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## Editorial

*It is my proud Privileged to write Editorial of the last issue of the 7<sup>th</sup> year of this bulletin. Drug Information Center (DIC) of IPA Bengal Branch started functioning with the release of its 1<sup>st</sup> Publication of Drug Information Bulletin (DIB) on 15th April 2007. Every week the center has successfully published this e-bulletin without any interruption till date. Our DIC and DIB has earned much reputation throughout the country and it has spread its wings to reach several other countries like- USA, UK, Switzerland, Netherland, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Thailand, China and so on. Everyday we are receiving request to send this bulletin to some more people including Doctors, Pharmacists, Nurses, Reporters, Patient, general people etc.*

*Other Drug Information centers are collaborating with us and reproducing articles from our e- Bulletin regularly both from Government and private sector. Several medical colleges, Hospitals and Pharmacy colleges are forwarding this bulletin amongst their faculty members and students. Some of them are taking print out of this and archiving in their library to make it available for their readers. It is also being archived in the IPA Head Quarter website [www.ipacentre.org](http://www.ipacentre.org) and our branch web site [www.ipabengal.org](http://www.ipabengal.org), you can read this bulletin from these websites.*

*This weekly bulletin started as a four page word document and gradually improved with your inputs. Presently it is a four page pdf document arranged in two columns having sections like - Editorial, New Drugs, Regulatory updates, News on ADRs, Professional update, Forthcoming Events, Your turn etc.*

*I would like to thank you all for your kind inputs which made this shape and request you to send your inputs through the enclosed feedback form for further improvement.*

**Dr. Subhash C. Mandal**  
Editor

## Content of 52 issues of Volume 7

### **Volume: 07, Number: 01, 14<sup>th</sup> April 2013**

- Editorial
- Top Court in India rejects Novartis drug patent
- India's vaccine regulator National Regulatory Authority of India meets WHO standards
- U.S. Consumers pay more for drugs
- Quinidine unavailable in many countries
- Govt. extends deadline for pharma barcodes
- Forthcoming Event

### **Volume: 07, Number: 02, 20<sup>th</sup> April 2013**

- Editorial
- Swiss drug prices to fall as govt/industry agree deal
- FDA OKs Sun Pharma for Generic Januvia, Glumetza
- Recently launched website offers information about clinical trials worldwide
- NIH grantees study H7N9 Flu Genetic Sequences
- Progress in Antibiotic development alarmingly elusive
- Team including Indian develops Tamiflu rival
- USP unveils new logo and tag-line evoking its global health mission

### **Volume: 07, Number: 03, 27<sup>th</sup> April 2013**

- Editorial
- Key facts of Immunization coverage
- Doctors denounce cancer drug prices of \$100,000 a year
- USP-NF Compendial updates
- Announcement

### **Volume: 07, Number: 04, 5<sup>th</sup> May 2013**

- Editorial
- New Drug: Tapentadol
- Palliative care centres in India
- Govt. of India declare some more substances as controlled substances as per sec. 2 of the NDPS Act 1985

### **Volume: 07, Number: 05, 12<sup>th</sup> May 2013**

- Editorial
- Tuberculosis prescription practices in private and public sector in India
- Per capita Rx spending fell for first time in 2012
- Nation plans crackdown on antibiotics overuse
- Govt. should direct state drug depts to adopt need based licensing to pharmacy stores: Uday Bhaskar
- UK drug pricing plans damage drug access - report

### **Volume: 07, Number: 08, 1<sup>st</sup> June 2013**

- Editorial
- Ireland passes reference pricing, pro-generics law
- USP-NF Compendial updates
- FDA approves RFID-Enabled Blood Bag tracker
- Study reveals Physicians insufficiently informed of Drug Side Effects

### **Volume: 07, Number: 09, 8<sup>th</sup> June 2013**

- Editorial
- USP opens second china site
- J&J Birth Control Pill under recall in three countries
- Use of Statins associated with strains and sprains
- Testosterone prescriptions triple over past decade, but risks unclear
- Walmart fined more than \$100 million for illegal disposal of chemicals

**Volume: 07, Number: 10, 16<sup>th</sup> June 2013**

- Editorial
- Generic drug companies reach \$2.15B settlement with Pfizer in patent infringement case
- Dextropropoxyphene and its formulation banned in India with effect from 23.05.2013
- French 'sunshine act' sheds little light on drug industry's payments to doctors, say critics
- Executive Director of PMNC said that Nutrition is the spotlight this month

