

## **NOISE POLLUTION PERTURBED**

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### **NGT DIRECTS CPCB TO PREPARE A NOISE POLLUTION MAP**

National Green Tribunal recently while adjudicating matter of Hardeep Sigh & Ors. vs SDM & Ors. case, has directed the Delhi Administration which has launched a website – [ngms.delhi.gov.in](http://ngms.delhi.gov.in); for registration of grievances regarding noise pollution. A user can register their grievances online and action will be taken within 30 minutes. This website will display guidelines on the limits set for vehicles, diesel generator sets, firecrackers and also norms, in general, for residential and industrial areas. As confirmed by the revenue department, the website will be used to receive and disseminate information to the public on noise pollution. A helpline number – 155271 – has also been set up for people to inform the police about any violation. This is a major step for curbing the noise pollution for Delhi and indeed a relief for general public if the same is enforced in spirit.

## **GEOTAGGING FOR CSR MANDATORY**

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Ministry of Corporate Affairs is considering to have a system where companies can geotag and furnish pictures of projects undertaken under their corporate social responsibility programs to the government. There will also be introduction of penal provisions to deal

with companies failing to meet their CSR obligations. Parliament has already approved amendments to the Companies Act, adding provisions that make companies criminally liable for CSR violations. As a settled law, Companies with a minimum net worth of 500 crore, turnover of 1,000 crore, or net profit of 5 crore, are required every year to spend at least 2% of their average profit for the previous three years on CSR activities. With these provisions, it is imperative that the corporates would work towards the society regeneration and preservation as a whole.

## **NANO VACCINE FOR SKIN CANCER**

**Ref: The Times of India, Wednesday, 07.08.2019**



Researchers have developed an effective nano-vaccine for melanoma, the most aggressive type of skin cancer. This method has so far proven effective in preventing the development of melanoma in mouse models and in treating primary tumours and metastases that result from melanoma. The focus of the research, is on nanoparticle that serves as the basis for the new vaccine.

## **ARTIFICIAL TONGUE FOR WHISKY TASTERS**

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Scientists at Glasgow University have built miniature taster or artificial “tongue” which can distinguish subtle differences between whiskies. Whisky is poured over a chequerboard pattern of tiny pieces of gold and aluminum – which act as “taste-buds” – and researchers then measure how they absorb light while submerged. It can even tell the difference between the same brand aged in different barrels, with more than 99% accuracy. It can also distinguish between whiskies aged 12, 15 and 18 Years. It could be used not only for quality control but also to combat the booming counterfeit alcohol trade as the method found several hugely expensive bottles of whisky to be fake.

**FARM STUBBLE PROFITABLE**  
**Ref: The Times of India, Friday, 09.08.2019**



Stubble burning continues unabated in the Indian agricultural sector every year in October-November, when millions of acres of burning fields contribute to an ‘Airpocalypse’ that chokes the entire North Indian region. Researchers have indicated use of alternatives like of happy seeder along with straw management systems can actually give farmers up to 20% higher returns than the most common method that involves burning stubble. Happy seeder is a tractor-mounted implement, developed at Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana that can sow seeds in fields where stubble from the previous crop hasn’t been removed. The straw acts as mulch retaining moisture in soil and providing nutrients to future crops. This technology and product if implemented will be extremely beneficial for the Agri sector.

**STARTUPS & TAXATION**  
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Recently, few Startups and angel investors had come under the scanner after the companies had issued shares at prices that were said to exceed their fair market value, with the difference considered taxable as income from other sources. Central Board of Direct Taxes in the light of addressing this issue has come up with a few guidelines holding that scrutiny of startups not recognised by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade on the angel tax issue will be conducted only after sanction from higher authorities so as to ensure the sources and also prevent undue harassment.

**SMALLEST STENT INNOVATED**  
**Ref: The Times of India, Saturday, 10.08.2019**



Scientists have recently created the world’s smallest stent – 40 times smaller than any produced to date. Stents have been used to treat blocked coronary vessels for some time now, but the urinary tract in fetuses is much narrower in comparison, as stated by few researchers from federal Institute of Technology in Zurich (ETH Zurich), Switzerland. In order to prevent life

threatening levels of urine from accumulating in the bladder, pediatric surgeons have to surgically remove the affected section of the urethra and sew the open ends of the tube back together again.

### **SEXUAL ABUSE AWARENESS THROUGH COMICS**

**Ref: The Sunday Times, 11.08.2019**



Alarming data brings to fore that around 53% of children have faced sexual abuse in India. And yet, it is often a tough battle for child right activists to teach the kids how to avoid such assaults. Now, Comic books with examples and illustrations of good touch and bad touch can be used for enhancing awareness amongst both children and their parents. The comic also clarifies on the responsibilities of a child. The content of this book aims at empowering young children with knowledge about their rights and also, through a comic format, make the issues more interesting and relatable to young minds. The book has Super Buddies, a version of super heroes, who teach children about sexual abuse and issues related to it, including the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act and the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. This surely is a welcome move in an age when so many young lives are vulnerable to unwelcome exposure.

