

**SAMSUNG LEADS FOR SELF DRIVEN
AUTOMOBILES PATENT**
**Ref: The Economic Times, Tuesday 01.
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As per the data compiled by the European Patent Office, Samsung Electronics filed the largest number of patents related to self-driving cars in Europe. This number has grown threefold since the year 2011 which is a great positive sign of growth for the European economy. In the dynamic electronic ambit, Samsung has made its mark.

**INDIAN MEDICAL COUNCIL BILL
AMENDED**
Ref: Mint, Tuesday, 01.01.2019

**Indian Medical
Council Amendment
Ordinance 2018**



The Lok Sabha has passed the Indian Medical Council (Amendment) Bill, 2018 with an aim to regulate medical education in India. This bill has a provision for powers of the Council to be vested in a Board of Governors (BoG). The BoG have all eminent personalities and include directors of All Indian Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) and PGI Chandigarh. This Board of Governors was the imperative need in India.

POOEY PUITTON V/S LOUIS VUITTON
**Ref: The Times of India, Wednesday,
02.01.2019**



MGA Entertainment has sought a declaration from the court with respect to its slime-filled, poop-shaped toy purse for children, "Pooey Puitton" stating that this product is in no way infringing Louis Vuitton's Intellectual Property Rights. Louis Vuitton has been sued by this California toy company to stop the French company from interfering with its sales of the toy Pooey Puitton.

POLICE THINK TANK
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In order to broaden its contribution to the evolution of the police force in the country, the union home ministry is seeking to upscale the Bureau of Police Research & Development (BPR&D) into a professional think tank. This decision stems forth from the recommendation of a committee. The idea is to enable (BPR&D) to come up as an "autonomous body", like the IDSA, and may also include in its scope a "Research Institute for Border Management".

LOTUSHER AND TERI CLEAN WATER

Ref: The Times of India, Friday, 04.01.2019



A pilot project by Netherlands Government in partnership with (LOTUSHER) Local Treatment of Urban Sewage Streams of Healthy Reuse, a multitude of agencies and local bodies including IIT Delhi, NEERI, TERI and DBT - ICT Centre of Energy Biosciences to test waste water from Barapullah. The project is generating almost 1,000 litres per day for the capital and is expected to increase water production to 1 lakh litres per day in the next six months.

DRUG ESCALATION

Ref: The Times of India, Saturday, 05.01.2019



Recently, the Department of Pharmaceuticals has ignored all concerns raised by the health ministry and removed the price cap from a range of essential medicines, including patented and "orphan drugs" used in treatment of rare diseases. All patented medicines have also been exempted from price control for five years, expanding the existing incentive from just locally developed and manufactured new drugs. Besides, it also allowed leniency in sourcing data for price fixation. This move has stirred opposition in several quarters, including within government as the public at large shall be adversely affected.

MOBILES IN FLIGHTS

Ref: Mint, Saturday, 05.01.2019



The government has decided to form an inter-ministerial panel to roll out in-flight and maritime mobile services. The inter-ministerial group will meet every 15 days to sort out issues and expedite the process of approvals till the rollout of in-flight and maritime connectivity (IFMC) services stabilizes. The government has already notified rules for providing mobile phone services during air travel and ship voyage within Indian Territory. Official sources have confirmed that new aircrafts are already coming with in-built equipment to support in-flight mobile services and approvals will mainly be required for old planes in which modifications are required. These services can be provided in partnership with a valid Indian telecom license holder and using telecom networks on ground as well as through satellites.

MONSANTO RESTORATION

Ref: The Economic Times, Wednesday, 09.01.2019



Apex Court has recently set aside the Delhi High Court verdict that had struck down Bt Cotton Patent. The matter has been relegated to the High Court for adjudicating the infringement and claims of the Patent whether it's a life form or chemical process. The Supreme Court has also set aside another order, which had held that plant varieties and seeds cannot be patented under Indian law by companies such as Monsanto and that royalties on GM technology would be decided by a specialized agency of the agriculture ministry. This move is certainly a breather for biotech companies who were holding themselves back from introducing new technologies in India. Enforceability of this patent dispels the

regulatory fog around the patentability in India of biotechnological processes, such as DNA tweaks. Protecting intellectual property rights is after all vital to improving the competitiveness of the Indian farmer.

