

### **PADMAN GETS PATENT FOR HIS 2002 INVENTION**

**Ref: The Hindu, Saturday, 01.02.2020**



A Coimbatore based entrepreneur has recently bagged patent rights for the low-cost sanitary pad-making machine he invented a decade ago. The process for securing a patent for this machine that was developed in 2002 started in the year 2006. Now the patent has been granted after so many years. Indeed, a noble and value creating move for empowerment of women. This calls for an urgent need for increasing awareness among all sections of society about Intellectual Property Rights and impact of innovation for benefit of society at large. This kind of delays can be taken care if inventors are aware about their rights and this can also have a positive impact on economic growth and sustainable development of the country in the long run.

### **BRITANNIA SUES FUTURE OVER TRADEMARK INFRINGEMENT**

**Ref: The Economic Times, Tuesday, 04.02.2020**



Suit for trademark infringement has been filed in Delhi High Court by Britannia Industries against Future Consumer alleging that packaging of several of its biscuit brands have been copied and is

deceptively similar to Britannia's biscuit packs. However, it has been confirmed that both companies are engaged in out-of-court settlement talks, and that Future Consumer has even proposed to make some changes to its packs.

### **PATENT APPLICATION IMAGINES BUILDING AN AIR PURIFIER INTO HEADPHONES.**

**Ref: theverge.com, Tuesday, 04.02.2020**



A Patent application has been recently filed in the UK Intellectual Property Office by Vacuum manufacturer Dyson for a new pair of headphones with an air purifier built into its ear cups that claims to combat harmful effects of air pollution in cities. Through this invention might lead to partially obscuring wearers face but with increasing pollution levels, this portable device can add a lot of value. The application provides that ear cups contain motors that spin at around 12,000 rpm to draw in approximately 1.4 liters of air a second, which sound like it could generate a fair bit of noise.

### **SC AWARDS 1 CRORE FOR 12 YEAR OLD ACCIDENT VICTIM**

**Ref: The Times of India, Thursday, 06.02.2020**



Kajal, a 12-year old girl met with an accident almost a decade back which led to 100% physical disability and left her with the mental age of a nine month old for the rest of her life due to brain injuries, the Supreme Court in one of its landmark judgments, awarded her with a compensation of more than Rs 1 crore, including interest.

**TWITTER LABELING 'FAKE NEWS'**

**Ref: The Economic Times, Thursday, 06.02.2020**



Micro blogging platform Twitter has come out with a new policy that includes deep-fake videos which have been edited using artificial intelligence or other advanced software to distort a person's appearance or speech while appearing to be authentic, as well as other kinds of edited photos and videos that have been "substantially edited". This policy allows Twitter to start labeling, and in some cases, removing doctored or manipulated media that users share on its platform. However, in other cases, where the content might impact public safety or cause serious harm, the video or photo would likely be removed. At the outset, if the media is being shared in a deceptive manner and then it will be evaluated with respect to the potential for harm.

**INDIA RANKS 40 ON GLOBAL INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY INDEX**

**Ref: www.deccanherald.com, Thursday, 06.02.2020**



Global Intellectual Property Index has rated India 40<sup>th</sup> out of 53 countries in the year 2020. India's score has however increased from 36.04 % in 2019 to 38.46% in 2020. The legal machinery too has taken a dynamic and power packed stance towards using injunctions to disable access to copyright infringing content online. Though lot of groundwork still needs to be done in terms of introducing transformative changes to IP regime in the country, implementing strong IP standards in patentability requirements, patent enforcement, compulsory licensing, patent opposition, regulatory data protection, transparency in reporting seizures by customs will surely lead to enhancement of competitiveness in an increasingly knowledge based global economy as India. Apart from this, initiatives undertaken by the Government including Atal Innovation Mission, Accelerating growth for New India's Innovations, Make in India, Digital India and Startup India will further add momentum towards strengthening IP framework in India.

