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**KNOWLEDGENTIA TREE PLANTATION DRIVE, Tuesday, 26.04.2022**



Team Knowledgentia reaffirmed their commitment to contribute to UN Sustainable Development Goals 2030 in commemoration of World Earth Day and World Intellectual Property Day in the month of April. We are certain that our action of planting trees will combat climate change, increase forest cover and reduce carbon footprint.

**POWER OF ATTORNEY TO BE STRICTLY CONSTRUED**

Ref: [livelaw.in](http://livelaw.in), Saturday, 02.04.2022



In the case titled Mrs. Umadevi Nambiar Versus Thamarasseri roman catholic diocese rep by its procurator devssia's son reverend father Joseph Kappil, the Apex Court has held that power of attorney is a document that needs strict interpretation in the eyes of law and the power to sell property cannot be inferred until and unless expressly authorized. In other words, in case of a transaction involving sale of immovable property, the agent should be expressly authorized in the document to execute a sale deed,

present the same for registration and admit execution before registering authority. While upholding fundamental principle of law of transfer of property that “no one can confer a better title than what he himself has”; the court set aside the order passed by the High Court.

**NEW LEGISLATION FOR IP DISPUTE RESOLUTION**

Ref: [judiciary.gov.sg](http://judiciary.gov.sg), Tuesday, 05.04.2022



For enhancement of Intellectual Property Dispute Resolution, Singapore has recently released the new Supreme Court of Judicature (Intellectual Property) Rules 2022. With these reforms, several IP related legislations in Singapore will be reformed granting High Court exclusive jurisdiction over many civil IP disputes. New streamlined procedure is expected to manage the timelines and costs as well in IP matters. With IP registration growing steadily in Singapore, these kinds of reforms will definitely enable IP rightsholders to have access to a speedy and cost-effective mechanism for enforcement of their rights.

**SOCIAL AUDIT OF CSR SPENDING Ref: [economictimes.indiatimes.com](http://economictimes.indiatimes.com), Tuesday, 05.04.2022**



In order to strengthen the regime of corporate social responsibility, the government has

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formulated a plan to make it mandatory for companies to conduct social auditing of their CSR spending. In the initial stages, this will become mandatory for public sector undertakings and then eventually extend to all corporate entities. Though Companies Act, 2013 has no mandatory provisions for companies to conduct social audit of their CSR spending but from this year the corporates are expected to file a new form CSR-2 containing details of all projects where the money is being spent. A monetary penalty was introduced in the year 2021 in order to make companies accountable for CSR spending but social auditing is expected to make the process more transparent.

### ONLINE TAX DISPUTE RESOLUTION SCHEME

Ref: [economictimes.indiatimes.com](http://economictimes.indiatimes.com),  
Thursday, 07.04.2022



The Central Board of Direct Taxes has notified the e-dispute resolution scheme, 2022 in order to settle tax disputes involving small taxpayers. All those taxpayers having total return income upto Rs.50 lakh having tax disputes not exceeding Rs. 10 lakhs can avail benefit of this scheme. Entire communication and proceedings will be through electronic mode. The Dispute Resolution Committee shall consist of three members including two members who are retired from Indian Revenue Service holding the post of Commissioner of Income tax or higher post for 5 years and 1 serving officer not below the rank of principal commissioner of income tax. All members shall have a tenure of at least three years.

### GREEN APP FOR REPORTING SINGLE-USE PLASTIC

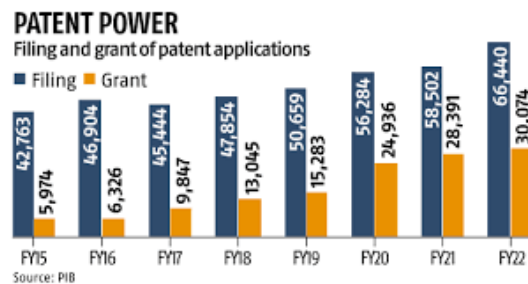
Ref: [infra.economictimes.indiatimes.com](http://infra.economictimes.indiatimes.com),  
Thursday, 07.04.2022



