

UNIFIED LAND TITLE SYSTEMS

Ref: The Economic Times, Monday, 02.12.2019

The Framework

- ✔ **Digital land records** will facilitate switch
- ✔ **Draft legislation** will propose that states move from presumptive to conclusive system
- ✔ **Unified legal framework** being finalised to allow govt-backed land ownership

How will it help?

- ✔ **Reduce** land related litigations
- ✔ **Farmers** to get easy access to credit
- ✔ **Land acquisition** to get easier
- ✔ **Real estate** transactions to become more transparent
- ✔ **Title holders** to be eligible for compensation from govt

In India, land ownership is determined through various records such as sale deeds, which are a record of the property transaction between the buyer and seller, besides property tax receipts and survey documents. However, these documents are not a government guaranteed title but only a record of the transfer of property and hence can be challenged. Draft model of Land Title Act, 2019, which will pave the way for conclusive land titles, as against presumptive ones at present, is currently underway. This will facilitate easy access of credit to farmers and reduce a large number of land-related litigations, besides enabling transparent real estate transactions and land acquisition for infrastructure development. A unified legal framework that will provide for state guaranteed title systems has been developed and adopted in various developed countries and the novel system is trying to replicate the same with modulations.

INADEQUATE PATENT LAWS FOR AI

Ref: The Economic Times, Tuesday, 03.12.2019



Current patent regime that treats Artificial Intelligence software inventions as no more than mere logical algorithms implemented

on a computer system. Despite significance progress and evolution in the Intellectual Property Industry, there has been inadequate knowledge about how to deal with heuristic inventions. The anxiety around definition of natural person continues to plague the patent industry till date. In the background of this scenario, three levels have been recommended at which IP management are required to be addressed. At the data level in the form of access to high quality and accurate data, at IP system level in the form of enabling IP systems with AI based solutions and at the people level in the form of enabling masses to realize the significance of AI in IP domain.

FUNDAMENTAL DUTIES BEING TAUGHT

Ref: The Times of India, Tuesday, 03.12.2019

Fundamental Duties of Indian Citizens

- To abide by the Constitution and respect its ideals and institutions, the National Flag and the National Anthem.
- To obey and follow the laws which regulate the conduct of citizens.
- To value and protect the sovereignty, unity and integrity of India.
- To defend the country and render national service when called upon to do so.
- To provide labour and the skill of his or her body in such a manner as may be determined or assigned by the State.
- To value and promote the rich heritage of our composite culture.
- To protect and improve the natural environment including forests, lakes, rivers and wildlife and to have compassion for living creatures.
- To develop the scientific temper, humanism and the spirit of inquiry and reform.
- To uphold and defend the Constitution and to observe its provisions.
- To strive towards excellence in all spheres of individual and collective activity so that the nation constantly rises to higher levels of endeavour and achievement.

As part of celebration of the 70th year of the adoption of the Constitution, the ministry has undertaken a massive outreach plan to “educate” people about their fundamental duties. One of the endeavors include engagement of students from law colleges to make power-point presentations to schools in their areas “educating” students on the fundamental duties. The focus of the campaign will be on duties of citizens and motivating them towards duties to the nation.

RIGHTS OF SHARED HOUSEHOLD VISAVIS PROPERTY OF IN-LAWS

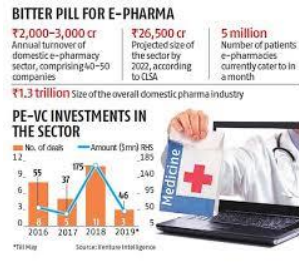
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Delhi High Court has recently observed that a daughter-in-law's right to residence and roof over her head is crucial, the parents' right to enjoy their property and earn income from it is equally important. Striking a balance between these rights is quintessential in this era of increasing claims by children. However, whether the guidelines are subjective or can be implemented for giving verdicts shall be analysed later.

