports in-

Business Standard- [Glaxo and the ugly side of China Inc](#)

The Hindu Business Line- [China slaps \\$490-m fine on GSK in bribe case](#)
The Financial Express- [China fines GlaxoSmithKline USD 489 million for bribery](#)

Publication: The Times of India

Edition: Kochi

Date: September 20, 2014

Headline: [Self-regulatory code for doctors, hospitals soon](#) (online report appeared in print)

Synopsis: A new self regulatory code of conduct for doctors and hospitals, in the process of being formulated, could hold investors and members on the boards of medical establishments responsible for unethical practices in the establishment such as giving cuts to doctors and diagnostic facilities or taking bribes from pharmaceutical companies. The Indian Medical Association (IMA) and the Association of Hospital Providers of India (AHPI) have constituted a joint committee to formulate the code. The effort to draw up a code is the initiative of the newly-elected office bearers of the IMA, who will be taking over on December 28. With the health ministry looking into the issue of corruption in healthcare, the IMA and AHPI decided that before the government comes out with a law to regulate the health sector, they should come out with a code for their members to follow.

Health Ministry

Publication: The Hindu

Edition: Thiruvananthapuram

Date: September 20, 2014

Headline: [Central mission, a step towards health for all](#)

Synopsis: The Union government is in the process of rolling out a National Health Assurance Mission (NHAM), which will have Universal Health Insurance as a major component and a package of preventive health-care concepts to help the nation move towards the goal of 'Health for All,' Union Health Minister Harsh Vardhan has said. The Minister was announcing the elevation of the Regional Cancer Centre, Thiruvananthapuram, as one of the 20 apex State Cancer Institutes in the country at a function here on Friday. On Kerala's demand to develop the RCC as a National Cancer Institute, he said the Centre was working towards it. "I share Kerala's dream in this regard," the Minister said.

Similar report in-

The Times of India- ['War against cancer need of the hour'](#)

Publication: The Times of India

Edition: Delhi

Date: September 20, 2014

Headline: [Bill and Melinda Gates at the launch of INAP in Delhi](#)

Synopsis: Health and Family Welfare minister Dr Harsh Vardhan along with Bill and Melinda Gates announced the national launch of INAP (Infant and Newborn Action Plan) Thursday. As the health minister welcomed the famous couple to be part of the panel that discussed how pregnancy and child care in India would hopefully be a happier tale in the coming years, Bill, on why the plan is likely to succeed said, "Some people thought that the campaign against polio was not going to succeed in India, but how it worked is phenomenal." Melinda added, "India's recognizing how gender inequality hampers development. Now, we can work out a plan of establishing a continuum of care - from pregnancy till after childbirth."

Website: Pharmabiz

Edition: Online

Date: September 22, 2014

Headline: [Commerce ministry to revive Ayush sector globally through revised national scheme](#)

Synopsis: The Union commerce ministry is planning to launch a dedicated programme for the Ayush sector under the national scheme which is aimed at reviving and boosting the industry globally. It is understood that prime minister Narendra Modi has already given directive to the commerce ministry to formulate a comprehensive road-map for fostering a favorable environment for the Ayush sector. The commerce ministry has already set up an Ayush advisory group for the same, which will be headed by Sudhanshu Pandey, joint secretary, ministry of commerce. In fact he has already sought specific suggestions from the industry to strengthen the Indian traditional system of medicines which comprises Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy (Ayush) for enhancing trade.

Publication: Daily News & Analysis

Edition: Online

Date: September 21, 2014

Headline: [Suicide prevention a health priority: Harsh Vardhan](#)

Synopsis: Union Health Minister Dr Harsh Vardhan has expressed grief over the national loss in valuable human resources which is owed to the rising tendency of young people to commit suicide when facing seemingly unconquerable adversity. "The mounting incidence of suicide has become a public health issue of global importance as brought out by the World Health Organisation in a recent report. The government will adopt a strategy on suicide prevention which will stress on counselling and wider spread of treatment centres for depression," Dr Harsh Vardhan said while inaugurating a mass contact programme on Saturday to conscientise the general public about the increasing rate of suicides.

Publication: Daily News & Analysis

Edition: Online

Date: September 19, 2014

Headline: [Centre to tighten anti-tobacco law: Health Minister Harsh Vardhan](#)

Synopsis: The Centre is mulling to tighten laws to check consumption of tobacco products as part of the fight against incidence of cancer, Union Health Minister Harsh Vardhan said on Friday. A task force set up by the Centre after the NDA came to power had already submitted its report on extra measures required to strengthen the Cigarettes and other Tobacco Products (COTP) Act and it would soon be considered by the cabinet, Vardhan told reporters here.