### **SUN + CSIR – IICT PATENT PACTS**

**Ref: The Economic Times, Thursday, 15.08.2019**



Sun Pharma, India's largest drug maker, has entered into global licensing agreement with Hyderabad based CSIR Indian Institute of Chemical Technology for patents related to certain therapy areas with multiple indications. This collaboration with CSIR IICT is mainly for developing new drugs and is a part of broader strategy for enhancing global specialty pipeline. This move is certainly the part of earnest efforts to bring innovations from Indian research institutes to the market to address the unmet needs of patients globally. This would exponentially enhance the patent scope and product markets as well.

### **EU TO FOREGO MEDICAL DEVICES TRIALS**

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The government has decided to do away with clinical trials for medical devices that have been approved and marketed for at least two years in European Union countries. This move is intended to speed up the availability of such medical devices in India. A notification to this effect shall be issued by the Union health ministry soon. The Medical Device Rules allow for an exemption in cases where the device does not have its predicate device (a legally marketed device that is not subject to premarket approval) in India before it

is sold or distributed by the regulatory authority in the US, the UK, Australia, Canada or Japan. The device should have been marketed in that country for at least two years, and the data of safety, performance and Pharma-co-vigilance of the device should comply with the standards of India's Central Licensing Authority. This proposal majorly seeks to remove regulatory bottlenecks while ensuring the availability and increased access to state-of-the-art devices in the Indian market.

**AMAZON VS ORIFLAME AMWAY**

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Amazon Seller Services has moved the Supreme Court against direct selling companies Amway, Oriflame and Modicare, challenging a Delhi High Court judgment last month barring ecommerce platforms from selling products of direct selling companies without their authorization. This judgement clarifies that neither ecommerce platforms nor sellers can sell any products without consent of Indian Direct Selling Association. In order to check this trend, the Parliamentary standing Committee on Finance had recommended a regulatory framework for the direct selling business to distinguish between legitimate companies and pyramid schemes.

**ACCESS MANTRA FOR DEAF**

**Ref: The Times of India, Saturday, 31.08.2019**



With only the tiniest flicker of hope left, this couple decided to visit a training centre for the future of their hearing-impaired child. Chandani, a deaf man, is the CEO and founder of Access Mantra. He has been working for several years to make his community more inclusive, especially through initiatives like Centum-GRO, a 2016 programme aimed at providing leadership and entrepreneurial skills training to the hearing-impaired. A website called Access Mantra, an accessible resource and innovation network for the deaf in India has been launched and aims to provide all relevant information to the deaf community, so they don't have to face hurdles while trying to access service that are available to them, but they might not be aware of. It is a one-stop online central database or a deaf information network where provide information and resources are provided on how to meet the needs of the Indian deaf community. If one is looking for a sign language expert, the website can directly contact the ones near them. Similarly, if you need access to people from the community, you can check out businesses nearby and get in touch with them.

**VISTARA WELL KNOWN**

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Tata Sia Airlines Limited who is the owner of the mark VISTARA under classes 12, 39, 21, 25, 27 and 28 using the mark since the year 2014 has filed a suit titled Tata Sia Airlines Ltd. vs. M/S Pilot18 Aviation Book Store & Another seeking permanent injunction restraining infringement of its registered trademarks, dilution, damages and rendition of

account against M/s Pilot 18 Aviation Book Store for selling and supplying VISTARA branded products on various e-commerce portals. The investigations which were subsequently conducted too revealed the same. The Court vide order dated 26th March 2019 restrained the Defendants from manufacturing, selling, offering for sale, or dealing in any manner whatsoever with any VISTARA branded products, or any other mark or logo similar to VISTARA mark/logo. Along with this Court further went on to direct the Defendants to pay Rs. 2 lakhs to the Plaintiff in 1 month as costs and expressed concern regarding Defendant's behaviour of committing perjury by presenting incorrect facts in written statement.

#### GI FOR PRASADAM

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Unique GI tag has been recently awarded to renowned Palani Panchamirtham, the prasadam at Dhandayuthapani Swamy temple in Palani. The unique quality of this prasadam is that it is prepared by combining five natural substances like banana, cow ghee, cardamom, jaggery and honey for religious devotees at the top of Palani Hills by labourers and the employees of the temple. It is made under the guidance of Mysuru's Central Food **Technological Research Institute**, certified by **Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)** and without adding any water, preservatives or artificial ingredients in the absence of any

chemical processes. It is first ever GI tag awarded to a Prasadam.

#### NOVARTIS V/S NATCO

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Delhi High Court in an interim order has rejected the claim of NOVARTIS AG seeking injunction against Natco Pharma from manufacturing a cancer drug comprising the active pharmaceutical ingredient (API) "Certinib" for treatment of non-small cell lung cancer. The court held that there can be no claim for infringement with respect to a patent which has been revoked in a post grant proceeding. Balancing the interest of community at large vis-a-vis the right holder is indeed a tough and a tricky job but Delhi High Court has once again proved its mettle of balancing interests of all parties fairly well.



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