

## AUGUST

Date	Headline and Source	Link	Summary
1 <sup>st</sup> August	Union Budget Drives Home Viksit Bharat Mantra BioSpectrum India, August 01, 2024	<a href="#">Union Budget Drives Home Viksit Bharat Mantra</a>	Anil Matai, Director General, Organisation of Pharmaceutical Producers of India (OPPI) said, while we appreciate the positive strides taken in the Union Budget 2024, we were also hoping that the government could announce incentives for pharma companies to develop medications for rare diseases affecting small populations.
1 <sup>st</sup> August	Benefit of Eisai and Biogen's Alzheimer's drug increases over time, studies suggest DD News, August 01, 2024	<a href="#">Benefit of Eisai and Biogen's Alzheimer's drug increases over time, studies suggest</a>	The benefit of Eisai and Biogen's Alzheimer's drug Leqembi in patients with early-stage Alzheimer's appears to increase with continued use with no new safety issues, according to three-year data presented at an Alzheimer's meeting on Tuesday. In the companies' pivotal clinical trial, Leqembi reduced cognitive decline by 27% after 18 months data
1 <sup>st</sup> August	CDSCO Panel Approves Novo Nordisk's Protocol Amendment proposal to study Somapacitan Medical Dialogues, August 01, 2024	<a href="#">CDSCO Panel Approves Novo Nordisk's Protocol Amendment proposal to study Somapacitan</a>	The Subject Expert Committee (SEC) functional under the Central Drug Standard Control Organization (CDSCO) has approved the drug major Novo Nordisk's protocol amendment proposal for the study of the human growth hormone analog Somapacitan.
2 <sup>nd</sup> August	Sanofi gets drug regulator nod to market RSV therapy in India The Economic Times, August 02, 2024	<a href="#">Sanofi gets drug regulator nod to market RSV therapy in India</a>	French drugmaker Sanofi on Thursday said it has received approval from the Indian drug regulator the Central Drugs Standard Control Organization (CDSCO) to market its novel therapy Beyfortus in India against respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) in newborns and infants Beyfortus contains the monoclonal antibody nirsevimab in a prefilled injection that is used to prevent lower respiratory tract disease (LRTD) in newborns and infants born during or entering their first RSV season, Sanofi said.
4 <sup>th</sup> August	AbbVie completes acquisition of Cerevel Therapeutics Indian Pharma Post, August 04, 2024	<a href="#">AbbVie completes acquisition of Cerevel Therapeutics</a>	AbbVie announced that it has completed its acquisition of Cerevel Therapeutics (NASDAQ: CERE). With the completion of the acquisition, Cerevel is now part of AbbVie. AbbVie's acquisition of Cerevel strengthens our foundation in neuroscience and positions us to deliver sustainable long-term performance into