Modi government

Publication: The Times of India

Edition: National

Date: September 22, 2014

Headline: [Narendra Modi to start US visit with CEO-packed breakfast](#)

Synopsis: Taking forward his plans for India's economic recovery, Prime Minister Narendra Modi will embark on a massive charm offensive with America's corporate elite. Over the coming weekend, Modi is scheduled to meet a select group of 10 CEOs for a breakfast meeting as well as have one-on-one interactions with five key corporate and finance leaders in New York — including Ginni Rometty of IBM, Jeff Immelt of GE and Marilyn Hewson of Lockheed Martin — to interest them in investing in India. Modi is scheduled to address the UN general assembly on September 27.

Publication: The Economic Times

Edition: Online

Date: September 22, 2014

Headline: [PM Modi to unveil government measures promising to ease doing business in India](#)

Synopsis: Prime Minister Narendra Modi is set to unveil measures highlighting his government's initiatives to make it easier to do business in India in his first major interaction with industry captains after assuming office. This effort forms an integral part of Modi's Make In India pitch aimed at altering the negative narrative of

uncertainty and red-tapism that haunts the country's investment climate. Among the big-ticket measures Modi is expected to flag at the September 25 event are the rationalisation of restrictive labour, environmental and foreign direct investment (FDI) norms that have deterred investment and job creation in recent years, besides the setting up of a fully functional single-window system for starting a business that would allow budding entrepreneurs to get more than 100 central and state government clearances online.

Similar reports in-

The Times of India- [Modi's 'Make in India' pitch to echo around the globe](#)

Business Standard- [Modi to launch 'Make in India' campaign on Sep 25](#)

The Financial Express- [Make in India: Hurdles to be resolved in 72 hours](#)

The Indian Express- [Make in India: Most issues to be sorted out within 72 hours](#)

The Hindu- ['Make in India' pitch from Sept. 25](#)

Publication: The Telegraph

Edition: National

Date: September 22, 2014

Headline: [Irritants on Modi itinerary](#)

Synopsis: Prime Minister Narendra Modi's trip to the US later this week will give the Obama administration an opportunity to not only woo an important ally in Asia but also take up issues ranging from India's pharma patent regime to its stand at the World Trade Organization. The US will seek to persuade the Modi government to stall the generic manufacturing of around a dozen patented drugs used in the treatment of life-threatening diseases. At present, an inter-governmental committee is studying the feasibility. Modi leaves for the US on Thursday and he will be back on October 1.

Publication: The Hindustan Times

Edition: Delhi

Date: September 22, 2014

Headline: [India, US work on WTO deal ahead of Modi-Obama meet](#)

Synopsis: India and the US are working on a compromise formula on food subsidies to remove a major irritant in the stalled World Trade Organisation (WTO) deal ahead of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's meeting with President Barack Obama in Washington later this month. Top government sources told HT that India and US were working to revise the terms of the so-called trade facilitation agreement (TFA) for easier, faster and cheaper trade by making systems transparent and cutting red tape ahead of the Modi-Obama summit.

Publication: Business Standard

Edition: Online

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Headline: [Bill Gates meets Narendra Modi, lauds focus on sanitation and banking for poor](#)

Synopsis: Microsoft founder and billionaire philanthropist Bill Gates today called on Prime Minister Narendra Modi and lauded his focus on sanitation and the ambitious scheme to bring the poor people under the banking system through the Jan Dhan Yojana. Gates, who was accompanied by his wife Melinda, praised Modi's emphasis on community sanitation initiatives, and in particular, applauded his focus on providing toilets as a critical driver of child health, and a prominent factor in the safety and dignity of women and girls.

Similar report in-

Daily News & Analysis- [Bill Gates meets Narendra Modi in Delhi](#)

Publication: The Times of India

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Date: September 21, 2014

Blog: SA Aiyar (Swaminomics)

Headline: [If Indians aren't investing here, will foreigners?](#)

Synopsis: Narendra Modi came to power by promising fast economic growth to create millions of jobs. So, it's mysterious that he has spent so much time on foreign visits and receiving foreign dignitaries like Chinese president Xi Jinping. Foreign relations matter, but cannot create millions of jobs – that requires structural reforms that dynamise Indian investment. Till now, industrial data does not reveal any investment boom. If Indians are not rushing to invest in India, will foreigners really do so?

Based on Chinese briefings, newspaper reports claimed that Xi would pledge \$100 billion of Chinese investment in India. Actually only \$20 billion of deals were signed; the rest was apparently hype.

Publication: The Times of India

Edition: National

Date: September 22, 2014

Headline: [Healing toothache: India must cultivate ties with US and others to improve relations with China](#) (editorial)

Synopsis: Prime Minister Narendra Modi wanted the India-China relationship to go from INCH to MILES (his acronyms). For this purpose he pulled out all the stops in welcoming President Xi Jinping to India. Nevertheless Xi's visit was accompanied by one of the biggest Chinese border incursions in recent times. Modi strongly raised the matter with Xi — telling him, reportedly, that a little toothache can paralyse the entire body. But the stand-off still continues.

