

Patents/ IPR/ Compulsory licensing**Website: Moneycontrol****Edition: Online****Date: September 4, 2014****Headline: [Own 676 patents over 18 inventions now: Suven Lifesciences](#)**

Synopsis: After the company was granted three product patents each by South Korea, China & Canada, Venkat Jasti, chairman and chief executive officer, Suven Lifesciences says the company now has a total of 676 product patents over 18 inventions. The company has been granted the patents, that will be valid through 2029, 2029 and 2031 respectively, for treatment of neurodegenerative diseases.

Clinical trials/ Vaccines**Publication: The Times of India****Edition: National****Date: September 5, 2014****Headline: [Big breakthrough: Dengue vaccine may be out soon](#)**

Synopsis: An experimental vaccine against dengue fever being developed by Sanofi proved about 60% effective in its second large clinical trial. The results could clear the way for the introduction of the world's first inoculation against the disease, which is mosquito-borne and becoming an increasing threat. Sanofi, a French drug company, said on Wednesday that use of the vaccine cut the risk of getting dengue by 60.8% in the trial, which involved 20,875 children ages 9 to 16 from several countries in Latin America and the Caribbean.

Publication: The Financial Express**Edition: Online****Date: September 4, 2014****Headline: [Gates Foundation awards \\$25 million to HIV vaccine research](#)**

Synopsis: Oregon researchers developing a vaccine that has shown promise in preventing HIV infection in primates said on Wednesday they have been awarded a \$25 million grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Oregon Health & Science University scientists, in announcing the award, said they hope to develop a vaccine that not only prevents the HIV virus from infecting people exposed to it, but also eliminates the virus from those already infected. The grant follows research published by the scientists seeking to show their vaccine candidate halting the transmission of, or eliminating altogether, a form of the virus in about half of more than 100 monkeys tested.

Modi government**Publication: The Times of India****Edition: Online****Date: September 5, 2014****Headline: [NACO no more an independent wing](#)**

Synopsis: Prime Minister Narendra Modi's call for "minimum government, maximum governance" has had an unusual impact: the merger of National Aids Control Organisation (NACO) into department of health. Officials in the health ministry claim the move will help streamline the service but activists have slammed it saying the decision deals a deadly blow to the decade-long efforts for HIV prevention and care. "It's official. NACO is not an independent division under the health ministry anymore. It will be a part of the department of health, which is headed by Lov Verma," said a ministry official, who didn't wish to be named. He said the

special secretary, in-charge of NACO, has been shifted out.

Publication: The Economic Times

Edition: Online

Date: September 4, 2014

Headline: [US looks forward to Narendra Modi's visit, growing eco ties with India](#)

Synopsis: US is looking forward to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to America later this month and hopes to grow economic ties with India. Addressing a gathering of entrepreneurs at American Business Corner in Rajasthan Chamber of Commerce and Industry here last night, US Ambassador to India Kathleen Stephens said the Indo-US relationship needs to be reintegrated. She expressed the hope that the new government in India with strong democratic mandate will not only have a strong engagement with the US, but also with the neighbouring countries and the world.

Similar report in-

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Publication: The Times of India

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Headline: [Rotavirus symposium kicks off](#)

Synopsis: The Eleventh International Rotavirus Symposium kicked off in Delhi on Thursday, barely two months after Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced that the government would provide rotavirus vaccine to all Indian children, and weeks before the UN general assembly's 69th opening session, which will assess progress towards the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). Rotavirus is a leading cause of severe and fatal diarrhea in children under five years worldwide, killing between a quarter and a half a million children each year. India accounts for an estimated 78,000 deaths due to rotavirus, 8,00,000 hospitalizations and 3 million outpatient visits each year.

