







### OUR TOP READS OF **THE MONTH**



# From Classrooms to Podiums: Bharat's Quest for Gold

India's sports story is one of unfulfilled promise, a tale of a sleeping giant yet to awaken fully. In the recently concluded Paris Olympics, the 117-member strong Indian contingent was expected to achieve a double-digit medal count including multiple gold medals, however, that story didn't pan out in the same fashion, with the Indian contingent finally closing out on 6 medals with no gold to flaunt.

To bridge this gap, initiatives like the Khelo India Scheme, sports startups, and sports-focused schools are emerging. These institutions blend academics with sports training, helping students excel in both.

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Education Markets and Deals Roundup — 14th Edition

The education sector has always been a fascinating barometer for societal progress, and this September has been no different. On the global stage, Duolingo's robust user growth and New Oriental's substantial share buyback signal a renewed belief in the transformative power of



# From Branded Gx to Gx Gx — Will India successfully traverse this path?

India's pharmaceutical market is at a crossroads. The government's bold push towards generic substitution isn't just a policy shift - it's a seismic change that will redefine the industry's future. The stakes couldn't be higher, with branded generics currently dominating ~90% of the market.

Who wins in this new landscape? Will the Jan Aushadhi scheme's success accelerate this transition? Can India balance quality concerns with affordability?

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The Rise of Microschools: A New Frontier in K-12 Education

As traditional educational models face scrutiny, particularly after the COVID-19 pandemic, families are increasingly seeking alternatives that cater to their children's unique needs. Microschools, often characterized by small class sizes and tailored curricula, offer an innovative solution that blends

education. These are not just numbers—they reflect a commitment to empowering learners worldwide.

Closer to home, India's education ecosystem is showing remarkable resilience. Oda Class and Invest4Edu have attracted significant funding, underscoring the faith investors have in the sector's potential. What's truly exciting is how these investments are not just financial bets but a vote of confidence in the sector's ability to drive real change.

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elements of homeschooling with the social benefits of conventional schooling.

This also presents a significant opportunity for education operators and investors to capitalize on the growing demand for personalized, themebased learning experiences. By establishing scalable chains of thematic microschools, operators can tap into diverse market segments.

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# ANNOUNCING THE LAUNCH OF **OUR HEALTHCARE NEWSLETTER**



**Healthcare Markets and Deals Roundup** 

Following a robust period of deal-making in June, July saw a slight decrease in activity. Despite the slowdown, the Indian pharma and healthcare delivery sectors saw some marquee transactions consummate including KKR's majority stake acquisition of Baby Memorial Hospital in Kerela.

Players across pharma and healthcare, and large private equity funds continue to be engaged in transactions, suggesting sustained interest across all sub-sectors in Indian healthcare. The same is reflected in valuation multiple movements in public markets across large pharma houses and hospital chains.

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SOME TOP INSIGHTS AROUND THE SECTOR

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### Physics Wallah raises \$210 Mn in Series B, valuation soars to \$2.8 Bn

Physics Wallah (PW) raised \$210 million in Series B funding led by Hornbill Capital, valuing it at \$2.8 billion. The funds will scale operations, expand into K-12, enhance content, and pursue acquisitions. PW offers education for JEE, NEET, and more.

# THE ECONOMIC TIMES

### ISB goes IIM way, offers 20-month management course

The Indian School of Business (ISB) will launch a 20-month management programme in July 2025 for recent graduates, focusing on experiential learning, industry projects, and mandatory internships to enhance practical exposure.



# CBSE gives three years to schools to set up Composite Skill Labs

The CBSE will introduce 'Composite Skill Labs' in schools, aligned with NEP 2020 and NCF-SE, to enhance skill-based education. These labs will provide practical training, promote diverse career pathways, and foster entrepreneurship. Schools have three years to establish labs, with CBSE offering support through capacity-building programs and industry partnerships.



### Changing healthcare needs holistic approach in education

A parliamentary report calls for a transformation of medical education, addressing the uneven distribution of colleges, shortage of seats, and the need for competency-based education (CBME). Key recommendations include enhancing infrastructure, faculty training, incentivizing rural healthcare service, and using data-driven approaches to increase specialist training based on future healthcare needs.



#### Promising future in healthcare genomics

The genetic testing industry in India is expanding rapidly, driven by genomic advancements and projects like the Genome India Project. Careers in this field include bioinformaticians, genetic counsellors, and lab technicians. Key skills required are genetics, data analysis, and critical thinking. Educational programs in life sciences equip students for roles that contribute to disease diagnosis and healthcare innovation.

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