**Volume: 07, Number: 11, 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2013**

- Editorial
- Government to bring bill to regulate medical equipment sector
- Aurobindo Pharma signs Medicines Patent Pool licence to make medicines for children living with HIV
- FDA approves emergency contraceptive for use without a prescription for all women of child-bearing potential
- The National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority has fixed / revised the prices in respect of more than 150 formulation packs by notification / orders
- FDA investigates multistate outbreak of Hepatitis A illnesses potentially associated with a frozen fruit blend
- Kerala Drugs Control dept begins action against AKCDA to break its monopoly over drug distribution as per CCI order
- Forthcoming Event

**Volume: 07, Number: 12, 30<sup>th</sup> June 2013**

- Editorial
- Government of India banned 3 drugs recently
- India imposes a ban on animal testing for cosmetics
- New Compendium offers freely available public standards to help ensure the quality of herbal ingredients used in Traditional Medicines
- Forthcoming Event

**Volume: 07, Number: 13, 6<sup>th</sup> June 2013**

- Editorial
- New Drug: Pertuzumab
- With calls for transparency, drug firms release clinical data
- Painkiller drug deaths up 400% among women
- FDA approves sublingual opioid-addiction tablet
- UK Home Secretary announces herbal stimulant ban

**Volume: 07, Number: 14, 14<sup>th</sup> June 2013**

- Editorial
- Suspension of three medicines to get review in India
- Schedule H1 antibiotics to be limited to only 48 instead of 91 proposed earlier
- AHRQ Primer discusses using checklists to reduce the risk of health care errors
- HIE use decreases repeat imaging in emergency departments
- Mylan sued by Aptalis in connection with Canasa ANDA

- EC regulator approves pneumococcal vaccine for wider use
- China claims GSK execs bribed Doctors
- Nanotech and spray innovations may improve drug delivery
- Roche stops Diabetes trials over safety concerns
- Merck, Sanofi dominate list of top 2012 vaccines
- India insists drug makers get approvals by Aug. 30

**Volume: 07, Number: 15, 21<sup>st</sup> July 2013**

- Editorial
- Setting up of Central Drug Authority (CDA) through The Drugs and Cosmetics Bill, 2013
- More treatments for neglected diseases are being approved
- U.S. calls off 40 studies in huge blow to India's R&D
- FDA grants antibiotic candidate QIDP status
- Five more countries approve Tofacitinib to treat RA
- Ministry officials detain Chinese Glaxo executives for bribery
- Forthcoming Events

**Volume: 07, Number: 16, 27<sup>th</sup> July 2013**

- Editorial
- Study: Cheaper version of Sitagliptin available in Indian Market
- EMEA recommends restriction in use of Metoclopramide and suspended Oral Ketoconazole marketing authorization
- GSK China boss replaced in wake of scandal
- The U.S. Pharmacopeial (USP) Convention announces revision of eight monographs
- European patent for Pfizer's Viagra expires - 21st June 2013
- Indian state to slash prices of 348 drugs
- UK considers moving analgesic to restricted drug class
- Six new drugs in clinical development stage: Dr Reddy's
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**Volume: 07, Number: 17, 4<sup>th</sup> August 2013**

- Editorial
- Suspension on Pioglitazone withdrawn in India
- New Drug: Pertuzumab
- List of new molecular entity approved by CDER, USFDA during 2012
- Forthcoming Event

**Volume: 07, Number: 18, 11<sup>th</sup> August 2013**

- Editorial
- Government is procrastinating on setting drug prices: Indian Supreme Court
- Greater transparency in drug pricing urged for Ireland
- Doctors in India defy guidelines on generic drugs
- The long-awaited "Guideline for Elemental Impurities - Q3D" was published
- Forthcoming Event

**Volume: 07, Number: 19, 18<sup>th</sup> August 2013**

- Editorial
- FDA mandates warnings for Fluoroquinolones
- Fluoroquinolones linked to severe Blood Sugar fluctuations in patients with Diabetes
- Swiss drug major Roche to drop anti-cancer drug Herceptin patent in India
- Treatment of patients with Psoriasis 'Inadequate'

