

## ENVIRO FRIENDLY PLASTIC

**Ref: The Times of India, Thursday,  
01.03.2018**



Plastic the incredibly useful materials are a dread to the environment as they are not recyclable. The marine plastic debris is multiplying with every single day thus endangering the life of aquatic species adversely. Researchers at the University of York have devolved the use of bio based materials which shall be recyclable. The natural, bio-based raw materials can easily be broken down into “platform molecules” – which can be used for making other chemicals including plastic. The use and experimentation is for manufacturing bio-based polyesters for use being fully biodegradable. It is imperative that the research gets implemented as globally the use of plastic and the issue of its recyclability needs to be tackled.

## INDIA'S SIZING STANDARDISED

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Textile ministry has commenced the survey and project implementation for developing the size for Indian men and women as per their own figure/physique. We have been inherently adopting the standards of US or Europe and this would be an incremental step towards independency of our Indian textile market. A survey is to be conducted under the aegis of the ministry wherein the data of the size of around 25000 men and women in the age group of 15 - 56 years from six major cities would be collected and collated to evolve the size chart of India. Size India, the survey, is scheduled to be implemented by NIFT National

Institute of Fashion Technology and completed by 2021. The shortlisted cities are Kolkata, Mumbai, New Delhi, Hyderabad, Bengaluru and Shillong. The data will remain the property of the ministry and would be upgraded after 10 years. This would be extremely beneficial for the Apparel industry.

## AIRCEL IN NCLT

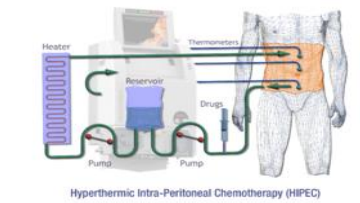
**Ref: The Economic Times, Tuesday,  
06.03.2018**



Aircel the Mobile service provider company approached the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) stating that it owes more than 50,000 crore to financial and operational creditors. It accordingly requested for appointment of an Insolvency Resolution Professional. The tribunal after hearing the averments, appointed Mr. Vijay Kumar V. Iyer of Deloitte for the same for resolving the concern of payment of salaries, repayment of loans etc. Discussions are also on with a key vendor to keep its network running and preserve the company's value, which will be crucial to IRP's efforts to keep the company going. Aircel states that it has requested its partners to continue their services to continue serving its massive customer base of more than 50 million active users. It is difficult to ascertain whether Jio has enhanced competition or is it killing the other players completely.

## AIIMS INNOVATION FOR CANCER TREATMENT

**Ref: The Times of India, Wednesday,  
07.03.2018**



Doctors at AIIMS, India's top medical organization have introduced a novel technology and procedure for treatment of cancer affecting the abdominal lining. The procedure would involve administering heated chemotherapy drugs directly into the abdomen during surgery as against through veins for destroying cancer cells. The technology known as Hyperthermic Intra- Peritoneal Chemotherapy (HIPEC) has been experimented in western countries but recently been used in India. However, it can be conducted only by professionals with expertise as any variation of temperature control could be fatal. This technology would be a hope for various patients for survival and cure.

### **BLACKBERRY V/S FB, WHATS APP FOR PATENT INFRINGEMENT**

**Ref: The Economic Times, Thursday, 08.03.2018**



BlackBerry Ltd., recently assailed social media giants being Facebook, Whatsapp and Instagram for patent infringement. The averments of Blackberry have been that there is blatant and flagrant infringement of its Patents. Blackberry has a portfolio of more than 40,000 patents and is alleging that the defendant companies copied most of the features of the blackberry messenger and thus have violated its exclusive proprietary rights. The adjudication would be imperative as is will either upheld the technology and innovation of Blackberry or distinguish the technical features used by the other companies. Blackberry has commenced a few litigations for protecting its patented technology rampantly since last two years.

