

DATA PRIVACY LAW

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With the expansion of Digital India scheme and birth of new technologies such as 5G, and working out a data protection law and boosting manufacturing of electronics under the 'Make in India' program, telecom and IT ministry has its hands full towards creating a digital age in India. A key challenge facing the ministry will be to nurse the telecom sector back to health including call drops and tackling unsatisfactory internet speed.

GM FUNGUS KILLS MALARIA MOSQUITOES

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Researchers from Burkina Faso and the University of Maryland have unitedly worked to produce and modify a genetically modified fungus, *Metarhizium anisopliae*, a counter to a naturally occurring parasite of the anopheles mosquitos which kills a whopping 400,000 people a year. This fungus was applied to sheets hung inside test houses. When this fungus detects that it is on a mosquito, it penetrates the insect thereby killing it.

IIT-D – AC AND AIR PURIFIER COMBO

Ref: The Times of India, Tuesday, 04.06.2016



IIT Delhi startup has recently come up with an innovative technology with the name Nanoclean AC filters that would turn an AC into an air purifier. Under this arrangement, ACs can act like air purifiers without affecting power consumption or performance. Nanoclean AC filters can purify a room up to 90% in just 1 hour of its functioning in an AC without putting additional load on it. This product is available for purchase from the company's website nasofilters.com, Amazon and Apollo Pharmacy stores. This innovation is well founded as per the dynamic need of the hour solution to pollution for the organizations, companies and all private and public sector as well.

PATERNITY LEAVE BY ZOMATO

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SHOWING THE WAY

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Zomato has promised to stand up for the cause of institutionalised paid parental leave ➤ As of now, there is no provision of paid paternity leave for employees of private 	<p>companies under Indian labour laws</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Multinational companies such as Microsoft, RBS and Cummins offer comparatively longer paid paternal leave to their employees in India
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Food tech aggregator Zomato has recently announced that it would give its employees paid paternity leave on a par with the national legal provision for maternity leave, which is 26 weeks, becoming among the trailblazers in corporate India to have such a policy for male staff members. Along with this, it was also announced that an endowment of \$1,000 shall also be given per child to employees on its rolls who became parents. Zomato has

reported that its new parental leave policy also applies to non-birthing parents, in cases of surrogacy, adoption and same-sex partners. It also said the policy would be applicable to employees in all (24) countries where it has a presence, irrespective of the regulations in that particular country.

COPYRIGHT ACT AMENDMENT SOUGHT

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Copyright regime in India is aiming to bring within its ambit all forms of broadcasters including digital. The Department for Promotion of industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) has initiated the proposal for the Copyrights Amendment Rules, 2019, and sought public comments and suggestions on the Draft. The draft rules seek to introduce changes to the copyright framework in the light of technological advancement in digital era including content regulation and to bring them in parity with other relevant legislations.

#KUTOO JAPAN

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Japanese women have recently submitted a petition to the government to protest against the requirement for female staff to wear high heels at work. The #KuToo campaign, a play on words from the Japanese word "Kutsu" – meaning shoes – and "kutsuu" – meaning "pain" – was launched by actress and freelance writer Yumi Ishikawa. Termed as a phenomena depicting sexual discrimination or harassment, Campaigners made a hue and cry about wearing high heels being seen as near obligatory when job hunting or working at many Japanese companies.

ZEN COINED WORD FOR MOBILES

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In a suit filed by Telecare Network Private Limited, Delhi High Court has passed an interim order restraining mobile and laptop manufacturing company Asus Technology from using the mark "ZEN", "ZENFONE" and other similar terms while selling mobile phones and other products. While clarifying the law as laid under Section 17 (2) of the act, the High Court stated that the whole rationale behind grant of recognition and protection of trademarks and trade names is to ensure that people don't get confused about the source of goods and services. The court held that since ZEN is a generic word qua a school of Buddhism, yet it is not a generic mark with regard to mobile phones and tablets as the said word has no correlation with or connection with mobile phones and tablets. The adoption by Asus was malafide and thus not covered under this defence.

GREEN FUEL BIO WASTE

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A Biotech student has novated method of converting organic waste to bioethanol, a clean fuel which reduces greenhouse gas emissions. This process involves working on microbial co-culture, considered as a producer of bioethanol. Survey and reports suggest that for ethanol production in India, farmers should be encouraged to cultivate energy crops such as sugarcane, beetroot, and corn.