			the next decade and beyond, said Robert A. Michael, CEO, AbbVie.
5 <sup>th</sup> August	CDSCO Panel Approves Eli Lilly's Protocol Amendment proposal to study Antidiabetic Drug Tirzepatide Medical Dialogues, August 05, 2024	<a href="#">CDSCO Panel Approves Eli Lilly's Protocol Amendment proposal to study Antidiabetic Drug Tirzepatide</a>	The Subject Expert Committee (SEC) functional under the Central Drug Standard Control Organization (CDSCO) has approved the protocol amendment proposal presented by drug major Eli Lilly to study the antidiabetic drug Tirzepatide. This came after drug maker Eli Lilly presented protocol amendment (b) dated 24 April 2024 protocol no. I8FMCGPIJ.
5 <sup>th</sup> August	CDSCO panel Approves Novartis Protocol Amendment proposal to study inclisiran Medical Dialogues, August 05, 2024	<a href="#">CDSCO panel Approves Novartis Protocol Amendment proposal to study inclisiran</a>	The Subject Expert Committee SEC functional under the Central Drug Standard Control Organization (CDSCO) has approved the drug major Novartis's protocol amendment proposal to study KJX839 (inclisiran), the first and only small interfering RNA (siRNA) therapy to reduce low-density lipoprotein cholesterol (LDL-C) levels.
6 <sup>th</sup> August	Pharma industry urges govt for stable drug pricing policy The Economic Times, August 06, 2024	<a href="#">Pharma industry urges govt for stable drug pricing policy</a>	The Organisation of Pharmaceutical Producers of India (OPPI), which represents prominent multinational pharma companies, has asked the government for a predictable pricing policy for drugs and not to resort to Para 19 of the Drug Pricing Control Order (DPCO) that authorises the regulator to reduce prices significantly in public interest for a period as it deems fit.
7 <sup>th</sup> August	Pharma industry urges govt for stable drug pricing policy ET Health World, August 07, 2024	<a href="#">Pharma industry urges govt for stable drug pricing policy</a>	The Organisation of Pharmaceutical Producers of India (OPPI), which represents prominent multinational pharma companies, has asked the government for a predictable pricing policy for drugs and not to resort to Para 19 of the Drug Pricing Control Order (DPCO) that authorises the regulator to reduce prices significantly in public interest for a period as it deems fit.
8 <sup>th</sup> August	Artemis Hospitals, Pfizer India launch specialised Centre for Adult Vaccination ET Health World, August 08, 2024	<a href="#">Artemis Hospitals, Pfizer India launch specialised Centre for Adult Vaccination</a>	Artemis Hospitals, in partnership with Pfizer India announces the launch of a specialised Centre for Adult Vaccination. The centre aims to transform the scenario of preventive healthcare in India. Through this initiative, the two healthcare giants aim to address the critical issue of high mortality due to vaccine preventable disease in adults in the country.
8 <sup>th</sup> August	Pfizer gets CDSCO Panel nod to study Somatrogon	<a href="#">Pfizer gets CDSCO Panel nod to study Somatrogon</a>	The drug major Pfizer has got approval from the Subject Expert Committee (SEC)

	Medical Dialogues, August 08, 2024		functional under the Central Drug Standard Control Organization (CDSCO) to conduct the active post-marketing surveillance study of Somatrogon 24mg/1.2ml and 60mg/1.2 ml.
8 <sup>th</sup> August	Novo Nordisk Global Business Services Signs MoU with BITS Pilani India CSR, August 08, 2024	<a href="#">Novo Nordisk Global Business Services Signs MoU with BITS Pilani</a>	Novo Nordisk Global Business Services has signed a two-year Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for academic cooperation in healthcare with BITS Pilani, an institution known for its commitment to innovation.
8 <sup>th</sup> August	Government of Karnataka inks MoU with Novo Nordisk Education Foundation to launch Changing Diabetes Barometer program Express Healthcare, August 08, 2024	<a href="#">Government of Karnataka inks MoU with Novo Nordisk Education Foundation to launch Changing Diabetes Barometer program</a>	Government of Karnataka recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Novo Nordisk Education Foundation (NNEF), a nonprofit organisation set up by Novo Nordisk India, to launch the Changing Diabetes Barometer (CDB) program.
9 <sup>th</sup> August	Govt notifies rule for rapid launch of breakthrough drugs in India, bypassing local clinical trials The Print, August 09, 2024	<a href="#">Govt notifies rule for rapid launch of breakthrough drugs in India, bypassing local clinical trials</a>	In response to a query by ThePrint, the Organisation of Pharmaceutical Producers in India (OPPI), a network of global pharma companies, said that it welcomes the decision to grant waiver of requirement of local clinical trials for drugs, subject to conditions.  More on Online: The Hindu Business Line, The Financial Express, Express Pharma, Business Standard, ET Health World, The Hindu, Bio Voice News  More on Print: Business Standard (Mumbai, Delhi), The Hindu (Delhi, Mumbai, Bangalore, Chennai)
9 <sup>th</sup> August	Artemis Hospitals unveils specialised centre for adult vaccination in collaboration with Pfizer India BioSpectrum India, August 09, 2024	<a href="#">Artemis Hospitals unveils specialised centre for adult vaccination in collaboration with Pfizer India</a>	Gurugram-based Artemis Hospitals, in partnership with Pfizer India, has announced the launch of a revolutionary specialised Centre for Adult Vaccination. The centre aims to transform the scenario of preventive healthcare in India. Through this initiative, the two healthcare giants aim to address the critical issue of high mortality due to vaccine preventable disease in adults in the country.
9 <sup>th</sup> August	Novo Nordisk Global Business Services, BITS Pilani ink two-year MoU for academic cooperation in healthcare ET Health World, August 09, 2024	<a href="#">Novo Nordisk Global Business Services, BITS Pilani ink two-year MoU for academic cooperation in healthcare</a>	Novo Nordisk Global Business Services has signed a two-year memorandum of understanding (MoU) for academic cooperation in healthcare with BITS Pilani. This is the third academic collaboration in the last one year after Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE) and IIIT