E-PHARMACIES BARRED TO SELL WITHOUT LICENSE

Ref: Times of India, Wednesday, 04.12.2019



Drug Controller General of India has issued an order premising on Delhi High Court verdict in the matter of Dr Zaheer Ahmed Vs Union of India whereby e-pharmacies have been directed to immediately stop sale of medicines without a valid license. The proposed regulation for online sale of medicines is still under consideration of a group of ministers (GoM) headed by defense minister. Unless the regulations are finalized and notified by the health ministry, there are no provisions under the drug law for the drug regulator or state authorities to issue licenses allowing e-pharmacies to operate. Though the offline chemists and retailers have been strongly opposing e-pharmacies raising concerns about illegal prescriptions and misuse of medicines, various studies have shown more people buying medicines online.

THOMAS COOK INDIA BUYS BRAND RIGHTS

Ref: The Economic Times, Wednesday, 04.12.2019



Thomas Cook India Ltd (TCIL) has signed an agreement with Alix Partners, appointed as Thomas Cook UK's liquidation managers, to acquire rights to the Thomas Cook brand for India, Sri Lanka and Mauritius markets for a onetime payment of about 14 crores. TCIL was previously contracted to pay an annual brand license fee of 2 crore to Thomas Cook UK until 2024 for usage of the brand. TCIL said the new agreement that supersedes old arrangement now ensures brand sue rights in perpetuity on a royalty-free basis now.

PUNITIVE DAMAGES OF \$58 MILLION OVER SEXUAL HARASSMENT

Ref: dw.com, Tuesday, 03.12.2019



Greek Billionaire alkiviades 'Alki' David was ordered to pay \$58 million damages to a Hollywood assistant in one of the largest sexual harassment awards in US history. David, an heir to a Coca-Cola bottling fortune who has also battled recent lawsuits over his 3D hologram and online streaming businesses, was accused of routinely groping Mahim Khan. This ruling follows separate payouts this year to two other women totaling over \$14 million in sexual harassment cases against David, as well as a third case ending in a mistrial.

SDMC LAUNCHES CELL ON WHEELS

Ref: The Times of India, Thursday, 05.12.2019



South Delhi Municipal Corporation (SDMC) has officially launched its policy for granting license to service providers to set up portable mobile towers, also known as Cell on Wheels (CoW). Under the new arrangement, telecom companies or service providers with a valid license from the Union department of telecommunication can apply for rent to CoW on monthly basis. Under this policy, owners of CoWs Will have 30 days’ time to get it regularized, for which they will have to pay the arrears from the date of their existence with penalty as 25% over and above monthly rental charges. Till now, 23 CoWs have been identified by the corporation.

IP RULES EASE BY ASTRA ZENECA’S JOHANSSON

Ref: Mint, Friday, 06.12.2019



Astra Zeneca Plc’s non-executive chairman Leif Johansson said while India’s tough Intellectual Property (IP) regime has improved over the last few years, further relaxations in regulations, especially on incremental innovations, are needed to put it on a par with developed nations. Earlier, India’s patent regime was seen as one of the toughest in the world. Over the last few years, however, the government has increasingly benchmarked conditions for issuing patents to international standards

and the timeline for patent approvals has also significantly reduced. Incremental invocation should be permitted under controlled parameters to avoid misuse.

NOVARTIS TO BUY JALRA TRADEMARK FOR 200 CRORES

Ref: The Economic Times, Monday, 09.12.2019



USV Private Limited is in advanced discussions to acquire the trademark for anti-diabetes drug Jalra from Novartis. Jalra is used – alone or in combination with other medicines – to treat type II diabetes in adult patients. It contains vildagliptin, a class of medication called Dipeptidyl peptidase IV (DPP β) inhibitors, with overall sales of around 800 crores. With generics entering in the market, the cost of therapy will reduce substantially, making it easier for the diabetics to access the drug.

RELIANCE’S BIOTECH ENTERING DIAGNOSTICS

Ref: Mint, Monday, 09.12.2019



Reliance Life Sciences RLS, the biotechnology subsidiary of RIL, is planning to start pathology labs across India through partnerships with local entrepreneurs. According to the website, the company is developing business opportunities in bio-therapeutics (plasma proteins, biosimilars and novel proteins), pharmaceuticals (later-generation, oncology generics), clinical research services, regenerative medicine (stem cell therapies) and molecular medicine. Plans are underway to follow a hub-and-spoke model for

pathology business, with a reference lab serving as a regional hub providing super-specialized tests.

