

CORPORATES RESISTS DRUG VALIDITY EXTENSION

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Drug Industry is resisting the proposal of Ministry of Commerce for enhancing the validity period of approved "New Drug" from 4 years to 10 years. The chemical colossuses are contemplating confrontation due to delay in launch of generic variants for approved new drug. On the contrary, the government in compliance to TRIPS is providing the data exclusivity feature. However, only after discussion with Drug Technical Advisory Board the decision shall be formulated and policy notified.

IS ATHELETICS NAME A BRAND?

Ref: The Times of India, Thursday, 03.11.2016



A sports shoe company has come out of a litigation wherein it was sued for damages for using the name of an Olympic athlete as part of its branding/trademark. The US Court has adjudicated that the complainants knew since 2011 that there has been use by Vibram and despite knowledge did not approach the Court till 2015. Thus, under the principle of acquiescence it let the company spend money for building its repute and goodwill and challenged it at a later stage. The contention of the family was thus dismissed by the Court. This decision shall be an interesting precedent for cases of brand or names of well-known people in light of timelines for action as well as acquiescence.

GLAXO WINS GSK TRADEMARK

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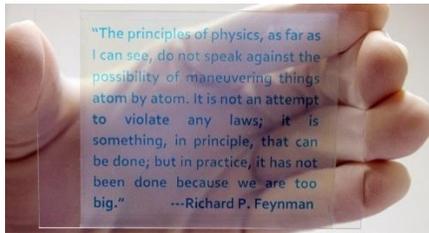


Glaxo Smith Kline approached Delhi High Court against a Hyderabad based company for use of the acronym GSK as part of its corporate name, trademark, brand GSK Life Sciences Private Limited. The Court vide decree of permanent injunction restrained the use of "GSK" as part of its trade in any manner. This ruling shall go a long way

for the protection of acronyms as trademarks and for punitive action of their passing off and infringement. Glaxo's faith in the Indian judiciary for protection of its intellectual property rights has been reposed with this judgment.

REWRITABLE PAPER INNOVATED

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Scientists in China have innovated a reusable and rewritable paper. Alongwith being environment friendly it is also low cost. This paper can be reused, printed, erased and recycled 40 times before the quality of paper reduces. This technology has been developed keeping in mind the adverse effects of printing ink and wastage of paper for efficacious use of energy, water and landfill space and greenhouse gas emissions.

JUNKYARD METAL BATTERY INNOVATED FROM BEFORE CHRIST ERA

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US researchers have developed a pill bottle sized grid scale battery. Capacity of 13 years daily charging and recharging whilst maintaining 90% of its performance are the claims of this new technology. The innovators have

improvised from the concept of Baghdad battery which was from Before Christ BC era and used household junk and scrap metal as raw materials for this product. Although it has promising features but the commercialisation and industrial application shall be witnessed in future to assess it's practical workability.

INDIAN EMAIL ORIGINATOR CLAIM AFFIRMED

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Media company Gawker defamed Dr. Shiva Ayyadurai through its articles on pioneers of email technology. The court while adjudicating the matter awarded damages to the tune of USD 7,50,000 to the complainant. Dr Shiva innovated and developed the email technology and also obtained copyright for the same way back in 1982. Reaffirming the legitimate rights of the complainant the Court granted relief and also directed the accused to remove the disparaging articles from the internet completely. This is another victory and milestone for copyright enforcement.

MISLEADING ADVERT RESPONSIBILITY ON CELEBRITIES

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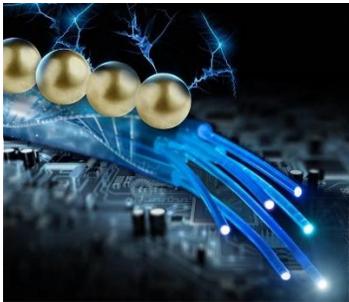




Celebrities have been bestowed with liability to ensure that the claims made by them while endorsing products or services are not misleading for the public at large. This amendment is a welcome step in the consumer driven dynamic economy. The actors shall be liable for damages to the tune of 10lacs for misleading promotions which will increase for subsequent offences as per the panel of ministers. This would lead to a responsible and accountable media. Appropriate amendments in the Consumer legislation shall also be given effect to in compliance.

DNA STRANDS GENERATE POWER

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Genetic material for building electronic device would now be feasible as successfully tested by researchers in Germany with use of gold-plated nanowires. The commercial production of this technology would immensely reduce the size of electric transistors and wires to nanometers. The electronic, scientific as well as computer industry would benefit

phenomenally with this dynamic innovation.

RUBIK BY ROBOT IN 0.637 SECONDS

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Guinness World Record of Sub1 has been further mastered by Sub1 robots latest records. By resolving Rubik cube in a remarkable 0.637 seconds which would have 43 quintillion combination has set new benchmark for competitors. A human being solved it in a record 4.904 seconds.

NOVEL DIABETES DIAGNOSER

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US researchers have developed a portable device futuristically which might facilitate diagnosis of diabetes by medical experts. Breath which contains multifarious compounds is one of the toughest to assess for appropriate results. The recent results and testing by researchers were favourable wherein they were able to diagnose Type 1 diabetes. It is a positive ray for the medical fraternity.

BAYER TRIUMPHS COMPULSORY LICENSING ROW

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Bayer has boldly progressed further for its Indian market despite the adversity caused due to compulsory licensing adjudication by the Intellectual Property office. The order which was affirmed was a contentious issue between the Pharmaceutical arena of USA and the Indian intellectual property regime. However, with the move of Bayer it is apparent that the company has to assert its position within the ambit of patent statutory compliances. However, Bayer states that it is awaiting clarification from the Indian government and the Patent office.

CYBER CRIME REPORTING ONLINE

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Digitization technology and vulnerability of secure information required enforcement mechanism in place. The central Government in its

implementation of policy for curbing, preventing and tackling the issue of cyber-crime has launched a portal. The complainant can directly register the complaint which shall be investigated through appropriate offices with intimation to the complainant. This shall be a major relief for the victims of cyber-crime as they are unaware of their remedies and also various police agencies and divisions try to feign ignorance under the garb of jurisdiction. This is a positive step towards the cashless economy that India is aiming to be.

MEDICINES CAN'T BE TERMED "COUNTERFEIT"

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India got the term "counterfeit" expunged from World health organisation technical group for enforcement of intellectual property rights. India which has been the pioneer for generic medicines. The committee has incorporated and approved to substitute it with the word "falsified". This would entail correct interpretation for the purposes of medicines and intellectual property

enforcement as well. This victory has come after more than two decades.

BICYCLE CHARGING STARTUPS

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Electric bicycles for optimizing delivery schedules in a cost effective and environment friendly manner has been the forte of thought for this start up. Gagan Motor Works (GMW) of Hyderabad had this vision of low cost electric vehicles and has succeeded in it. Targeting the chains of Uber and Big Basket the startup is ensuring adequate battery charging places for ease of user along with enhancing their user base. It is a dynamic move towards environment as well as technical advancement.



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