			Bangalore, this MoU will mark yet another significant step for Novo Nordisk for cocreation and ideation between students and Novo Nordisk employees.
10 <sup>th</sup> August	Fostering Innovation and Growth: The Need for a Robust Intellectual Property Framework ET Pharma, August 10, 2024	<a href="#">Fostering Innovation and Growth: The Need for a Robust Intellectual Property Framework</a>	An effective IP framework serves as both a guardian and an enabler. It guards the results of ingenuity, ensuring that inventors are duly rewarded for their contributions.
10 <sup>th</sup> August	US-based Amgen to set up tech site in Hyderabad The Financial Express, August 10, 2024	<a href="#">US-based Amgen to set up tech site in Hyderabad</a>	Amgen, an US-based multinational biopharmaceutical firm, announced plans to set up a new technology and innovation site in Hyderabad. The site can accommodate up to 3,000 people. It will become operational in the fourth quarter of 2024.
10 <sup>th</sup> August	Pfizer and KIMS-Sunshine Hospital, Begumpet Join Hands to Unveil Centre of Excellence for Adult Vaccination India Education Diary, August 10, 2024	<a href="#">Pfizer and KIMS-Sunshine Hospital, Begumpet Join Hands to Unveil Centre of Excellence for Adult Vaccination</a>	Pfizer India and KIMS-Sunshine Hospitals have joined hands to unveil a new, dedicated Centre of Excellence (CoE) for adult vaccination in Hyderabad's KIMS-Sunshine Hospital, Begumpet. The CoE has been established with the vision of ensuring that community members can easily access healthcare solutions.
10 <sup>th</sup> August	Pfizer Gets CDSCO Panel Nod for Active PMS Study of FDC Levonorgestrel Plus Ethinyloestradiol Tablets Medical Buyer, August 10, 2024	<a href="#">Pfizer Gets CDSCO Panel Nod for Active PMS Study of FDC Levonorgestrel Plus Ethinyloestradiol Tablets</a>	The drug major Pfizer has got approval from the Subject Expert Committee (SEC) functional under the Central Drug Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO) to conduct the active post-marketing surveillance (PMS) study of fixed-dose combination (FDC) Levonorgestrel 0.15 mg plus Ethinyloestradiol 0.03 mg tablets.
10 <sup>th</sup> August	Merck Life Science partners with Aragen to boost biotech R&D in India Business Standard, August 10, 2024	<a href="#">Merck Life Science partners with Aragen to boost biotech R&amp;D in India</a>	Merck Life Science has entered into a strategic partnership with Aragen, an R&D and manufacturing solutions provider in the life sciences industry. The collaboration focuses on expediting the development of monoclonal antibodies (mAbs) and other novel modalities.
11 <sup>th</sup> August	Novo Nordisk Global Business Services Signs MoU With BITS Pilani For Upskilling, Learning Opportunities In Healthcare The CSR Universe, August 11, 2024	<a href="#">Novo Nordisk Global Business Services Signs MoU With BITS Pilani For Upskilling, Learning Opportunities In Healthcare</a>	Novo Nordisk Global Business Services has signed a two-year Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for academic cooperation in healthcare with BITS Pilani. This is the third academic collaboration in the last one year after Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE) and IIIT Bangalore.
11 <sup>th</sup> August	Amgen set to open new tech centre in Hyderabad by end of year	<a href="#">Amgen set to open new tech centre in Hyderabad by end of year</a>	US-based biopharma giant Amgen is setting up its new technology and innovation centre in Hyderabad. The new facility, Amgen India, is slated to become