- India spurns cancer patents : Nation seeks to cap high cost of drugs to treat non-infectious diseases.
- Forthcoming Event
- Reader's Column

**Volume: 07, Number: 20, 24<sup>th</sup> August 2013**

- Editorial
- Europe's tuberculosis bill is rising fast
- Doctors overprescribe Broad-Spectrum Antibiotics
- Over 15,000 dengue cases reported in India during 2013
- Obligatory licenses make sense for India, Cipla chairman says
- Revival of pharma PSUs endorsed by parliamentary panel in India
- Indian pharmas to be hit as US hikes fee
- 26 new drugs permitted for sale without trials in India  
Forthcoming Event

**Volume: 07, Number: 21, 1<sup>st</sup> September 2013**

- Editorial
- Pharmacy Council of India (PCI) will officially celebrate 25<sup>th</sup> September as Pharmacists Day in India
- Iron supplementation in pregnancy
- Delhi HC extends relief period for pharma cos in drug pricing case  
Forthcoming Event

**Volume: 07, Number: 22, 7<sup>th</sup> September 2013**

- Editorial
- EU approved SC Injectable of Trastuzumab
- \$1.6bn needed annually to fight drug-resistant TB -WHO, Global Fund
- China alleges that GSK organized bribe scheme
- Regulatory issues hinder clinical trials in India
- Announcement: Recommendation for Acharya P.C.Ray Memorial Gold Medal

**Volume: 07, Number: 23, 15<sup>th</sup> September 2013**

- Editorial
- Schedule H1 notified by the Govt. of India vide GSR 588 (E) dated 30<sup>th</sup> August 2013
- Indian gets top post in WHO Southeast Asian Region after 44 years
- What to do about unsafe medicines?
- Forthcoming Event

**Volume: 07, Number: 24, 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2013**

- Editorial
- New business model of Jan Aushadhi increases the scope of Pharmacists as Entrepreneur
- Sweeping drug reforms endorsed by expert panel in India
- Higher cataract risk appears associated with statin use
- GSK signs \$196 million contract with US Government for Anthrax treatment
- Google announces Calico, a new company focused on health and well-being
- Wireless health market poised for growth
- Maharashtra FDA cancels 52 retail licenses, suspends 243 licenses for violation of D&C Act
- Forthcoming Events

**Volume: 07, Number: 25, 29<sup>th</sup> September 2013**

- Editorial
- Diclofenac: New safety advice of European Union

- Ketoconazole: Fatal liver injury United States of America
- Indian Government has sent out a strong message to ensure supply of Essential drugs
- More than 1,500 Americans died of Acetaminophen overdose in past decade
- FDA strengthens HBV warning of two cancer drugs
- Pics of Celebration of Pharmacists Day by IPA, Bengal Branch

***Volume: 07, Number: 26, 6<sup>th</sup> September 2013***

- Editorial
- Oral fluoroquinolones and retinal detachment reported from Canada
- Health Canada advised withdrawal of Calcitonin nasal spray from market
- Operation Pangea VI: combating sale of unapproved medicines United States of America
- China must improve drug quality to enter European market, says consultant
- Indian state begins free distribution of generic medicines
- India approves foreign pharmaceutical investments
- U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Food and Drug Administration Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (CDER) , seek comments on “Guidance for Industry on ANDA Submissions — Refuse-to-Receive Standards “
- Merck to lay off 8,500 workers to reduce costs
- Forthcoming Event

***Volume: 07, Number: 27, 13<sup>th</sup> September 2013***

- Editorial
- Bridge courses to enable ISM doctors prescribe allopathic medicine
- FDA plans surprise inspections at Indian drug units
- Success Factors: What can we learn about making progress on women’s and children’s health?
- Europe to combat Antibiotic overuse through child education
- Malaria vaccine breakthrough?
- Announcement: Recommendation for nomination for A.P.C.Ray Memorial Gold Medal extended upto 25<sup>th</sup> October 2013.
- Situation Vacant

***Volume: 07, Number: 28, 20<sup>th</sup> September 2013***

- Editorial
- Enhancing collaboration focus of INTERPOL training on pharmaceutical crime
- Out-of-pocket costs as side effects
- MoU signed to facilitate development of affordable medical devices for the Indian market
- Researchers make strides toward pill for Alzheimer's, Parkinson's

