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WEEKLY SNAPSHOT

MEDIA NEWS + TRENDS

This weekly e-letter will highlight important media reports and call out any key trends that demonstrate how the landscape is evolving and accelerating in today's market environment. The update will also highlight action that has been initiated by OPPI in media.



Need to know

- Need to bring our patent laws on par with global standards: Narendra Modi... [Mint](#)
- No hike in prices of essential drugs: Centre... [The Times of India](#)
- Bad Medicine (*Editorial*)... [The Financial Express](#)
- Counterfeit drugs pose global threat to HIV/AIDS, malaria and tuberculosis patients: Study... [The Financial Express](#)
- Sangh Parivar affiliate pans draft IPR policy... [Express Pharma](#)
- Bring all medicines sold in India under price control: Parliamentary Panel... [The Economic Times](#)
- WHO reviews its essential medicines list; some new candidates under patent... [IP Watch](#)



Good to know

- 44 doctors in the dock for unholy nexus with pharma company... [The Times of India](#)
- Panel to LabourMin: Review RSBY transfer to health ministry... [The Indian Express](#)
- Health Ministry to come out with national list of medical devices soon... [Pharmabiz](#)
- Janssen India launches diabetes treatment drug... [Business Standard](#)
- Hospitals force patients to buy from in-house pharmacies... [The Times of India](#)
- Bill to have commercial courts, special divisions in high courts approved... [The Economic Times](#)
- PET vs Glass: The Debate Continues... [Express Pharma](#)
- Delhi govt calls meeting of pvt healthcare sector players... [Business Standard](#)



Want to know

- NPPA chairman Injeti Srinivas to be replaced soon... [Pharmabiz](#)
- Rs. 2,200 drug can treat hepatitis B patients... [Business Standard](#)
- Before Delhi High Court, Health Minister defends removal of whistleblower Chaturvedi from AIIMS post... [DNA](#)
- Mankind keen on lowering cancer drug prices, awaiting government policies, says Ramesh Juneja... [The Economic Times](#)
- Pharma industry to get booster dose in N. Andhra... [The Hindu](#)
- World Immunisation Week: Of vaccines, war and confusing information... [The Hindu Business Line](#)
- NPPA's attempt to track drug shortages, overpricing is a step in the right direction... [Business Today](#)

- Parliamentary committee recommends price caps for all drugs... [Reuters](#)
- Govt plans to rename DoP as Dept of Pharma and Medical Devices... [Business Standard](#)
- No country for pharma firms... [The Financial Express](#)
- Pharma Jan Samadhan, an on-line system launched to take action related to non-availability and overcharging of medicines... [Business Standard](#)
- Government to formulate policy to promote bulk drug manufacturing... [The Economic Times](#)
- Government may rope in private pharma firms to revive sick PSUs: Hansraj Ahir... [The Economic Times](#)
- Needed, medical devices regulator... [Deccan Herald](#)
- Cos must focus on drug resistant diseases: Jim O'Neill... [ET now](#)
- Tips to reduce your medical expenses... [The New Indian Express](#)
- "Make in India" Image of pharma needs an early makeover... [PILMAN](#)
- The Health Connection... [Business World](#)
- 'Can't penalise US NGO for violating drug trial norms'... [The Indian Express](#)
- 'Pharmerging' markets: Dealing with uncertainty... [Express Pharma](#)
- Melinda Gates calls on PM Modi, appreciates "pro-poor" initiatives... [Zee News](#)
- Mylan plans to invest \$5bn in AP... [The Times of India](#)
- Doctor Deficiency... [The Financial Express](#)
- National survey on spurious and NSQ drugs to be conducted at least once in two years: Dr. Jagashetty... [Pharmabiz](#)
- Government to tie up with homeopathy institutes... [PTI](#)
- Centre targets acetone imports with anti-dumping duty... [The Economic Times](#)

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"If we don't work towards bringing our intellectual property rights at par with global parameters, then the world will not keep relations with us. If we give confidence to the world on IPR, then we can become a destination globally for their creative work... We have made some archaic laws. We should not be afraid of the rest of the world. We have to come out of that mentality. Why do we need to go outside the country for arbitration? Why should it not happen in India? Don't we have good chartered accountants and lawyers here? Because we have made such laws. Some people think, if we open it up, some intelligent lawyers from outside will come to the country and take away our jobs. That is not going to happen."

- Narendra Modi, Indian Prime Minister ([at the Ministry of Commerce's 1st Global Exhibition on Services](#))
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