### **EUTHANASIA LEGALISED**

**Ref: The Times of India, Saturday, 10.03.2018**



Landmark judgment has been passed by the Hon'ble Apex Court whereby the right to die has been stated to be incorporated with the right to life and dignity. The issue of living will/ euthanasia has been finally given a legal accord for patients in terminally ill stages and living in a vegetative state. They have right to refuse further treatment and exit life in a dignified manner. The historical verdict was delivered by a Constitution bench headed by Chief Justice Dipak Misra and Justice A K Sikri, A M Khanwilkar, D Y Chandrachud and Ashok Bhushan. The patient can also delegate or authorize through will to decide when to pull the plug. However, to maintain the checks and balances a proper procedure has been stipulated including medical boards and experts to permit the same.

### **MAHARERA CONCILIATION PANEL**

**Ref: The Times of India, Tuesday, 13.03.2018**



The Maharashtra Real estate authority coined the conciliation panel and resolved six disputes between the flat buyers and builders prior to lodging the formal complaint. Under this panel, the parties are provided an opportunity to settle the dispute in a time bound and efficacious manner. The same was highly appreciated by both sides and is a step towards decrease in litigation and redressal of issues pertaining to property allotment.

### ERICSSON LICENSING MICROMAX

**Ref: The Economic Times, Wednesday,  
14.03.2018**



**Patent War - Fight !!!**

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The foremost Indian mobile phone manufacturer shall be obtaining a Patent license from Ericsson without any territorial limits. The royalty shall be payable per phone using the 2G or 3G technology. The agreement is an offshoot of the patent litigation which went on for five years and led to this mutual consensus between the companies. The settlement has ended all the pending issues between both the companies including the complaint filed by Micromax before the Competition Commission of India (CCI) against Ericsson.

### PHARMA REGULATOR CORNERS WOCKHARDT

**Ref:Mint, Friday, 16.03.2018**



Central Drug Standards Control Organization (CDSCO) is envisaging cancelling the drug license of Wockhardt, Mascot Health and Ambic Aayurchem as they are allegedly selling drugs without obtaining mandatory approval. Such rampant violation is dangerous for the public at large which are using the drugs. DGC I has commenced raids at various factories and found the manufacturing of the drug as per the averments. However, as per the averment of the authorized representatives of Mascot the allegation was denied and it was stated that the MNC's for which the production was being done would definitely have the registration and

the act is only to tarnish the image of the companies.

### "MAFIA" TRADEMARK REFUTED BY EU

**Ref: The Economic Times, Monday,  
19.03.2018**



European Union judiciary rejected appeal by a Spanish company who were using the trademark slogan "The Mafia" for its chain of pizza outlets. The Italian government stated it to be immoral to trade on the name on criminal organization. The applicant La Mafia Franchises of Madrid stated that the name and slogan was coined from the Godfather films series. The order has restrained exclusive rights in favour of the applicant. However, it can continue to use it but not restrain others from using the same.

### "UDTA" RAMPANT DRUG ABUSE

**Ref: The Times of India, Monday,  
26.03.2018**



The latest Narcotics Control Bureau annual report has sent shock waves across the country. It is alarming to see the rise of drug use in all northern states which is not limited to allopathic medicines but also the ayurvedic medicines. It is essential for the drug authorities to initiate strict action against chemists/druggists to not sell these products over the counter. The entire youth generation is engulfed by the drug use to an extreme extent thereby spoiling not only their own future but also of our nation as a whole.

## DRONE PILOT AS CAREER

**Ref: The Times of India, Monday, 26.03.2018**



Trithi Robotics one of the robotic start-ups, has been using a farm for testing and deploying drones for various activities. Soon it would be an onset of youngsters and entrepreneurs shall be choosing to acquire knowledge and technical qualification for flying drones. Drone pilot the nomenclature and designation are being hired for flying unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) shall be the most sought after in the new economy. According to an estimate, there are at least 40,000 UAVs (unmanned aerial vehicles) in the country, and the bulk of them are privately owned.

## AIR CONDITIONED HELMET FOR INDUSTRIAL WORKERS

Ref: <https://www.newsx.com/science-and-technology/good-news-hyderabad-company-invents-ac-helmet-for-industrial-workers>, 01.03.2018



In this golden age of innovation and the historic era where digital technology is bringing about a transformation in the fundamental principles governing human existence, a new development by a team of engineering students from Hyderabad is yet another invention that will support ground breaking improvement in the condition of workers who toil hard day and night at construction sites.