***Volume: 07, Number: 29, 27<sup>th</sup> October 2013***

- Editorial
- Supreme Court of India awards record Rs 6 crore for medical negligence
- Monographs of three products of Supplement 1 to USP 36–NF 31 amended effective from 1<sup>st</sup> December 2013
- Acarbose may reduce HbA1c about as much as Metformin
- Indian Supreme Court rulings freeze clinical trial approvals
- Pharma sector accounts for 11% of super rich Indians as per Hurun India rich list
- Rare disease research gets more than \$14M boost from U.S. FDA
- Use of plastic bottles to pack liquid medicines under review
- Forthcoming Event

***Volume: 07, Number: 30, 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2013***

- **Editorial**
- New TB drug Bedaquiline illustrates need for paradigm shift in developing and ensuring access to new treatment combinations
- Medication safety in community pharmacies and outpatient settings
- FDA takes two important actions on drug shortages
- Researchers identify 11 genetic loci linked to Alzheimer's
- India extends anti-dumping duty on drug from China
- Drug price review pleas of top drug makers denied in India
- Forthcoming Event

**Volume: 07, Number: 31, 10<sup>th</sup> November 2013**

- Editorial
- 7th Edition of IP 2014 Released effective from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2014
- PRAC recommends suspension of Diacerein-containing medicines
- Sun Pharma clinical work at Lab is halted
- Forthcoming Events

**Volume: 07, Number: 32, 17<sup>th</sup> November 2013**

- Editorial
- Health ministry to ban all hazardous and doubtful therapeutic efficacy drugs in market
- Government of India accepts Prof. Ranjit Roy Chaudhury panel report on approval of new drugs, clinical trials & banning of drugs
- Companies eye orphan drugs as new profitable market
- European drug industry moving toward greater transparency
- South Africa approves compulsory licensing for HIV/AIDS drugs
- Forthcoming Events

**Volume: 07, Number: 33,24<sup>th</sup> November 2013**

- Editorial
- Audio Visual recording of entire informed Consent process made mandatory by an office order by CDSCO effective from 19.11.2013
- Exemption of Veterinary drugs from the DCGI notification for submission of Safety and Efficacy data
- USP–NF revised five monographs
- Japan approves Bevacizumab for ovarian Cancer
- Japan approves Topiramate for Pediatric Use
- 52<sup>nd</sup> NPW Inaugurated at Kolkata
- Forthcoming Event

**Volume: 07, Number: 34, 1<sup>st</sup> December 2013**

- Editorial
- The story of Coca Cola: Pharmacist inventor
- Competition Commission of India (CCI) has taken stringent measures against errant Pharmacies in West Bengal
- India business leaders commit to advance women and children's health
- Announcement

**Volume: 07, Number: 35, 8<sup>th</sup> December 2013**

- Editorial
- New Drug: Ruxolitinib
- Nanosponge vaccine could fight drug-resistant staph infections

- India records major success in battling HIV/AIDS
- Emerging countries to have a look at best drug facilities in India
- As more payers demand outcome studies, drug development costs will rise
- Report finds drug prices in Australia much higher than in other Commonwealth nations
- Overregulation of drugs leaves billions in "intolerable pain"
- Forthcoming Events

***Volume: 07, Number: 36,15<sup>th</sup> December 2013***

- Editorial
- New Drug: Dabrafenib
- Draft rules published for comments amending Drugs and Cosmetics Rules 1945 making statutory provision to phytopharmaceuticals
- Draft rules published for comments amending Drugs and Cosmetics Rules 1945 regarding competent person in-charge of manufacturing and quality control of Medical devices etc.
- FDA approves first generic versions of Cymbalta (Duloxetine)
- 6 Promising medical applications of 3-D printing
- China cracks down on high-priced drugs
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- News

***Volume: 07, Number: 37 & 38,28<sup>th</sup> December 2013***

- Editorial
- Implementation of Indian Pharmacopoeia 2014 postponed to April, 2014
- India Government to phase out PET/plastic containers for liquid formulations in phases
- ANI Pharmaceuticals buys 31 generic drug products from Teva
- Hospitals struggle to cope with growing list of drug shortages
- India's domestic drugs market slowed to 9.8% growth, PwC says
- Forthcoming Event