Publication: The Economic Times

Edition: Online

Date: September 4, 2014

Headline: [US endorses India-Japan strategic partnership: Jen Psaki](#)

Synopsis: The US has welcomed the just announced India-Japan Strategic Partnership and said it is looking forward to strengthen its trilateral co-operation with them. "The US strongly supports India's collaboration and cooperation with its neighbours in the Asia Pacific. We actively support such collaboration through our trilateral dialogue and other activities with India and Japan, and look forward to strengthening further our trilateral cooperation," State Department spokesperson Jen Psaki said. The US strongly supports a prosperous India playing an important role on the global stage, she said.

Publication: The Times of India

Edition: Jaipur

Date: September 5, 2014

Headline: [US interim envoy hails Modi's speech on women security](#)

Synopsis: Impressed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi's speech on Independence Day raising the issue of gender-based violence, US Charge d' Affaires in India Kathleen Stephens resolved to support Indian government to combat violence against women. On Thursday, she interacted with 15 women of the city and held a round table discussion on women-related issues with them. "You have a PM who is a great speaker. I am moved and motivated when he got into sensitive issues of women safety and security. In his address, he recognized the specific challenges women and girls face," said Stephens. "Our President has also made women issues central to the foreign policy. This has never happened. We stand by the PM's

recognition of the value of women and girls and look forward to partnering with him to remove these obstacles to their success," she added.

Publication: Mint

Edition: Online

Date: September 4, 2014

Headline: [Why this is a good government](#)

Synopsis: No government in India has ever been subjected to such intense scrutiny after being only 100 days in office than the Narendra Modi-led National Democratic Alliance (NDA) administration. The reasons for this are, of course, obvious. One, Modi came to power riding a gargantuan wave of expectations, not least because of his personal campaigning, the likes of which the country had never seen before. Two, Modi remains a polarizing figure among a large number of Indians, who spend perhaps a disproportionate amount of their time trying to find flaws and threats in anything that Modi or his government says or does. So, let me add my two cents—Rs.1.21 at 11.33am on 4 September—to the scrutiny and go ahead and say that I believe we have a good government, and things can only get better.

FDA

Publication: The Times of India

Edition: Aurangabad

Date: September 5, 2014

Headline: [FDA seizes illegal medicines worth 32k](#)

Synopsis: The Aurangabad unit of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) on Wednesday seized medicines worth Rs 32,000 stored without licence from a medical store in Ambelohal village of Gangapur taluka. A team of FDA officials accompanied by joint commissioner (drugs) Viraj Paunikar and assistant commissioner (drugs) M S Patil raided M Raj Medical and General Stores for stocking prescription medicines without licence. After the incident, all wholesale dealers have been alerted to take precautions while supplying prescription and schedule H1 medicines to the hospitals in accordance with the law.

FDI Insurance

Publication: The Economic Times

Edition: Online

Date: September 4, 2014

Headline: [Select panel on Insurance Bill holds first meeting](#)

Synopsis: The select committee of Parliament on the controversial Insurance Bill held its first meeting today and decided to call stakeholders, including officials, firms and trade unions, before firming up its report on the much-awaited reform measure. The decision to finalise the name of stakeholders on the basis of representation received by the committee would be finalised in its next meeting scheduled on September 12.

Similar reports in-

Mint- [Select panel on Insurance Bill holds first meet](#)

The Times of India- [Parliamentary panel for insurance bill plans to submit report by end November](#)

The Hindustan Times- [Insurance bill select panel starts work on a stormy note](#)

Public Health

Publication: The New York Times

Edition: Online

Date: September 4, 2014

Headline: [India's Sanitation Needs](#) (editorial)

Synopsis: India may finally be on the verge of making progress on eradicating one of its most intractable

problems: open defecation because of a lack of toilets. Prime Minister Narendra Modi deserves credit for focusing on the scourge. But it will take more than words to solve a problem the nation's leaders have been promising to solve for decades. The World Health Organization estimates that more than 600 million Indians lack access to a toilet. Open defecation is a cause of diarrheal disease that sickens and kills thousands of children in India every year, and the lack of toilets often puts women at risk of attack.