TRADEMARK 03 NOTICE MANDATORY

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O-3 Notice Mandatory Requirement Prior to Removal of Trademark

Delhi High court has recently directed the Trademarks Registry to consider all applications for renewal of trademarks that have no record of mandatory notice under Section 25 (3) of the Trademarks Act, 1999. While outlining the mandatory nature of the law, the high Court has directed that strict adherence be made by relevant parties towards these important provisions.

JUMPING GENES AND GENE EDITING

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Scientists have recently discovered technique using “jumping genes” also known as transposons that can effectively slide into the DNA without cuts offer a seamless, safer and a novel alternative to edit genes. A key tool for editing is the CRISPR-Cas9 process, which uses CRIPRs—a part of the immune defense system in bacteria – to locate a target in the DNA, and the protein Cas9 to “snip” the DNA strand. The DNA then repairs itself, sometimes guided by a template that is inserted during the editing process. But the process is not always effective.

HUAWEI TRADEMARK MOBILE OS

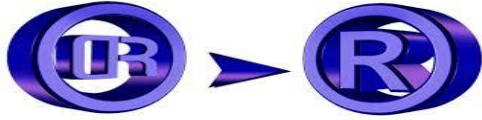
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China’s Huawei, has applied for trademark its “hongmeng” operating system (OS) in at least nine countries and Europe, as a sign it may be deploying a back-up plan in key markets as US sanctions threaten its business model. Huawei has recently been put on a blacklist by the Trump Administration and has been barred from doing business with US tech companies such as Alphabet, whose Android OS is used in Huawei’s phones.

PASSING OFF OF REGISTERED DESIGN PERMITTED

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Recently, the Delhi High Court while questioning the legality of order passed by single bench has sought to clarify the defining and overlapping characteristics of design and trademark law. The lower court had laid down that a registered design cannot constitute a trade mark until there are any extra features other than those registered as design and the most defining characteristic has to be that those extra features should have acquired goodwill. This order was challenged in appeal and that is when the division bench stepped in to clarify the law. This appeal was filed by multinational footwear manufacturer Crocs. Their case was that the distinct design of the footwear can be used as a 'trademark' on the ground that under Trademarks Act 1999, shape can be a trademark and hence action of passing off based on the design was maintainable.

TELECOM INFRA AGAINST COPYCAT WEBSITES

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Fake websites trying to hack prospective customers and clientele with similar logos and phone numbers operating in their name has triggered action by ATC INDIA. The gang has been taking money from people by promising to install telecom towers on their property for a good rental income. ATC India got the FIR registered after discovering the

large-scale fraud under IPC and Copyright Act. A preliminary investigation revealed these websites and when they were accessed, these fake websites even displayed toll free numbers along with a series of mobile phones numbers to take inquiries.

BP DRUG REDUCES ALZHEIMER

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A study has recently revealed that a high blood pressure drug nilvadipine has the potential to slow down Alzheimer's disease by improving the flow of blood to parts of the brain linked to memory.

The findings indicate that the known decrease in cerebral blood flow in patients with Alzheimer's can be reversed in some regions. Nilvadipine is a calcium channel blocker that is used to treat high blood pressure.

SANOFI TIES WITH GOOGLE

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French pharmaceutical firm Sanofi is partnering with Google to use artificial intelligence and deep analytics tools to sift through its data to find better treatments. The use of Google's tools for deep analytics – organizing large amounts of data to make insights – will help it better understand key diseases and patient outcomes to make further improvements.

Sanofi will also be moving some of its business applications to Google's cloud computing platform and use artificial intelligence to improve operations.

GOOGLE INDIA REFRAINED FOR MISUSE OF KEYWORD "MILAAP"

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Crowdfunding that is one of the most important platform to raise business finance in today's techsavvy world is also becoming a platform for conflict between various business players. An interim order of injunction has been passed by Bengaluru court against Google India, directing it to refrain from diverting the traffic of the official site of crowd funding platform "Milaap". In a complaint filed by "Milaap", it was alleged that traffic to its site was being diverted to another site www.impactguru.com. Apparently on searching the mark "Milaap" on Google, the first entry that appears is that of website "Impact Guru", which is also a crowd funding platform. This intentional diversion of traffic by impact guru has been subject matter of litigation between the parties. The court eventually held it to be a prima facie case made by milaap and ordered restraint.

RERA COMMON PLATFORM

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Centre has planned to set up a common online platform for the Real Estate Regulatory Authority (RERA) of all states and UTs, a move which will provide an opportunity to

homebuyers, builders and authorities to exchange views. This endeavour will attempt to make real estate regime stronger. On the online platform, any state RERA can study an order of other states in a particular matter. Also, home-buyers and builders can give their views on this issue.



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