'CRYPTOKICKS' NIKE PATENT

**Ref: [Thenextweb.com](http://thenextweb.com),
Tuesday, 10.12.2019**



Nike has been issued Patent for its blockchain-compatible sneakers- "CryptoKicks". This patent outlines a system whereby blockchain can be used to attach cryptographically secured digital assets to a physical product like a sports shoe. This will also track ownership and verify the authenticity of sneakers using blockchain system. While buying a pair of "CryptoKicks", consumers also receive a digital asset attached to a unique identifier of the shoes. In case shoes are sold to someone else, ownership can be transferred by trading the real shoe and associated digital assets. These digital assets can be stored in a Digital Locker, a crypto currency wallet app.

BARCODE INVENTOR DIES

**Ref: [The Economic Times](http://theeconomicstimes.com), Wednesday,
11.12.2019**

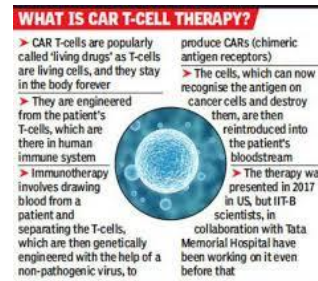


US engineer **George J Laurer**, who co-invented the barcode and helped to transform the retail world in the 1970s, has died at age 94. Laurer is recognized as the co-inventor of the Universal Product Code (UPC), or barcode, which can be found on millions of products, services and other items for identification. The marking – make up of black bars of varying thickness

and a 12 – digit number – can be scanned, quickly identifying the product and its price.

IIT-B DEVELOPS CHEAPER CANCER TREATMENT

**Ref: [The Times of India](http://thetimesofindia.com), Thursday,
12.12.2019**



Scientists from IIT-Bombay, have developed technology to leverage a patient's immune system to cure cancer. Such immunotherapy using CAR T-cells, a treatment for cancer, which costs Rs 3-4 crore in US, can be made available for Rs 15 lakh, if the technology is developed in the country. Researchers made use of gene and cell therapies to re-engineer immune cells to attack and kill cancer cells in the body. The treatment is less painful than surgery, chemotherapy or radiation, and is known to lower chances of a relapse. In the new approach in immunotherapy, called CAR (chimerical antigen receptors) T-cell therapy, the T-cell's ability to detect and kill cancer cells is restored. CARs are protein that assist T-cells to recognise and attach to protein or antigen, present on cancer cells. These proteins help destroy cancer cells.

JAPAN JOURNALIST WINS HIGH-PROFILE #METOO CASE

**Ref: [The Economic Times](http://theeconomicstimes.com), Thursday,
19.12.2019**



Tokyo court has awarded 3.3 million yen (\$ 30, 000) in damages to journalist Shiori Ito, who accused former TV reporter of rape in one of the most high-profile cases of the #MeToo movement in Japan. The civil case made headlines in Japan and abroad, as it is rare for rape victims to report the crime to the police. Ito has become an outspoken symbol for #MeToo in Japan, where the movement against sexual harassment and abuse has struggled to take hold. She had sought 11 million yen (\$100,000) in compensation. The counter suit that was filed was apparently turned down eventually leading to this development.

SNAPDEAL V/S HUL
Ref: The Economic Times, Thursday, 19.12.2019



Delhi High Court has ordered Snapdeal founders Kunal Bahl and Rohit Bansal to personally appear before it in a contempt case where two sellers had allegedly listed counterfeit Hindustan Unilever products on the platform by flouting a court order. In the case that has been ongoing for several months now, HUL claimed that the sellers had offered fake Indulekha-branded hair oil and hair cleaner on Snapdeal, prompting HUL to file the contempt petition. Snapdeal had maintained that it was merely a marketplace and did not sell those products itself. As an intermediary, it had taken "a wide variety of measures" to identify and remove sellers who flout its policies and attempt to list non-genuine products.

CARDIOLOGIST SUES APPLE
Ref: News18.com, Monday, 30.12.2019



Dr Joseph Wiesel, a renowned cardiologist was awarded a patent in the year 2006 for photoplethysmography which is the same technique that is used by Apple Watch to detect atrial fibrillation. This watch basically detects is the wearer has an irregular heartbeat. The doctor has now filed a patent infringement suit demanding royalties, legal fees, recovery of past damages describing Apple's patent infringement as willfully violating his patent.

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