	The Times of India, August 11, 2024		operational in the fourth quarter of this year and will have capacity to accommodate up to 3,000 employees.
11 <sup>th</sup> August	Pfizer and KIMS-Sunshine Hospital, Begumpet Join Hands to Unveil Centre of Excellence for Adult Vaccination The Hans India, August 11, 2024	<a href="#">Pfizer and KIMS-Sunshine Hospital, Begumpet Join Hands to Unveil Centre of Excellence for Adult Vaccination</a>	Pfizer India and KIMS-Sunshine Hospitals have joined hands to unveil a new, dedicated Centre of Excellence (CoE) for adult vaccination in Hyderabad's KIMS-Sunshine Hospital, Begumpet. The CoE has been established with the vision of ensuring that community members can easily access healthcare solutions, including by promoting preventive health measures like adult vaccination.
13 <sup>th</sup> August	Merck's Health Initiative Touches Lives Of 800 In Maharashtra's Raigad District The CSR Universe, August 13, 2024	<a href="#">Merck's Health Initiative Touches Lives Of 800 In Maharashtra's Raigad District</a>	Merck Life Science's state-of-the-art facility for providing lab materials and reagents to pharma and biopharma companies is located at Patalganga. The site came into operation in the middle of the pandemic and has worked with the community ever since 2020.
13 <sup>th</sup> August	SSUHS signs MoU with Novo Nordisk Foundation The Economic Times, August 13, 2024	<a href="#">SSUHS signs MoU with Novo Nordisk Foundation</a>	Giving a boost to health sector, an MoU was signed between the Srimanta Sankaradeva University of Health Sciences under the Department of Medical Education and Research, and Novo Nordisk Foundation, a Danish philanthropic organisation.
13 <sup>th</sup> August	CDSCO panel approves AstraZeneca's proposal for Amendment in Package Insert for Saxagliptin tablets Medical Dialogues, August 13, 2024	<a href="#">CDSCO panel approves AstraZeneca's proposal for Amendment in Package Insert for Saxagliptin tablets</a>	The Subject Expert Committee (SEC) functional under the Central Drug Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO) has approved the drug major AstraZeneca's proposal for amendment in Package Insert from Version-11 to Version-12 for drug Onglyza (Saxagliptin) tablets 2.5mg and 5mg.
13 <sup>th</sup> August	Rs 31,500 crore investment deal concluded during Telangana CM's US visit SiaSat, August 13, 2024	<a href="#">Rs 31,500 crore investment deal concluded during Telangana CM's US visit</a>	The announcement by Amgen, a top biotech company, to set up a new R&D tech facility is a major breakthrough for Hyderabad. A new GCC by Zoetis Inc, the leader in the animal health sector, and significant expansions by HCA and Thermofisher are set to give a further boost to the life sciences ecosystem of Telangana.
15 <sup>th</sup> August	India begins Phase 3 clinical trial with 1st indigenous dengue vaccine Bhaskar Live, August 15, 2024	<a href="#">India begins Phase 3 clinical trial with 1st indigenous dengue vaccine</a>	Meanwhile, Takeda's dengue vaccine Qdenga, preapproved by the WHO in May, has shown more than 50 per cent efficacy in reducing the number of cases, with lasting effects and a good safety profile, according to a review of 19 studies published in the journal Vaccines.

15 <sup>th</sup> August	NNEF inks MoU with RNT MC, Udaipur, to set up India's first SCWH Medical Buyer, August 15, 2024	<a href="#">NNEF inks MoU with RNT MC, Udaipur, to set up India's first SCWH</a>	Novo Nordisk Education Foundation (NNEF), a nonprofit organization established by Novo Nordisk India, has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Ravindra Nath Tagore (RNT) Medical College, Udaipur, to set up a Sickle Cell Wellness Hub dedicated to individuals living with Sickle Cell Disease (SCD).
18 <sup>th</sup> August	Government simplifies drug approval process with new waiver The Tatva, August 18, 2024	<a href="#">Government simplifies drug approval process with new waiver</a>	Anil Matai, Director General of the Organisation of Pharmaceutical Producers of India (OPPI), has praised the government's decision, highlighting its potential benefits for both domestic and international pharmaceutical companies. Matai described the move as welcome and progressive, noting that it will facilitate a more efficient approval process and enable faster access to essential medications for Indian patients.
20 <sup>th</sup> August	CDSCO Panel Approves AstraZeneca's protocol amendment proposal for COPD drug Tozorakimab Medical Dialogues, August 20, 2024	<a href="#">CDSCO Panel Approves AstraZeneca's protocol amendment proposal for COPD drug Tozorakimab</a>	The Subject Expert Committee (SEC) functional under the Central Drug Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO) has approved the drug major AstraZeneca's Proposal for the amendment of the Protocol titled Longterm Efficacy and Safety of Tozorakimab in Participants with Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease with a History of Exacerbations.
20 <sup>th</sup> August	Elevating diagnostics: CAHO, Roche Diagnostics collaborate to boost lab efficiency, patient care in India ET Health World, August 20, 2024	<a href="#">Elevating diagnostics: CAHO, Roche Diagnostics collaborate to boost lab efficiency, patient care in India</a>	Rishubh Gupta, MD, Roche Diagnostics India and Neighbouring Markets, and Dr Lallu Joseph, National Secretary General, CAHO, interacted with ETHealthworld's Prabhat Prakash about their collaboration aimed at transforming laboratory practices and patient care across India.
24 <sup>th</sup> August	Boehringer Ingelheim India and Vvaan Lifesciences Pvt Ltd announce strategic distribution partnership to expand pet portfolio reach Business Standard, August 24, 2024	<a href="#">Boehringer Ingelheim India and Vvaan Lifesciences Pvt Ltd announce strategic distribution partnership to expand pet portfolio reach</a>	Boehringer Ingelheim India is pleased to announce a strategic distribution partnership with Vvaan Lifesciences Private Limited, for their pet parasiticide portfolio. This collaboration, a key initiative under Boehringer Ingelheim India's Animal Health Accelerated Growth Plan (AGP), marks a significant step in expanding their reach and enhancing customer value in the animal health sector. India's pet health market is around EUR115 million.

