

DAILY NEWS MONITOR: 27 SEPTEMBER 2021

1. AstraZeneca Pharma India gets DCGI nod to import, market Selumetinib capsules

Source: Business Standard ([Link](#))

Drug firm AstraZeneca Pharma India said it has received import and market permission from the Indian drug regulator for Selumetinib capsules. The company has received the import and market permission in Form CT-20 from the Drugs Controller General of India for Selumetinib 10 mg & 25 mg capsules, AstraZeneca Pharma India said in a regulatory filing. The receipt of this permission paves way for the launch of Selumetinib 10 mg & 25 mg capsules in India, subject to the receipt of related statutory approvals and licenses, it added. Selumetinib 10 mg & 25 mg capsules are indicated for treatment of pediatric patients 3 years of age and older with neurofibromatosis type 1 and who have symptomatic, inoperable plexiform neurofibromas, it added.

2. India emerges as Dubai's second biggest trade partner

Source: Financial Express ([Link](#))

India has emerged as Dubai's second biggest trading partner after China with the overall volume touching 38.5 billion dirham in the first half of 2021, according to official data released on 26 September. According to a Dubai government statement, the emirate had a trade volume of 86.7 billion dirham with China in H1 (first half) of 2021, followed by India and the US at third position. Trade with India grew 74.5 per cent year-on-year to 67.1 billion dirham from 38.5 billion dirham in H1 2020. China recorded 30.7 per cent growth year-on-year with total trade with Dubai standing at 66.3 billion dirham in H1 2020.

3. Group of Ministers formed to suggest GST system reforms

Source: Financial Express ([Link](#))

The Union finance ministry has constituted an eight-member Group of Ministers (GoM), led by Maharashtra deputy chief minister Ajit Pawar, to identify potential sources of goods and services tax (GST) evasion and suggest changes in business processes and IT systems to plug revenue leakage. It will also identify possible use of data analysis towards better compliance and revenue augmentation, and suggest a mechanism for better coordination between central and state tax administrations and tax administrations of different states. The GoM will submit its recommendations to the Council from time to time. Another GoM has been constituted to look at rationalisation of the GST rate structure.

4. Bharat Bandh today: Traffic movement affected in Delhi, massive jam at Gurgaon border

Source: Money Control ([Link](#))

The 'Bharat Bandh' today called by farmer unions to protest the Centre's three farm laws has impacted the movement of traffic in the national capital. The Samyukt Kisan Morcha (SKM), a coalition of farmers' unions, has called a Bharat Bandh today to mark the first anniversary of the enactment of the three farm laws. "A massive traffic jam was seen at Gurugram-Delhi border as vehicles entering the national capital are being checked by Delhi Police and paramilitary jawans, in wake of Bharat Bandh called by farmer organisations today," as reported by news agency ANI.

5. PM Modi to launch Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission today

Source: Livemint ([Link](#))

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will launch the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission 26 September via video conferencing. According to the Prime Minister's Office (PMO), the launching of the programme will be at 11 am on Monday. Prime Minister Modi will also hold an address on the occasion. The pilot project of Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission had been announced by the Prime Minister from the ramparts of Red Fort on August 15 last year. Currently, the programme is being implemented in the pilot phase in six union territories. The nation-wide rollout of the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission coincides with the National Health Authority (NHA) celebrating the third anniversary of Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB PM-JAY). Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya will be present on the occasion.

6. Tea Research Institute to sign research MoU with Patanjali

Source: The Economic Times ([Link](#))

Tea Research Institute will soon sign an MoU with Patanjali to collaborate on advanced research to extract several chemical compounds from tea leaves and seeds to be used in medicine, cosmetics and wellness products. Acharya Balkrishna MD, Patanjali Ayurved Ltd. called upon Industries and Commerce Minister Chandra Mohan Patowary. Balkrishna stated that Patanjali will work with Industries and Commerce Department to promote medicinal plantation in Assam and buy back from farmers for their products manufactured in Sonitpur and Haridwar.