Website: IBN Live

Edition: Online

Date: September 4, 2014

Headline: [Nutrition Week in India](#)

Synopsis: Children who are born into poverty have a long and arduous journey ahead of them, laden with struggles and despair. In a world where many believe health to be wealth, not only are they deprived of the financial means to better their lives, but also the physical means to sustain themselves to do so. Almost half of all Indian children are underweight, a deplorable situation that in the words of former prime minister Manmohan Singh, constitutes our "national shame". In India, malnutrition in children is a serious issue. This is reflected in the National Family Health Survey's (NFHS) third series report, which suggests that 47% of the children in India are underweight and stunted. Malnutrition in children has a life-long impact on their lives, and chains them irrevocably to a destiny of distress. When a society neglects the nutrition and well-being of its own children, it condemns them to a life burdened with the challenge of overcoming the long term consequences associated with a lack of nutrition during their crucial development years.

Website: Reuters

Edition: Online

Date: September 4, 2014

Headline: [Poor patients in India facing HIV/AIDS drug shortages](#)

Synopsis: Indian HIV patient Rekha has missed her daily dose of medicine several times over the last few months because the government distribution centre at New Delhi's Lok Nayak Hospital ran out of drugs. "Sometimes they give it to me for one week, sometimes two weeks, but not more. They keep saying the drug has not arrived from NACO," said Rekha, referring to India's National AIDS Control Organisation (NACO), a part of the healthcare ministry. The community motivator at an HIV/AIDS support group, who declined to give her surname, cannot afford to buy the drugs on the open market.

General Industry

Publication: The Economic Times

Edition: National

Date: September 5, 2014

Headline: [CCI says Sun-Ranbaxy deal may hit competition; seeks comments](#)

Synopsis: Launching the first-ever public scrutiny of an M&A deal in India, fair trade watchdog CCI today said it has prima facie found that the \$ 4-billion merger of Ranbaxy Labs into rival Sun Pharma is likely to have an "appreciable adverse impact" on competition in the market. As part of the public scrutiny process, the Competition Commission of India (CCI) invited comments and objections from all stakeholders, including general public, on finer details provided by the two companies about the proposed combination.

Similar reports in-

Mint- [Competition panel seeks public comments on Sun-Ranbaxy deal](#)

Business Standard- [CCI invites public comments on Sun-Ranbaxy deal](#)

The Times of India- [Sun-Ranbaxy deal may hit fair trade: CCI](#)

Daily News & Analysis- [CCI says Sun's takeover of Ranbaxy may hurt competition](#)

Business Today- [Sun Pharma's Ranbaxy takeover may hurt competition, says CCI](#)

Reuters- [Sun's takeover of Ranbaxy may hurt competition - CCI](#)

Publication: The Economic Times

Edition: Online

Date: September 4, 2014

Headline: [Medicine scam culprits will not be spared: Jitan Ram Manjhi](#)

Synopsis: Bihar Chief Minister Jitan Ram Manjhi today said stern action would be taken against those found guilty in the medicine purchase scam. "The probe committee report has come and it has revealed a scam of around Rs 15 crore. It is being analysed further. Those found guilty will not be spared. We'll take stern action against them," Manjhi told reporters on the sidelines of oath taking ceremony for the 10 newly elected MLAs in the recent by-polls.

Similar report in-

The Times of India- [It's official: Medical corporation MD responsible for drug scam](#)

Website: Reuters

Edition: Online

Date: September 4, 2014

Headline: [WHO urges drug companies, regulators to speed Ebola work](#)

Synopsis: The World Health Organisation (WHO) called on Thursday for pharmaceutical companies and regulatory agencies to work together to accelerate development of safe and efficient drugs and vaccines against Ebola. Ten experimental treatments - eight drugs and "two promising candidate vaccines" - have shown potential against the virus but remain under investigation, the WHO said in a document distributed at the start of a two-day meeting in Geneva.