24 <sup>th</sup> August	Novo Nordisk plans to boost India GCC capacity Live Mint, August 24, 2024	<a href="#">Novo Nordisk plans to boost India GCC capacity</a>	Danish drug manufacturer Novo Nordisk plans to scale up its operations in India by expanding its collaborations with its existing partners, said John Dawber, corporate vice-president and managing director for Global Business Services (GBS) at Novo Nordisk.
26 <sup>th</sup> August	Sightsavers India And AbbVie India Host State-Level Consultation On Prevention Of Visual Impairment Caused By Glaucoma Indian PSU, August 26, 2024	<a href="#">Sightsavers India And AbbVie India Host State-Level Consultation On Prevention Of Visual Impairment Caused By Glaucoma</a>	Under the ongoing collaborative campaign between Sightsavers India and AbbVie India the second state-level consultation in Lucknow was held. It focused on strategies to prevent visual impairment due to glaucoma.
27 <sup>th</sup> August	CDSCO Panel grants AstraZeneca Pharma's proposal to include self-administration in package insert of Benralizumab Medical Dialogues, August 27, 2024	<a href="#">CDSCO Panel grants AstraZeneca Pharma's proposal to include self-administration in package insert of Benralizumab</a>	The Subject Expert Committee (SEC) functional under the Central Drug Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO) has approved drug major AstraZeneca Pharma's proposal to revise the package insert for Benralizumab 30 mg/ml solution for injection with respect to the inclusion of instructions for self-administration of the drug by the patient or caregiver.
29 <sup>th</sup> August	Generative Ai: A booster dose for marketing in pharma and healthcare ET Brand Equity, August 29, 2024	<a href="#">Generative Ai: A booster dose for marketing in pharma and healthcare</a>	Anil Matai, director general, Organisation of Pharmaceutical Producers of India spoke about the importance of public-private partnership in improving this access to universal health care. "It has to be a public private partnership when it comes to infrastructure development of all kind, whether it is physical infrastructure, the E-infrastructure and so on," he said.
30 <sup>th</sup> August	HCMCT Manipal Hospital launches adult vaccination center Health Care Radius, August 30, 2024	<a href="#">HCMCT Manipal Hospital launches adult vaccination center</a>	HCMCT Manipal Hospital, Dwarka, has collaborated with Pfizer to launch a Centre of Excellence for Adult Vaccination, aiming to enhance community protection against vaccine preventable diseases.
31 <sup>st</sup> August	Novo Nordisk Gets CDSCO Panel Nod To Study Etavopivat Medical Dialogues, August 31, 2024	<a href="#">Novo Nordisk Gets CDSCO Panel Nod To Study Etavopivat</a>	The drug major Novo Nordisk has got approval from the Subject Expert Committee (SEC) functional under the Central Drug Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO) to conduct the Phase III clinical trial of Etavopivat. This came after the drug maker Novo Nordisk presented Phase III clinical trial protocol No. NN75357807 version No.1.0 dated 18.04.2024.

-----