Publication: Mint

Edition: National

Date: September 22, 2014

Headline: [We have diplomatic bandwidth to accommodate both US, China: Narendra Modi](#)

Synopsis: Days after hosting Chinese President Xi Jinping, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said he does not see rising China as a threat to India, considering it instead a potential partner in development. In a television interview to CNN on Sunday, his first since taking office on 26 May, Modi indicated that India had the diplomatic bandwidth to accommodate the US as well as China—nations that view each other as a strategic threat.

Publication: Business Standard

Edition: National

Date: September 22, 2014

Headline: [Modi, Obama to ponder upon ties twice over](#)

Synopsis: Prime Minister Narendra Modi is going to hold two comprehensive meetings with US President Barack Obama, to address the roughness that has crept into the ties between both countries, which also refer to each other as “natural allies”. Both leaders will meet face-to-face first on September 29 and then on September 30 in Washington, after the PM's series of meetings with other world leaders, on the sidelines of the UN General Assembly in New York on September 26-27, a top official told Business Standard, on condition of anonymity.

Publication: The Hindustan Times

Edition: National

Date: September 21, 2014

Headline: [China doesn't take India seriously, at least not yet](#)

Synopsis: Prime Minister Narendra Modi's first genuine foreign policy encounter proved bruising. Chinese President Xi Jinping's airplane touched down in India even as a few hundred of his soldiers pushed across the

Line of Actual Control. Modi spent much of his time wagging a finger at Xi about this. The Chinese leader was unperturbed: He had invited these gate-crashers to the party. And the buzz about a \$100 billion in investments disappeared soon after. Until now, Modi has found handling the overseas world easier and more fun than he had expected. His first port of call was Bhutan. His last was Japan. Not exactly countries plotting India's downfall. His sparring partner in Pakistan was Nawaz Sharif, a man lately struggling to keep unwanted out of his own residence. Xi was the real world, not a decorative swing on the banks of the Sabarmati.

Publication: Business Standard

Edition: National

Date: September 21, 2014

Opinion piece: Harsh V Pant, King's College, London

Headline: [Managing Mr Xi](#)

Synopsis: The Chinese president came, he saw - but did he conquer? The Narendra Modi government rolled out the red carpet for Xi Jinping this week. The prime minister personally welcomed Mr Xi and his wife, in his home state of Gujarat. Pacts were signed there for setting up industrial parks for Chinese enterprise to bring Chinese investment to Gujarat, establishing sister province-state relations between Guangdong and Gujarat, and between Guangzhou City and Ahmedabad. Mr Modi was the perfect host, showcasing his home state's culture for the visiting dignitaries; and Mr Xi was the perfect guest, paying tribute to Mahatma Gandhi at the Sabarmati Ashram, and sitting barefoot to work a spinning wheel or charkha.

Publication: Business Standard

Edition: Online

Date: September 19, 2014

Headline: [Modi being treated like a rock star in US: Alan Krueger](#)

Synopsis: Alan Krueger, former chairman of the White House Council of Economic Advisers, says India is in a stronger position to effectively tackle the taper tension. Terming Prime Minister Narendra Modi as a rock star, Krueger, who is Bendheim Professor of Economic and Public Affairs at Princeton University, India and US can further make their business relations stronger. In an interview with Sanjay Jog, Krueger bats for further stronger business relations between the US and India and also for opening up of multi brand retail by India.

FDA

Publication: The Telegraph

Edition: National

Date: September 22, 2014

Headline: [Drug MNCs eye tie-ups to tap new markets](#)

Synopsis: Tie-ups between Indian and foreign drug companies are on the rise despite the clampdown on entities here by the US Food & Drug Administration (FDA) for lapses in manufacturing practices. However, the nature of such tie-ups has changed over the past couple of years. Local companies, who were earlier asked to make generic drugs for developed markets, are now being told to manufacture cheap medicines for emerging markets.

Publication: The Indian Express

Edition: Online

Date: September 21, 2014

Headline: [PIL seeks CID probe into antibiotic drug scam in Mumbai](#)

Synopsis: A PIL in the Bombay High Court has prayed for a CID probe into an alleged antibiotic drug scam that endangered the lives of patients last month in civic hospitals here.

On August 18, patients suffered adverse drug reactions after two antibiotics were administered intravenously by doctors at a civic-run hospital, the PIL filed by activist Ketan Tirodkar submitted. Of the 45 patients, 28 patients suffered severe reactions. Among them one Saira Shaikh died within 24 hours of the reaction and

Food and Drug Administration (FDA) officials seized Saira's records from a hospital, the PIL, which is expected to come up for hearing tomorrow, said.