Publication: Forbes

Edition: Online

Date: September 4, 2014

Headline: [Piramal, Exelixis And Novo Nordisk Research Woes Spell Doom For Drug Discovery Scientists](#)

Synopsis: Recent advances in the understanding of the cause of human diseases have resulted in this era being referred to as the golden age of medical research. Indeed, from the standpoint of drug discovery, never has there been a time when disease targets were more plentiful, targets which appear to be strongly correlated with specific diseases through genetic analyses. The biopharmaceutical industry has been active in capitalizing on these insights and responding with new drugs to treat heart disease, diabetes, hepatitis C, cystic fibrosis, and a variety of rare diseases.

Publication: Daily News & Analysis

Edition: National

Date: September 5, 2014

Headline: [Wockhardt seen coming out of woods, touching \\$1 b sales \(link unavailable, scan attached\)](#)

Synopsis: For acquirers willing to look past US punishments for quality and hygiene violations at two plants, drugmaker Wockhardt Ltd is offering the prospect of a return to revenue growth next year. The Mumbai-based manufacturer of almost 1,000 treatments worldwide has said it is addressing concerns raised last year by the Food and Drug Administration (US FDA) that banned sales of drugs from two of Wockhardt's Indian factories and questioned the accuracy of laboratory records. Revenue, which took a hit after the US action, is projected to rebound to almost Rs 6,000 crore (\$1 billion) in 2017 as Wockhardt rolls out new products at home.

Website: Pharmabiz

Edition: Online

Date: September 5, 2014

Headline: [DBT issues draft Bill to establish Regional Centre for Biotechnology at Faridabad to drive](#)

[innovation in biotechnology](#)

Synopsis: The Department of Biotechnology (DBT) has released the draft Regional Centre for Biotechnology Bill, 2014 to provide for the establishment of an institution of national importance for training and education under the auspices of UNESCO at Faridabad in Haryana. The broad objective of the centre is to produce highly trained human resource to drive innovation in biotechnology and also to establish desired infrastructure and technology platform to develop research programmes of a global quality through international partnerships. It also aims to create a hub of biotech enterprise in the Asian region.

Website: Vox

Edition: Online

Date: September 4, 2014

Headline: [Seven reasons why this Ebola epidemic spun out of control](#)

Synopsis: If you'd asked public-health experts a year ago whether an Ebola outbreak could turn into an epidemic spread across borders, they probably would have confidently told you that there was no way: the virus isn't transmitted very easily, and people usually get so sick and die so quickly, it has little opportunity to infect a new host. Then came 2014, the year that is rewriting the Ebola rulebook. More people have died from the virus in the last nine months than the total number of deaths since the first recorded outbreak in 1976. The virus has also popped up in enough countries — first Guinea, then Liberia, Sierra Leone, Nigeria, and now Senegal — that the cases add up to the world's first Ebola epidemic.

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Headline: [India is world's suicide capital with 2.6 lakh cases/year](#)

Synopsis: India has by far the largest number of suicides in the world, accounting for nearly a third of the global total and more than twice as many as China, which is second on the list. It also has the highest rate of suicides among young people, those aged 15 to 29 years. These were among the sobering facts revealed in a report released by the WHO, "Preventing Suicide, A Global Imperative". The report noted that an estimated 8 lakh suicide deaths occurred worldwide in 2012. It is the second leading cause of death in 15-29-year-olds.

Publication: Mint

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Interview: Deepika Guglani, Director, Silverdale Capital Pte. Ltd

Headline: [What India needs is confidence: Deepika Guglani](#)

Synopsis: The Narendra Modi government has succeeded in rejuvenating business confidence in the short time that it has been in power while the Indian economy has bottomed out, as evidenced by the improvement in corporate earnings, said Deepika Guglani, director, Silverdale Capital Pte. Ltd, which manages the Silverdale Funds investing in Asian bonds and equities. "It is ever so important not to lose the steam and maintain the growth momentum in coming quarters..." she said in an interview.