***Volume: 07, Number: 39,5<sup>th</sup> December 2014***

- Editorial
- India's efforts to aid poor worry drug makers
- Cancer medication shortages for chemotherapy common in survey of oncologists
- Forthcoming Event

***Volume: 07,Number: 40,2<sup>th</sup> December 2014***

- Editorial
- Projects set to tackle neglected diseases
- Global reach of India drug producers grows
- Abbott faces serious recall of Diabetes products
- Forthcoming Events

***Volume: 07,Number: 41,18<sup>th</sup> January 2014***

- Editorial
- NPPA asks manufacturers to suo-moto pay dues on drugs sold at higher prices still after 15 days of price revision
- Penalties are coming for drug makers in India that have overcharged
- Physicians protest German proposal to drop drug-assessment program
- 11 drug compounders registered with FDA through Thursday
- Bone marrow stem cells could defeat drug-resistant tuberculosis
- Scientists develop personalized prostate cancer treatments



- Presence of heavy metals in cosmetics- a case study
- Pic from recently concluded Health Camp at Gangasagar

**Volume: 07, Number: 42 ,26<sup>th</sup> January 2014**

- Editorial
- Maharashtra FDA files FIRs against pharmacists for doing dual employment
- Motsoaledi: Big pharma's 'satnic' plot is genocide
- Medical Technology Assessment Board to be set up to assess medical technologies
- EU drug approvals rose substantially in 2013
- Drug makers find interest in RNA drug development
- Chinese herbal medicine helps control onset of type 2 diabetes
- Gimps of Health Camp at Gangasagar

**Volume: 07,Number: 43,2<sup>nd</sup> February 2014**

- Editorial
- Maharashtra FDA files FIRs against pharmacists for doing dual employment
- Motsoaledi: Big pharma's 'satnic' plot is genocide
- Medical Technology Assessment Board to be set up to assess medical technologies
- EU drug approvals rose substantially in 2013
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**Volume: 07, Number: 45,16<sup>th</sup> February 2014**

- Editorial
- Global deaths from measles dropped 78 % between 2000 and 2012, the World Health Organization estimates
- India faces resource gap of 1.4 million doctors, 2.8 million nurses
- India defends drug safety as US official visits Delhi
- Forthcoming Event

**Volume: 07, Number: 46, 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2014**

- Editorial
- Restrictions imposed on the formulations containing Tramadol and Tapentadol as well as FDCs containing Tramadol in India
- New Drug: Ivacaftor
- Banning of Analgin has been revoked by the Govt. of India vide G.S.R. 86 (E) dtd. 13 th February 2014
- Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (Amendment) Bill 2011, has been passed by both the houses

**Volume: 07, Number: 47,2<sup>nd</sup> March 2014**

- Editorial
- New Drug: Glycopyrronium bromide
- Dept. of AIDS Control planning to extend third line ART at least through 10 centres of excellence
- Natco gets relief in Teva case
- Forthcoming Event

**Volume: 07, Number: 48 & 49, 15<sup>th</sup> March 2014**

- Editorial
- Pain Meds fight Bacteria
- UK to launch early access to drugs plan
- Only 89 out of 3458 deaths could be attributed to clinical trials during 2005-13: Health ministry

**Volume: 07, Number: 50, 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2014**

- Editorial
- New Drug: Clevidipine
- Europe failing to tackle drug –resistance Tuberculosis
- Vanderbilt diabetes researchers make cell discovery
- Forthcoming Event

**Volume: 07, Number: 51, 29<sup>th</sup> March 2014**

- Editorial
- New Drug: Mirabegron
- Regulatory Pain for GSK's Crocin Advance
- India's IP regime has support of legal experts, nonprofits in U.S.
- India urged to standardize TB treatment regimen to avoid drug-resistant strains
- Forthcoming Event

**Forthcoming Event:**

**Celebration of World Health Day 2014 by IPA Bengal Branch**

Lecture on "Protect yourself from vector-borne diseases" by Dr. Santanu K. Tripathi, HOD, Dept. of Clinical and Experimental Pharmacology, School of Tropical Medicine, Kolkata

**Venue:** IPA Bengal Branch Auditorium, 22 B Panchanontola Road, Kolkata-700029

**Time:** 6.00 pm