ONGC V/S DAELIM
Ref: The Economic Times, Friday, 11.01.2019



ONGC Petro Additions Ltd. (OPAL), a petrochemical company owned by Oil & Natural Gas Corp., won a major international arbitration case adjudged by Singapore Arbitral Tribunal. Daelim was awarded a contract by OPAL in the year 2011, for constructing a high-density polyethylene plant. Dealim refused to sign the final contract on the ground that it had unresolved issues with Chevron, which was to provide the technology license needed to manufacture products and sell them and the company withdrew the contract which led to the dispute.

ALPHABET INC SUED
Ref: Mint, Saturday, 12.01.2019



Directors of Alphabet Inc were sued by shareholders for approving a \$90 million exit payment to Andy Rubin. During his tenure at Google, Rubin was also alleged to have engaged in human sex trafficking. Such reckless conduct and disrespect towards human life by top echelons of society often goes unchecked which further adds up to exacerbating the issues relating to harassment

in the society at large. Whether western or Indian society, the principles for respecting each life remain same and perpetrators of heinous crimes ought to be punished.

TERI ANALYSIS POLLUTION
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The Energy and Resources Institute plans to conduct a cost-benefit analysis of the different measures required to combat pollution in the NCR. Remedial measures that have been suggested include enhanced LPG penetration to reduce biomass burning, use of agriculture residue in power plants to prevent crop burning and coal usage, and the stringent pollution standards for industries, among others.

AMUL CONFRONTS GOOGLE
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Top conglomerate Amul has issued legal notice alleging indirect benefits and revenues being earned under the misrepresentation of business opportunities through Google Ads. Once an individual accepts the offer to explore business opportunities with Amul, which sells packaged milk, butter, ice-cream and cheese – opens the 'fake' websites, he/she is required to fill a form. After that, they receive calls from unknown numbers prompting them to pay

registration fees ranging from 25,000 to 5 lakh in various bank accounts. Post the payment, entire communication stops.

CHINA COUNTERFEIT SUPERSEDES

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China, in order to curb its counterfeit industry has enacted a new law effective that slaps online retailers with up to \$ 296,000 in fines for bogus goods sold on their platforms. But interestingly Chinese counterfeiters have found a way out. Many fakers are hawking their wares via social messaging networks, Instagrams, Whats App and Private paying applications.

FORENSIC AUDIT – UNITECH

Ref: The Times of India, Saturday, 19.01.2019



Supreme Court has directed forensic audit of real estate giant Unitech after it failed to complete housing projects. Due to financial crisis, the Group has not been able to complete the projects, leaving buyers in the lurch. The fate of the buyers and their money is extremely uncertain.

IIT KHARAGPUR DIGS ANCESTRAL RUINS

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Team of researchers from IIT Kharagpur has found evidence of life in India dating back at least 2.5 billion years. The first signs of life have been found in the form of microbial cells in the Deccan. Study and findings have revealed that microorganisms, mostly bacteria, date back to a time when Earth's crust was still unstable and earthquakes, punctuated with volcanic eruptions, were routine. The Deccan Traps, were home to these first life forms.

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SHARECHAT BANS 50000 IN DICEY

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Government's recent attempt to reprimand users on toxic content plaguing online platforms has lead to ShareChat, banning 50, 000 profiles. This move is for clearing the platform from pornographic, violent and fake content. Technically, ShareChat with the help

of its content moderation team, uses algorithms to pick up signals while skimming through content on its platform, which remains unencrypted. Fake news is becoming a bigger menace with every passing day in the Indian society that is often vulnerable to threats posed by circulation of fake content.

GOOGLE FINED UNDER GDPR

Ref: The Economic Times, Tuesday, 22.01.2019



France’s data watchdog slapped a fine of €50 million on US search giant Google, for failing to provide transparent and easily accessible information on its data consent policies using the EU’s strict General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) for the first time. Google has been accused of securing “forced consent” via its Android mobile operating software through the use of pop-up boxes online or on its apps which imply that its services will not be available unless the conditions of use are accepted. This kind of a structure makes it impossible for the users to understand that the legal basis for targeted advertising is consent, and not Google’s legitimate business interests.

NATCO NOVEL DRUG

Ref: Sunday Times, 27.01.2019



Hyderabad based Natco Pharma has launched Valsartan-Sacubitril, a drug used for heart ailment, under its brand name Valsac in India. This drug is used to cut the risk of cardiovascular death in patients with congestive heart failure and works by relaxing blood vessels. The affordable price of these tablets will remove the burden from the public at large.

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