WRISTBAND PATENT <u>Ref: The Times of India, Saturday,</u> 03.02.2018



Wristband tracking device is the new product patent added to the portfolio of Amazon. This technology shall track down the movements of persons who are wearing it and report then same or generate data monitoring their activities. However, whether this would enhance efficacy of a working individual or deter as it is barging in the privacy and confidential personal time of an individual is an ongoing debate. Another point of consideration would be whether this product is for streamlining the work of humans or is it for artificial intelligence robotic products. Technology was meant to assist humans not replace them, thus it is essential to respect the line.

ISRO REUSABLE ROCKET Ref: The Times of India, Thursday, 08.02.2018



Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) while commending the research of Elon Musk for Falcon Heavy Rocket on reusing boosters to reduce launch costs disclosed that their organization is also developing and working on reusable rocket stage. The organization is currently working to enhance the lifting capability of GSLV MK - III. The advancements in the research and development by our Indian centre is an impetus in the repute of India at an international level also.

MATERNITY LEAVE FOR SURROGACY Ref: The Times of India, Thursday, 08.02.2018



Compliance with order of Delhi High Court, the Central government through its Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT) has issued instructions whereby a woman should be granted maternity leave for even a surrogacy even. The order was passed by the Hon'ble Delhi High Court where a Kendriya Vidyalaya school teacher had approached the Court when her leave was denied on the ground that she was not a biological mother. These instructions would promulgate women for their rights of maternity leave in various offices.

STUBBLE FUELLING POWER <u>Ref: The Times of India, Friday,</u> 09.02.2018



NTPC in a double pronged move has tested and used farm stubble for fueling its power plants. This move shall provide as a useful alternative use for the farm stubble which was earlier only burnt and enhanced air pollution in those areas. With this use, there can be profitability and income to farmers for the stubble and also entrepreneurship opportunities for the individuals.

LABORATORY GROWN KIDNEY <u>Ref: The Times of India, Monday,</u> <u>12.02.2018</u>



Recently researchers from United Kingdom have been able to develop human stem cells to a mini kidney which is capable of filtering blood and producing urine. The research has been carried out on a living organism and is a phenomenal step towards cure of kidney diseases. This scientific development would be instrumental in conducting research on ailments and medicines for the treatment of kidney failures expansively.

TELCOS V/S IPRS

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The conglomerate of composers, musicians and lyricists have assailed the telecom companies for payment of royalty for using the literary and musical works which are available for download by users. As per the averments of the owners, the use is not permitted as they have not paid any royalty and are continuing to charge the users and promote their schemes along with these songs. On the contrary, the telecom companies state to have valid licenses from various carriers directly and thus they cannot be monetarily penalized twice for the same content. This adjudication of this issue would bring to light the role of these societies as against companies dealing directly for license of their music/songs/sound recordings, etc.

AUTISM DIAGNOSIS <u>Ref: The Times of India, Tuesday,</u> 20.02.2018





University of Warwick researchers have developed a blood and urine test and parameters thereof can detect autism in children. This diagnosis which is the inception in this field and shall facilitate the analysis and cure of Autism based disorders in children. Once the diagnosis is done at early instance, the chances of its cure also increase expansively. The earlier research could merely state higher levels of certain hormone and sugar compounds in the body which was inferred to be basis for autism. This research would now give an impetus to the pharma companies to cure this issue.

DELHI LANDFILL FREE <u>Ref: The Times of India, Tuesday,</u> 20.02.2018



IIT Delhi has collaborated with the municipal corporations to work towards landfill free Delhi. A team of experts from IIT-Delhi has advised them on flattening of existing slopes and extraction of methane gas from the garbage. Though this process would take time, still the move has been made as Delhi generates more than 9000 MT on waste on daily basis and some manner of its disposal is quintessential for healthier atmosphere.

WINSOME DIAMONDS UNDER IBC Ref: The Economic Times, Thursday, 22.02.2018



Winsome Diamonds after duping bank of 7000 crores was assailed before the Ahmedabad NCLT. The proceedings have been admitted vide order dated February 13, 2018 and the Insolvency professional has been duly appointed for the same. The promoter Jatin Mehta had flown abroad and become a citizen of Saint Kitts, an island country with whom India has no extradition treaty.

AUDIT FIRMS UNDER SC SCANNER Ref: Mint, Saturday, 24.02.2018



The Hon'ble Supreme Court has directed a committee to be set up for tightening regulatory oversight on the four multinational accounting firms. This was an impact after the role of auditors in filing returns, auditing books of accounts and their failure to expose the scam of more than Rs. 11,400 crore by Nirav Modi and Mehul Choksi. The committee of three experts would be submitting their reports within 3 months. The firm PWC has been highlighted to be brought under the policy framework for its reports. It is imperative that there are strict policies to govern the accountability and responsibility of certification by auditors.

IIT-KHARAGPUR - BATTERY USING SEWAGE WATER <u>Ref: The Economic Times, Tuesday,</u> 27.02.2018



IIT Kharagpur researcher has developed a battery which is disposable and flexible and powered by bacteria from sewage water. It is an environmental friendly battery wherein the power production starts within 10 seconds of plugging in. Further, it is made on paper platform and thus is very lights as compared to contemporary batteries which are very heavy. The student Ramya Veerubhotla has also been accorded a cash award of Rs. 10 lacs in the innovation contest by National Design and Development Innovation Contest.

GI FOR BLACK WINGED CHICKEN <u>Ref: The Hindustan Times, Saturday,</u> 03.02.2018



Both the states of Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh have recently been clashing for the geographical indication (GI) tag on black winged chicken, Kadaknath. The uniqueness of this chicken being the taste, low on cholesterol and high in protein is a delicacy. The state of Madhya Pradesh had filed for a GI Tag for this product in the year 2012, whereas the state of Chhattisgarh applied in 2017 under the breed preservation and conservation section. The officials of the animal husbandry department of Jhabua, the originating place in Madhya Pradesh have written to the government to expedite the registration in favour of Madhya Pradesh. This is the second issue after Rosogulla fight between Odisha and West Bengal that states are clashing over grant of GI tag by claiming the origination of the

product. It is apparent that India is moving towards an IP aware country on the whole.

FOREIGN LAW FIRMS RESTRICTED Ref: The Times OF India, Tuesday, 13.03.2018



The Hon'ble Apex Court of India upheld the judgments of the Madras High Court in A.K.Balaji v. Bar Council of India and the Bombay High Court in Lawyers Collective v. BCI and Ors. with modifications, to hold that foreign law firms cannot open offices in India. However, the Court has permitted the foreign lawyers to advise clients on a casual temporary basis only. The sanctity and parameters as laid down by Bar Council have been upheld as unless a professional is authorized under the territory to practice, there can be no responsibility or accountability attributed to them. Thus, this restriction is fair as the professionals in India need protection also.

AMBEDKAR UNIVERSITY INQUIRY UNDER SEXUAL HARASSMENT LAW <u>Ref: The Bar and Bench, Monday,</u> 12.03.2018



Educational institutions the environment which was semblance of honesty, pious relationship between students and faculty has now become a vulnerable area of sexual harassment at workplace. Recently, the Internal complaints committee at Ambedkar University has found Lawrence Liang, its dean of School of Law guilty of sexual harassment. The complainant alleged that the instances were in 2015/2016 to which Liang termed as friendly mutual consensus relationship. However, the committee held that the conduct was unwelcome sexual overtures. Also, despite the incident being occurred outside the premises the same came within the ambit of its law.

