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## 1. Odisha Govt mulls setting up pharma cluster around Bhubaneswar

**ODISHA  
GOVERNMENT  
INVITES NIPER TO  
ESTABLISH CAMPUS  
IN THE STATE**

*Odisha Government plans to set up a dedicated pharmaceutical cluster in the industrial areas around Bhubaneswar. Detailing out on this plan with members of Pharmaceutical Council of India (PCI), Odisha Chief Secretary Aditya Prasad Padhi on Monday said that the government has invited National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research (NIPER) to establish its campus in the state.*

*Besides, Odisha Government is taking other necessary measures such as encouraging establishment of pharmaceutical industries, strengthening the sector and capacity building of pharmacists among others, he added. [Read more](#)*

## 2. DIPP invites comments on SEPs and their availability on FRAND terms

**"STANDARD  
ESSENTIAL PATENTS,  
AND THEIR  
AVAILABILITY ON  
FRAND TERMS"**

*The Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion (DIPP) has published a paper on "Standard Essential Patents, and their availability on FRAND terms". The paper can be accessed [here](#). The last date to respond to it March 31, 2016.*

*Objective: The Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion has prepared —Discussion paper on Standard Essential Patents and their availability on FRAND terms, with the objective of inviting views and suggestions from the public at large to develop a suitable policy framework to define the obligations of Essential Patent holders and their licensees. [Read more](#)*

## 3. New schemes to ensure effective transfer of technology from laboratory to land

### **BRIDGING THE GAP BETWEEN AGRICULTURE SCIENTISTS AND FARMERS**

Agriculture scientist S. Ayyappan has said that Indian Council of Agriculture Research (ICAR) has introduced new schemes to bridge the gap between agriculture scientists and farmers and to ensure effective transfer of technologies from laboratory to land. Delivering the 34th annual convocation address of Gulbarga University at ESIC Auditorium here on Thursday, Dr. Ayyappan, who was till recently the Director of ICAR, said that one of the new schemes is called "Student READY (Rural Entrepreneurship and Awareness Development Yojana)". It is a one-year composite programme consisting of three components — experimental learning, rural awareness work experience and in-plant training — to be taken up during the last year of the undergraduate programme. [Read more](#)

## 4. Govt to launch web portal for startups by next week: DIPP official

### **MAKING IT EASY FOR STARTUPS TO FILE FOR INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS**

Government will launch a portal for startups by next week and begin the registration process with a view to encourage budding entrepreneurs and promote ease of doing business, a top official has said.

Secretary in the Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP) Ramesh Abhishek said that 'Startup India' is an important initiative and steps have already been taken to implement the action plan announced by the government. Recently, DIPP has issued the definition of startups and is also making it easier for them to file intellectual property rights (IPR), he said. [Read more](#)

## 5. India is third in nanotech publications

**INNOVATION —  
A KEY FACTOR TO  
IMPROVE AND ENHANCE  
EXISTING TECHNOLOGY**

*India is only behind China and USA when it comes to nanotechnology publications, said Dr. V. Ramgopal Rao, P.K. Kelkar chair professor in the Department of Electrical Engineering and the Chief Investigator for the Centre of Excellence in nano-electronics projects at IIT Bombay.*

*He was speaking at the UPE Distinguished Lecture on 'Bridging R&D with Product Innovation' at the School of Life Sciences, University of Hyderabad (UoH).*

*He said India has been publishing research papers and patents, but ranks pretty low when it comes to producing products based on these papers. [Read more](#)*

## 6. Generic gliptin's market grows at the expense of patented medicines

**INDIA'S GLIPTIN  
MARKET, ESTIMATED AT  
RS 1,800 CRORE YEARLY,  
IS GROWING AT  
AROUND 40%  
ANNUALLY**

*In their bid to get a larger share of the pie in the anti-diabetic drug market, 14 companies have launched their own teneligliptin during the last eight months. In contrast, the market growth for four other gliptins – which are patented - has plateaued. Doctors believe this generic drug may eclipse the patented ones in future.*

