

ASAT BY DRDO

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The Defense Research and Development Organization (DRDO) – often described as a 'White Elephant' with its recent endeavor of successfully testing the Anti-Satellite (A-SAT) missile technology has raised the bar for India globally among elite think tanks. Though DRDO, continues to struggle with delays and cost overruns, lack of accountability and leadership being the most important concern; this occasion marks a significant milestone in the history of this organization, in terms of technology.

MEITY & PRIVACY LAW

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The move of bringing to fruition sectoral policies around data privacy before even coming into force of Personal Data Protection Bill proposed in 2018 is a serious anomaly that requires immediate reflection. One of the controversial, overlapping and debatable aspect of this draft policy is limitation on cross-border flow of data by treating consumer data as a national asset and giving the Centre more access by calling for creating a 'data authority' to share it in public interest.

GOVT SCHOOL INTRODUCED ROBOTS

Ref: The Times of India, Wednesday 03.04.2019



Rajkiya Pratibha Vikas Vidyalaya (RPVV), Dwarka organized a two - day robotics workshop with the support of an Alumni who is currently on fellowship at Harvard, US. Participation in this workshop has instilled great excitement about new endeavours for careers. Creation of a soft robot electric claw by using Harvard Bio-design Lab's Soft Robotics Toolkit provided hands on learning to the students in cutting-edge soft robotics research.

EMCURE NOVEL MEDICINE

Ref: The Economic Times, Thursday 04.04.2019



Emcure Pharma has confirmed to be launching the generic version of breast cancer medicine Eribulin. The said medicine will be 40% cheaper than the existing products. Though quality is being tested but this move will be a respite to many Indians who are reeling under the stress of not only the disease but also high cost of its treatment.

GIPC IP INDEX

Ref: The Economic Times, Monday, 08.04.2019



India has moved from 44th rank in 2018 to 36th in 2019 according to 7th annuals International Intellectual Property (IP) Index released by the US Chamber of Commerce's Global Innovation Policy Centre (GIPC). India's national IP Rights Policy (IPR) was created in 2016 with an objective to guide and enable all creators and inventors to realize the potential for generating, protecting and utilizing IP. A strong and robust IPR regime is imperative for India's growth both in domestic and foreign land.

AYURVEDA TREATMENT COVERED UNDER INSURANCE

Ref: The Times of India, Thursday, 11.04.2019

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Consumer forum in Ahmedabad ordered an insurer to pay 25% of sum assured to a claimant. It ruled that patients are entitled to medical insurance claims for ayurvedic treatment subject to certain conditions. The court said the company can't deny claim to patients who got treatment from registered doctors at government approved ayurvedic hospitals.

BLACK HOLE REVEALED

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In a ground breaking discovery, Scientists revealed the first ever glimpse of a super-massive black hole. The entire credit goes to the findings of Event horizon Telescope that has opened up questions about conventional physics. This discovery has further put to test for the first time -Albert Einstein's theory of relativity.

MEDICAL DEVICES CERTIFICATION

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Recently, Drugs Technical Advisory Board has notified medical devices as drugs under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act (DCA) as a result of which all medical devices sold in India be required to clear certain standards. The certification shall be by the Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO). Manufacturers will also have to seek licenses from the Drug Controller General of India (DCGI). This move to make their registration mandatory will put bad elements in society under a scanner and help make this sector that is solely for public welfare more robust.

BATA PENALISED

Ref: The Times of India, Tuesday, 16.04.2019



Chandigarh consumer forum penalized Bata for its unfair trade practices of charging Rs. 3 for a paper bag from its customers on purchase of goods. It also instructed Bata India Limited to pay Rs 9,000 to the consumer of deficiency in services. It's a landmark judgment which shall be a precedent for thwarting the unfair practices.

DELHI HC DYNAMIC INJUNCTION

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Delhi High court in a commendable order has banned around 30 torrent sites from hosting, streaming, reproducing or distributing content, like movies, music and shows who violate the copyright of film production companies such as Twentieth Century Fox and UTV Software Communication Ltd. The court while laying down important principles directed MEITY/DOT to frame a policy under which a warning will be issues to viewers to caution them to cease viewing or downloading any infringing content since website blocking is not feasible and can become cumbersome. The menace of hydra headed and mirror websites was also addressed for enforcement of order against those.