The Central Pollution Control Board, has recently launched an app for people to report manufacturing, stocking and distribution of single use plastic. Few items are being banned under the new Plastic waste Management (Amendment) Rules 2021 which seek a pan India ban on single use plastic at manufacturing and supply level. Banned items include earbuds with plastic sticks, plastic sticks for balloons, plastic flags, candy sticks, ice-cream sticks, thermocol for decoration, plastic made plates, cups, glasses, cutleries, straw, wrapping or packaging films around sweet boxes, invitation cards and cigarette packets. Plastic pollution has been adversely impacting the ecosystem in India and these kinds of solutions will add great momentum to the movement for achieving sustainable development goals in India towards 2030.

### DOMESTIC PATENT FILING SURPASSES INTERNATIONAL PATENT FILING

Ref: [timesnownews.com](http://timesnownews.com), Tuesday, 12.04.2022



IP Innovation ecosystem in India has achieved another milestone as domestic patent filings surpass International patent filings for the first

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time in last 11 years. As filing of patents shows more than 50% increase in a span of last 7 years, grant of patents too has shot up nearly five times. Time for patent examination has reduced from 72 months to 5-23 months as well. Coordinated efforts by DPIIT as well as IP office have also contributed to increasing awareness about IP among different spheres in society. Fee concessions, rebate on online filings among other changes has resulted into not only increasing IP filings but also reduction in pendency of patent applications. The trend of the times in India certainly point towards greater significance being accorded to IP in near future.

### ARRESTED FOR SEXUAL HARRASSMENT

Ref: [theprint.in](http://theprint.in), Thursday, 21.04.2022



Despite rigorous policy guidelines relating to sexual harassment of women at workplace, a man was arrested for harassing a women colleague physically as well as on social media. Besides stalking her on social media, the woman was continuously harassed on city roads. His behavior and conduct has made him liable to be booked under IPC for sexual harassment as well as various provision of the IT Act. Despite laws and regulations, these kinds of incidents are happening rampantly which is a cause for great reflection for lack in appropriate implementation.

### INDIA'S FIRST GREEN HYDROGEN PILOT PLANT

Ref: [economictimes.indiatimes.com](http://economictimes.indiatimes.com), Friday, 22.04.2022



The first step towards transition to green Hydrogen economy in India has been taken by Oil India Limited with commissioning of India's first 99.999% pure green hydrogen pilot plant at Assam. This plant produces green hydrogen from electricity generated by the existing 500kW solar plant using a 100Kw Anion Exchange Membrane Electrolyser array. This technology is being used for the first time in India. This plant is expected to expand the capacity and increase the production of hydrogen from 10 kg per day to 30 kg per day.

### ZOMATO GOES GREEN

Ref: [zeenews.india.com](http://zeenews.india.com), Friday, 22.04.2022



Zomato has recently announced 100 % plastic neutral deliveries from April onwards. This move to deliver atleast 10 crore sustainable packages in next three years will certainly support the target date to achieve UN Agenda of Sustainable Development Goals towards 2030. Promotion of biodegradable and other non plastic alternatives is important to make them become affordable. ISO-certified plastic waste management organizations will now partner with

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municipalities across India to collect and process plastic waste.

**NEW ONLINE RULES TO CURB ILLEGAL  
CONTENT**

Ref: reuters.com, Monday, 25.04.2022



Under the Digital Services Act that has been recently enacted by European Union any company would face fine upto 6% of their global turnover for violating any rule and repeated breaches will ban them from carrying out any further business within EU. These new rules ban targeted advertisement aimed at children based on sensitive data such as religion, gender, race and political opinions. Any misleading tactics that mislead people into giving their personal data to companies shall also be prohibited. In order to cover the cost of monitoring their compliance, companies will be levied a yearly fee upto 0.05% of global annual revenue.



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