*According to the latest data of IMS Health, a global information and technology services company, those which have launched their own teneligliptin in last eight months include Glenmark, Intas, Ajanta, Eris Life Sciences, Mankind, Micro Labs, Alembic, Zydus Cadila, Unichem, Wockhardt, Corona Remedies and Macleods.*

[Read more](#)



## 7. Measures taken by the Government for preservation of Ethnic and Tribal medicinal practices

**TKDL DATABASE IS SHARED WITH PATENT OFFICES OF OTHER COUNTRIES AND FORMS PART OF THEIR PRE-GRANT SEARCHES**

A research council viz. Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS) of AYUSH ministry has been implementing a Tribal Health Care Research Programme (THCRP) which aims at collecting information on folk medicines / traditional practices prevalent in different parts of the country besides extending health care services to tribal population. Presently, the programme is being implemented through 16 peripheral institutes / units of CCRAS located in different part of the country. CCRAS through its peripheral institutes / units (viz. Itanagar - Arunachal Pradesh, Bangalore-Karnataka, Jhansi-Uttar Pradesh and Tari khet Uttarakhand) is also conducting Medico-ethno Botanical survey at different regions across the country for documenting and publishing the same from time to time. [Read more](#)

## 8. WHO: Developing countries need smart IP systems for local medicines production

**IP PLAYS AN IMPORTANT ROLE BOTH FOR THE RESEARCHING PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRY AND GENERIC COMPANIES**

The WHO has released a report on the role of IP in local production of medicines in developing countries. According to the report, the way countries design their IP system is key in the development of local innovation and production. However, health outcomes will depend on the accessibility and affordability of good-quality essential medicines.

[The report](#) [pdf] released yesterday seeks to map strategies and options available to developing countries to facilitate local production. In particular, the report describes options for the design of countries' intellectual property system so that it supports local manufacture of generic medicines. [Read more](#)

## 9. Health ministry amends D&C Rules to exempt clinical trials for academic research from DCGI nod

**SOON CLINICAL TRIALS  
FOR ACADEMIC  
RESEARCH DO NOT NEED  
PRIOR PERMISSION  
FROM THE DCGI**

*The Union health ministry has amended the Drugs and Cosmetics Rules, 1945 for providing exemption in the case of clinical trials undertaken in the medical institutions or hospitals for academic research. Once the amendment is done, these institutions and hospitals do not have to take the now mandatory prior permission from the Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI).*

*"No permission for conduct of clinical trial intended for academic purposes in respect of approved drug formulation shall be required for any new indication or new route of administration or new dose or new dosage form where, (a) the trial is approved by the Ethics Committee; and (b) subject to the provisions of sub-rule 5, the data generated is not intended for submission to licensing authority. [Read more](#)*

## 10. National IPR policy to be out shortly

**INDIA  
TO BRING ITS  
PATENT LAWS  
AT PAR WITH  
GLOBAL STANDARDS**

*India's Intellectual Property Right (IPR) policy will be out soon and the government hopes to bring more people under the umbrella of copyrights, a senior official said today.*

*"It (IPR policy) should be out in the next few days," Rajiv Aggarwal, Joint Secretary in the Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP), said at a Ficci event.*

*Several countries and multinational corporations want India to bring its patent laws at par with global standards. Under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, DIPP (Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion) had prepared and circulated the draft IPR policy and invited public comments last year. [Read more](#)*

## 11. DIPP will be the nodal department to deal with issues of copyright protect and IP in the country

**COPYRIGHT  
HAS MOVED FROM  
THE PERIPHERY TO THE  
CENTRE OF THE  
ECONOMIC SYSTEMS**

*New Delhi, Apr 1 (KNN) The area of copyright has shifted to DIPP which will be the nodal department to deal with all issues related to copyright in the country, said Rajiv Aggarwal, Joint Secretary, Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion (DIPP), Ministry of Commerce and Industry. He said this while addressing a seminar on 'Managing Copyright in Publishing' organized by FICCI, DIPP and World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO). The programme aimed to highlight the key issues of piracy and counterfeit in publishing.*

*Delivering the keynote address, Francis Gurry, Director General, WIPO emphasised that in the last 20 years, copyright has moved from the periphery to the centre of the economic systems. [Read more](#)*

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