This break from bearing the brunt of simmering heat is a welcome step as this air conditioned helmet is not just comfortable to wear but along with its durability, using the helmet will not result into any kind of hair loss too. The helmet is designed by a company JARSH formed by a group of engineering students from Hyderabad. The cost of each helmet is Rs. 5000 and is 250 grams heavier than the conventional helmets. All components used in the helmet are 85% from the local market. The helmet is powered by rechargeable battery, and the air conditioning lasts from two hours to eight hours, depending on the battery capacity. This helmet can also be charged to a mobile phone. The product is being supported by the Telangana Government.

## TRADEMARK RENEWAL LAWS

**Ref: M/s Epsilon Publishing House Pvt. v. Union Of India, Delhi High Court, 12.03.2018**



Delhi High Court in a recent verdict has rendered an in-depth analysis of provisions and rules pertaining to renewal of mark, removal of mark on non-renewal and restoration of trademark. In this case court stressed on the Registrar's responsibility to point out defects so that the applicant/proprietor can cure them. A registered proprietor should not be burdened with the brunt of deficiency check by the Registrar. The mark was EASY NOTES and LOKPRIYA EASY NOTES both in Class 16. Thus, the duty is cast upon the registrar to point out the deficiencies.

## PATENT PROCESS STREAMLINED

**Ref: <http://ddinews.gov.in/business/government-mulling-giving-patent-registrations-quickly-says-suresh-prabhu>**

**GOVERNMENT MULLING GIVING PATENT REGISTRATIONS QUICKLY, SURESH PRABHU, 15.03.2018**



With increasing awareness among the Indian citizens regarding Intellectual property regime as well as increasing incidents of infringement of intellectual property rights, the Indian Government too has awakened to the need of streamlining the implementation of Intellectual Property Rights regime. Commerce Minister Mr. Suresh Prabhu recently unveiled the Central Government's plan to develop a robust system of issuing patent registrations in a short span of time. Under the existing scenario, huge time gap between application and actual grant of patent license exposes the invention as well as the inventor to many risks which after introduction of new module will be resolved. Moreover, online registrations will also bring down the cost involved in the whole process. Acknowledging that Intellectual Property related crimes are different from ordinary crimes, Mr. Prabhu while inaugurating the National Conference on Counterfeiting and Role of Enforcement Agencies also gave an undertaking that the Commerce Ministry would walk an extra mile by lending support to the police for creating online modules for systematic investigation of IPR infringements in a timely and transparent manner.

**SAMSUNG SUED FOR PATENT INFRINGEMENT**

**Ref:**  
**[https://www.gsmarena.com/samsung\\_3\\_billion\\_lawsuit\\_biometric\\_patent\\_infringement-news-30530.php](https://www.gsmarena.com/samsung_3_billion_lawsuit_biometric_patent_infringement-news-30530.php)- SAMSUNG SUED FOR \$ 3B FOR BIOMETRIC PATENT INFRINGEMENT, 16.04.2018**



The multinational conglomerate Samsung has been sued by US data security company PACid Technologies for Patent Infringement. The law suit has been filed in a court situated in Texas, USA. The suit has been filed with respect to three patents covering the features of Samsung's Galaxy devices including Galaxy S6, Galaxy S7 and Galaxy S8 offer a wide variety of biometric security features including iris scanning technology, fingerprint scanning, facial recognition etc. The law suit has been specifically filed with respect to patents that are based in US and one that originated in Korea. Samsung's KNOX Security System and biometric operating system PASS have been under strict scrutiny for patent infringement. Basically, according to the claim filed by PACid Technologies most flagship models produced by Samsung within Galaxy series, are equipped with the software that runs the infringing data encryption methods. Compensation of about \$2.82 billion (around KRW3 trillion) has been claimed in the law suit filed by PACid Technologies.



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