

**PENALTY FOR IP REDUCED FOR TCS**

Ref: The Times of India, Monday, 02.10.2017



Epic Systems, a healthcare software organization had sued Tata consultancy Services (TCS) for Intellectual property violation. An American court wherein an appeal was filed by TCS reduced the penalty amount to half amounting to USD 420 million from USD 940 million which was awarded by Wisconsin federal jury. TCS might assail this order in the higher appellate court on the premise that the award is not in consonance with the evidence during the trial.

**NOBEL MEDICINE PRIZE FOR BIOLOGICAL CLOCKS**

Ref: The Economic Times, Tuesday, 03.10.2017



Biological clocks the novel field of research for determining the molecular mechanisms that are the reason behind jet lags and our body clocks might lead to disorders like insomnia, depression as well as heart disease. Three US Scientists have recently been awarded the 2017 Nobel prize for this. This being a crucial and unexplored arena shall have an ever lasting impact on the research and development. The Nobel prize amounting to USD 1.1. Millions has been the award for the trio.

**PRIVACY MECHANISM WITH MCAfee**

Ref: The Economic Times, Wednesday, 04.10.2017



McAfee, the name which has become a synonym for antivirus software is launching solutions for ensuring privacy safeguards for children and security portfolio. Children who have excessive exposure to online data are vulnerable to stalkers and predators and thus with the launch of McAfee Safe from Family there shall be another layer of security for the users.

**ADULTS UNDER 60 NOT PROTECTED**

Ref: The Times of India, Wednesday, 04.10.2017



Recently, a 57-year-old person has approached the Delhi High Court for legal protection to the parents who have not attained the age of seniority. The petitioner alleged that they do not have any forum or resort against hostility, harassment and violence by their own children. The court has issued notice to the Delhi government for the same and has provided police protection to the Petitioner in the interim.

**HARVEY WEINSTEIN OUSTED**

Ref: The Economic Times, Tuesday, 10.10.2017



The Oscar winning entity, Weinstein Company has recently terminated the services of its driving force Harvey Weinstein on the recent allegations of sexual harassment. Though the allegations are for incident dating decades ago he has been fired from the company on the ground of professional misconduct. These incidents which have now come to fore are of grave concern.

**DOVE DERANGED OVER ITS ADVERT**

Ref: The Economic Times, Tuesday, 10.10.2017



Dove in one of its recent advertisement has highlighted that how the skin colour will change from black to white by using

their products. This advert being an extremely racist activity has invited criticism against the Unilever brand. Dove immediately removed the clipping and also apologized for the same.

**TATA STEEL ACQUIRES IPR**

Ref: The Economic Times, Thursday, 12.10.2017



The Intellectual property rights of an Australian - British metals and mining company Rio Tinto have been acquired by Tata Steel. The IP shall be incremental for reducing the cost for making steel by around 20%. The IP in steel making process has been completely purchased by Hisarna. The technology shall also reduce carbon emission and thus shall be pivotal for the environment as well.

**APEX COURT TO LEGALISE LIVING WILL**

Ref: The Times of India & Economic Times, Thursday, 12.10.2017



Living Will, Euthanasia the contentious issue of life and choice of death have been before the Apex Court since a few years. Recently the constitution bench stated that if the medical board approves the

living will after ascertaining the condition of the patient then it should be permitted. The bench was assessing the probability of permission for the citizen to write living will permitting family to switch off life support. The living will could be valid only if the safeguards are duly followed and not otherwise.

#### **SKILL INDIA INITIATE FOR YOUTHS**

Ref: The Times of India, Thursday, 12.10.2017



Skill India has promulgated that it shall be sending around 3 to 5 lakhs youth to Japan for on job training as part of their development program. The memorandum of Cooperation has been duly signed by both India and Japan on Technical Intern Training Program. This will give a boost to the Indian youth with immense support from the government and will also give them employment and accommodation opportunities.

