

ASTRAZENECA SELLS ITS STAKE IN MODERNA

Ref: [financialexpress.com](https://www.financialexpress.com), Monday, 01.03.2021



AstraZeneca has sold its stake in rival Covid vaccine maker Moderna. Apparently, shares in Moderna surged more than five times since it began working on a Covid-19 vaccine based on a new technology that won US approval. Its shot relies on synthetic genes to send a message to body's immune system to build immunity and can be produced at a scale more rapidly than conventional vaccines like that of AstraZeneca. On the other hand, AstraZeneca's vaccine being developed with Oxford University has not been authorized in United States and uses a weakened version of a chimpanzee common cold virus to deliver immunity-building proteins to the body.

POLARIS PREPARES TO LAUNCH ELECTRIC RANGER

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Polaris Inc has revealed their plan on introducing an all NEW - 2022 electric RANGER utility electric vehicle side-by-side. This the first

electric vehicle developed through its powersports industry-exclusive partnership with Zero Motorcycles. The idea behind introduction of this new vehicle is to meet the needs of current customers as well as appeal tomorrow's powersports riders. This will definitely be one of the most technically advanced off-road vehicles on the market and reinforces Polaris' position as an innovation leader in powersports. Polaris Inc already being a global leader in powersports has another feather in its cap now and much remains to be seen how it caters to the changing needs of its consumers who are scattered in more than 100 countries.

APEX RULING ON SOFTWARE TAXABILITY

Ref: [business-standard.com](https://www.business-standard.com), Tuesday, 02.03.2021



The Apex Court has recently put a long-standing dispute at rest between companies –Samsung Electronics, IPM, Hewlett Packard, Mphasis, Sonata Software, GE & India & others and the tax department. The court has made it clear that there is no liability to deduct tax at source with respect to purchase of software from foreign companies. Now the money paid by Indian companies for use of software developed by foreign firms no longer amounts to royalty. This ruling specifically applies to all instances of software purchases directly by an Indian end user from a foreign supplier or manufacturer, when resident Indian Companies Act as distributors or resellers for

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other residents; or when a foreign distributor resells to Indian users and the software is installed on the device by a foreign supplier for Indian residents. Since these sales do not transmit any kind of right of reproduction of Copyright works that is the reason why they cannot be classified as “royalty”.

NEWYORK GOVERNOR ACCUSED OF SEXUAL HARASSMENT

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It is extremely unfortunate that public officials holding positions of responsibility have to refer themselves for investigation on account of inappropriate behavior. Though the Governor has bluntly denied all accusations but the world sees the independent probe in this matter as insufficiently transparent and have sparked a new debate in the country regarding the me-too movement. When the ones with expectations to lead the country to greater heights perform such cowardly acts, the public ought to reflect their decision of voting out of ignorance rather take steps to become more informed about who they are choosing to be governed by.

INTEL LOSES US PATENT TRIAL

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As per ruling of a federal court, Intel Corp has been held liable of infringing two patents related to chip-making owned by VLSI Technology LLC. They have also been ordered to pay a whopping sum of \$2.18 billion in damages. Though Intel plans to appeal against this decision but the trend of the times definitely point towards how increasingly important a role, legal machinery has started playing in protecting and safeguarding innovations as well as Intellectual Property of all kinds.

SERIAL INNOVATOR

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Dr Ramendra Mukherjee has earned a reputation for himself of being addressed as a “serial inventor” with over 30 internationally patented inventions to his name so far. Some of them include lie detector, stone analyser, an electric ENT scope, a transmission electronic microscope and a portable auto scope for ear inspection. His most notable invention so far has been micro microscope that he made in 1998. For this, he won the prestigious National Award on Technology Day by Government of India in the year 2002. This invention has also been accepted and recognized by WIPO. Till date around 50,000 micro microscopes have been sold in India and globally. One of the most interesting fact about this invention is that it is pocket sized, suitable for field study and can last up to one year with daily usage of an hour. With the onset of pandemic, Dr Mukherjee has designed a smartphone sized UV sterilizer that can sanitise any item within a fraction of a second. Having quit a prestigious job with a family to support Dr. Mukherjee has

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indeed fought a longdrawn battle to innovate and make our lives simpler.

COPYRIGHT REGISTRATION NOT MANDATORY FOR LEGAL ACTION

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Bombay High Court in its judgement titled Sanjay Soya Private Limited v. Narayani Trading Company, has held that registration of copyright is not mandatory for seeking an injunction against infringement. This case for copyright infringement was filed by a company engaged in business of production and sale of refined soyabean oil. Plaintiff alleged that Defendant company was counterfeiting and using the rival trade dress and label for similar soyabean edible oil products. While upholding and clarifying the intent of Section 51 the Copyright Act, it was held that the law of copyright does not restrict itself to works that have been registered with Registrar of Copyright. Berne Convention of 1886 to which India is signatory is also based on the principle that protection must not be conditional on compliance with any kind of formality. Decision thus in this case was rendered in favour of plaintiff and the defendant was directed to pay costs of Rs.4,00,230/-.

XIAOMI 1ST POSITION IN CHINA FOR DESIGN – WIPO AWARDS

Ref: gizmochina.com, Wednesday, 17.03.2021



WIPO in its 2020 International Registration of Patents, Trademarks, and Industrial Designs Report has stated smartphone maker as arriving on the first position in China and on fifth position globally for total number of design patents awarded. South Korean electronics maker, Samsung, topped the list in Hague Filers for the fourth consecutive year as it was awarded with 859 designs in published applications. This brand was followed by Procter & Gamble of US, Fonkel Meubel marketing of Netherlands and Volkswagen of Germany.

YOUTUBE FLAGGING COPYRIGHT ISSUES

Ref: gadgets.ndtv.com, Thursday, 18.03.2021



YouTube has incorporated a new feature in YouTube Studio for desktop that checks for copyright infringement whenever a user uploads any video. This measure has particularly been taken so that there can be adherence to copyright

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laws and any violations can be checked so that pulling down of videos or channel ban can be prevented. This feature employs the use of YouTube's Content ID System that scans the content against a copyright database.

**COALESCED PRAYERS OR SEPARATE IN
INFRINGEMENT SUITS**

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Bombay High Court recently in a trademark suit filed by Hindustan Unilever, called for putting an end to singularly unwise practice of seeking a separate relief of injunction for passing off and infringement when pleadings are presented in respect of infringement. The Court while delving into sharing a detailed explanation regarding this stated that a single cause of action can yield a large number of prayers or reliefs. At the same time, multiple cause of actions can be coalesced into a single prayer. When it comes to infringement and passing off, the relief is simply an injunction. Therefore, whether relief is obtained on ground of infringement or on ground of passing off, the same is immaterial to framing of relief.



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