INNOVATION FROM IIT

Ref: The Sunday Times, 21.04.2019



Students of Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi, have invented a device that "hijacks the human will through remote control" allowing a person to control the muscles of another person through nerve control. This can immensely benefit patients suffering from loss of muscle movement or paralysis. The device transmits signals from one individual to the muscles of another individual and helps with their movement; there by assisting paralyzed patients. This innovation if commercialized would be beneficial but again can be misused as well. Thus, it needs a proper ecosystem for practical implementation.

HUL CURBS COUNTERFEIT

Ref: The Economic Times, Wednesday, 24.04.2019



Growing awareness of IPR regime is certainly leading to increased filings and litigations against infringers. Hindustan Unilever, has an average filing of about two cases of violation of its intellectual property rights (IPR) and trademarks weekly in FY19. Though higher number of cases reflect increasing incidents of counterfeiting but the same is also a trend towards more awareness in the Indian society about the need to protect IPR.

TIKTOK BAN REVERSED

Ref: The Times Ascent, Wednesday, 24.04.2019



Tik Tok

TikTok app was permitted and ban recalled by the Madras High Court. The issue pertained to the controversy leading to the courts passing an order for its ban on account of encouraging pornography. This reportedly resulted into “financial losses” and employment risks for employees connected with the company. The ban was eventually lifted and Digital privacy activists have welcomed the court order revoking the ban, terming it a “positive outcome”. India has emerged a key battleground for American and Chinese apps competing for citizens’ data. Local social media and messaging apps such as Sharechat, Hike and JioChat are lobbying for rules that can, in turn, protect sovereignty of Indian data.

SPOTIFY TO REMOVE SONGS

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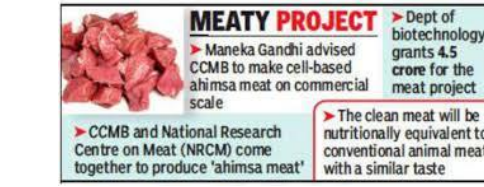


Copyright Infringement case filed by Sanjiv Goenka group company against Swedish music streaming giant Spotify has led to Spotify delisting 100,000 songs owned by Saregama. Spotify violated the agreement and thus was ordered for removal of songs by the court. These orders are reinforcing

the faith of the creators in the IPR rights of their work.

AHIMSA MUTTON PROJECT

Ref: The Times of India, Friday, 26.04.2019



Scientists of Hyderabad-based Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology (CCMB) and National Research Centre on Meat (NRCM) have come together to develop mutton and chicken from stem cells, without animal rearing. The clean meat also called as ahimsa meat, is nutritionally equivalent to conventional animal meat and it tastes, smells, looks and feels the same. This technology of producing meat in the lab would mean there would be no need to raise and slaughter animals for meat. It not only gives food security, but will help in animal welfare and carbon footprint reduction. This project is funded by the government.

EXPORT FOR TRIALS EXEMPTED

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Delhi High Court in its endeavour to add value to the patent regime while interpreting Section 107 A of the Patents Act. Section 107A(a) of the Act, commonly referred to as the "Bolar" provision. The court has categorically held that the

provision being in the nature of an independent provision and not a proviso; export of patented products for the purpose of submission of information to the regulatory authorities of the foreign country also falls within the ambit of this act. The court specifically carved out that the question of infringement of patent holder's rights does not arise in case the object or purpose of that transaction is solely to experiment or research and develop information that is reasonably related to the requirements of the law

PEPSICO SUES FARMERS THEN WITHDRAWS

Ref: The Times of India, Monday, 29.04.2019



Pepsico, the multinational food giant, in a unique suit sued the farmers of Gujarat for cultivating the potato variety used in the 'Lays' brand of chips. The Ahmedabad court passed an ex-parte interim injunction order restraining the farmers from growing said potato variety. Apparently, the said order was wrongly passed as the farmers are protected from cultivating potatoes under the Plant Variety and Protection Act and thus Pepsico has withdrawn the illegitimate suit.

JUSTDIAL V/S PVR TM

Ref: www.livelaw.in, 17.04.2019



While ruling in the favour of PVR Cinemas in an action by PVR for infringement and passing off of trademark, copyright and unfair business practices against Justdial, Delhi High Court has passed an order, restraining Justdial from using the registered trademark PVR on its platform. The relationship between parties had been cordial where in past, both had carried on the business peacefully under an agreement whereby Justdial had access to PVR's ticketing software. Despite repeated warnings, Justdial failed to heed and continued its unlawful activities for harping on the well-established reputation of the PVR and thus orders were passed.



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