#### **MONTE CARLO RESTRAINS SKODA**

Ref: The Times of India, Saturday, 14.10.2017



Monte Carlo initiated action against Skoda auto India for launching its new variant in the automobile under the name and style of Monte Carlo. The Fashion giant stated that they are exclusive owners of the intellectual property in the name, trading style as well as corporate name Monte Carlo and the action by Skoda to launch a car in the same name is a blatant abuse of process of law. The court upheld and restrained the company and established prima facie case and balance of convenience lies in favour of Monte Carlo. This case is a major win for the Indian company against Skoda and is towards recognition of the mark Monte Carlo as a well known mark.

#### **FB AND GOOGLE RESPONSIBLE FOR CONTENT**

Ref: The Times of India, Wednesday, 18.10.2017



WPP's Martin Sorrell categorically stated that platforms like Google and Facebook have tremendous influence over the public at large and thus they should be held responsible and accountable for the content which is being shared or uploaded on these. The immense number of instances wherein fake news and information is being viral and the adverse social impact which it will cause makes it imperative that there is a check on the same. Thus, it is pertinent that legislation is notified, rules and guidelines are prescribed to ensure that the content on these modes is verified and the owners of these websites are held responsible.

**APPLE SUED FOR ANIMOJI**

Ref: The Times of India, Saturday, 21.10.2017



Emonster owns the IP rights and the trademark over the mark/word "Animoji". Apple on the other hand has launched an app under the nomenclature Animoji in its iPhone X. The Japanese company is suing Apple for the blatant, malafide and deliberate infringement and claiming monetary damages as well as injunction order against Apple for the use of the word Animoji.

**GRAVITATIONAL WAVES SENSED BY INDIANS**

Ref: The Times of India, Wednesday, 04.10.2017 & The Economic Times, Wednesday, 18.10.2017



Sanjeev Dhurandhar stated that India contributed majorly in detecting and extracting signal from noise in detecting gravitational waves. The Laser Interferometer Gravitational Wave Observatory (LIGO) in the US made the first detection of gravitational waves in February last year. Thereafter, it detected two more such mergers and August 17 was the first observation between neutron

stars. This technology has a major impetus on the space research and plays an important role.

**MAHYCO STUNG BY INDIA**

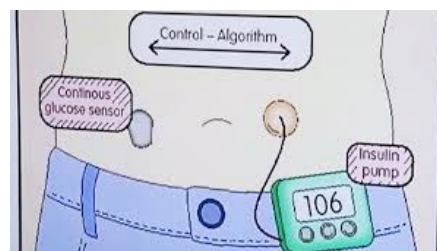
Ref: The Economic Times, Thursday, 26.10.2017



Genetically modified crops received another stroke as Maharashtra Hybrid Seeds Company (Mahyco) is intending to launch its products in South Asian and African countries instead of India. The senior officials stated that the strict regulations in India are hurdles and obstacles for their growth. MAHYCO has joint ventures with Monsanto and is rapidly investing in research and development. However, they are negative regarding the implementation for India. It is important for India to ensure that the safeguards are user friendly rather than obstacles for the companies.

**ARTIFICIAL PANCREAS FOR DIABETES**

Ref: The Economic Times, Thursday, 19.10.2017



Recently, Scientists have researched and developed an artificial pancreas which can be integrated with smart phones to constantly monitor the glucose levels in an individual. The technology shall further deliver required insulin in the body as per the levels. This medical research has showed major improvement in the diabetic condition of the patients.

### **BARBIE V/S TERA INTEZAR**

Ref: Delhi High Court order 22.11.2017



Mattel Inc., the owner of trademark "Barbie" approached Delhi High Court for an order of injunction against song "Barbie Girl" in the movie titled "Tera Intezaar". The company alleged that the title and the lyrics of the song have used their registered and well known trademark without their permission and "in a manner antagonistic to the values and interests of the customers target base, the plaintiffs cater to". While refusing to grant ex parte injunction and hear the proceedings "in camera", the court held that the film has already been cleared by CBFC and under such a scenario granting an ex parte order would be sending a wrong signal to public. It, however, left it open to the Plaintiffs to sue the defendant for damages in case they call upon the defendants to delete the word 'Barbie' and they refuse the same.



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