Website: Pharmabiz

Edition: Online

Date: September 22, 2014

Headline: [Regulatory experts push for pharma cos to strengthen data integrity](#)

Synopsis: Regulatory experts stressed that the Indian pharma cos should put special focus on following all the data integrity requirements to avoid crackdown by regulatory agencies. This warning comes in the wake of growing incidence of issuance of letters by the US FDA and other regulatory heads to Indian pharma cos for having data integrity issues, where inspectors have discovered glaring problems in the files. Data integrity issues have become a mounting problem for the Indian pharma companies in the recent past as many like Sun Pharmaceutical have come under scan for flouting data integrity regulations. Ranbaxy, Canton Laboratories, USV Limited, Wockhardt Limited, Agila Specialties, Posh Chemicals, Aarti Drugs, Fresenius Kabi Oncology, RPG Life Sciences etc were also in the recent past issued warning letters for having incomplete records and lack of data integrity.

Publication: The Financial Express

Edition: National

Date: September 22, 2014

Headline: [Canadian regulator ask Ipca to halt API exports](#)

Synopsis: Health Canada has said it has requested Ipca Laboratories to voluntarily stop shipping active pharmaceutical ingredients (APIs) to Canada following adverse observations by the US Food and Drug Administration, during its inspection conducted in July. The Canadian regulator said it initiated the request, "based on a review of a recent good manufacturing practices (GMP) inspection report by the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) where they identified falsification and manipulation of data issues at the company."

General Industry

Publication: The Economic Times

Edition: Online

Date: September 21, 2014

Headline: [DIPP sets up panel to help investors on 'Make in India'](#)

Synopsis: The government will formally launch its mega 'Make in India' drive next week to revive domestic manufacturing. The Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP) will launch a digital campaign to sell India as an attractive investment destination. The DIPP has also set up an eight-member panel of experts to address grievances and queries of global and domestic investors.

Similar report in-

Business Standard- [DIPP sets up panel to address investors' queries](#)

Publication: The Hindu Business Line

Edition: National

Date: September 22, 2014

Headline: [Govt, industry to float trust to pep up brand image of Indian pharma](#)

Synopsis: Govt of India and industry will jointly float a trust to promote the brand image of Indian pharma globally and fight malicious campaigns. The trust, to be called Responsible Health Care Trust, would be registered next month, Rajeev Kher, Secretary Department of Commerce, Govt of India told newsmen on the sidelines of the 10th annual general meeting of Pharmaceutical Export Promotion Council (Pharmexcil)

here on Friday.

Publication: The Hindu

Edition: Guntur

Date: September 21, 2014

Headline: [NRHM left in the lurch, says Sundararaman](#)

Synopsis: National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) which played a key role in addressing basic rural health issues is now on a sick bed adding to the woes of a crippling public health care system in the country. The Union government has stopped allocating grants under Planning Commission citing fiscal discipline forcing the NRHM to ease its way out. "The government is opening its arms inviting foreign players in lucrative health care sector while leaving NHRM in the lurch," Executive Director of National Health System Resource Centre of NRHM T. Sundararaman told The Hindu here on Sunday on the sidelines of 7th annual Jasti Sessa Reddy Memorial Lecture.

Publication: Deccan Herald

Edition: National

Date: September 21, 2014

Headline: The dominance of technology on health care (link unavailable, scan attached)

Synopsis: After decades as a technological laggard, medicine has entered its data age. Mobile technologies, sensors, genome sequencing, and advances in analytic software now make it possible to capture vast amounts of information about our individual makeup and the environment around us.

Publication: The Financial Express

Edition: National

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Headline: [Tech good care](#)

Synopsis: With the spread of 3G technology, better software and an improvement in the tech-readiness of doctors and patients, there is now a real opportunity to take online healthcare to new levels. "Indians are moving to the Internet to access information at a very fast pace, and the number is only going to shoot up in the coming years. With the help of technology, health portals will be able to play a significant role in improving the overall experience for patients and doctors," says Shashank ND, CEO and founder of Practo Technologies, a Bangalore-based startup that runs a 'doctor discovery and real-time appointment booking' portal.

Publication: Mint

Edition: Online

Date: September 21, 2014

Headline: [FDI in services sector up marginally in April-July](#)

Synopsis: Foreign direct investment (FDI) in the services sector rose marginally to \$1.03 billion during the April-July period of the ongoing fiscal, according to the Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion data. The services sector, which includes banking, insurance, outsourcing, R&D, courier and technology testing, had received FDI worth \$1.02 billion during the first four months of the previous fiscal, 2013-14.