**AI AND ARBITRATION**

**Ref: Sunday Times, 09.02.2020**



Artificial Intelligence could provide immense benefits for the arbitration process and its users in the Indian

judiciary. By augmenting human cognitive abilities, AI powered services could assist lawyers in drafting, identification of better authorities, reviewing documents etc. It is also well placed to assist arbitral tribunals in preparation of award, simultaneous judicial review, streamlining case management etc. AI-based analytics system could be used to predict costs, duration and possible resolution and including proposing a range of settlement based on analysis of previous arbitrations of similar size and complexity. AI-assisted arbitration holds immense promise for the arbitration community.

#### **ALL MED DEVICES 'DRUGS' W.E.F. 1 APRIL**

**Ref: The Times of India, Wednesday 12.02.2020**



Central government notified all medical devices as 'drugs', effective from April 1, bringing a range of products from instruments to implants to even software intended for medical use in human beings or animals under the purview of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940. The expansion of scope of the statute shall not only facilitate price fixations but also make companies liable for violations in a penal manner. The notification under which these changes have been introduced will also re-categorize medical devices that are used for life support, diagnosis, treatment or alleviation of any disease or disability, and disinfect other medical devices and other low – risk devices and high - risk devices. CDSCO regulations should be enforced and implemented by the authorities effectively now.

#### **DELHI HC VERDICT ON SHW** **Ref: [www.livelaw.in](http://www.livelaw.in), Saturday, 15.02.2020**



In an interim order, passed by Justice Pratibha M Singh of the Delhi High Court has directed a private Company to pay Rs. 1.2 lakhs to a woman, whose services were terminated on grounds of raising allegations of sexual harassment. This woman filed a writ petition seeking action against the employer for violation of the SHW Act and absence of an Internal Complaints Committee seeking a compensation of Rs 1 crore on account of grievous injury and irreparable damage done to her physically and psychologically.

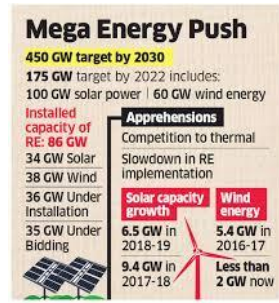
#### **DU TEAM DEVELOPS DRUG FOR PARKINSON**

**Ref: Sunday Times, 16.02.2020**



A Delhi University professor and his team have found an effective drug molecule for the treatment of Parkinson's disease which will benefit over 10 million people affected worldwide. The molecule has undergone pre-clinical trial, and now been taken by an American Pharma industry for further studies.

**GREEN ENERGY PARKS OF 50 GW  
PLANNED IN RAJASTHAN, GUJARAT  
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17.02.2020**



The Government will set up ultra-mega renewable energy parks of a total of 50 gigawatt (GW) in Gujarat and Rajasthan in what could be the world's largest renewable energy investment programme. Industry majors such as Tata Power called it a quantum leap for green energy while experts also said the initiative poses a formidable threat to thermal power plants. The land for this will be made available so that solar, wind and wind hybrid plants can be set up. The power ministry will be requested to strengthen transmission to these locations within 24 months for evacuation of power from these parks.

**NO HC RELIEF FOR DISQUALIFIED DIRECTORS  
Ref: The Times of India, Thursday,  
20.02.2020**



The Bombay high court has in an interim order declined to stay a 2017 circular issued by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs and granted no relief to directors of various companies against disqualification due to failure in filing of returns. It is ministerial or administrative act of filing that is to be

performed by the company. Therefore, if such financial statements or annual returns for any continuous period of three financial years have not been filed, then the action is triggered.

**INDIA, US INK PACT ON IPR  
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20.02.2020**



India and the US have signed an agreement on intellectual property rights (IPR). This knowledge-sharing agreement is expected to enrich the IPR systems between the two sides. The agreement spans across the entire IPR regime including patents and copyrights and is not specific to any sector. It doesn't involve any implementation of Laws. There would be training sessions and experts, and officials would travel to each other's country to study the IPR systems.

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