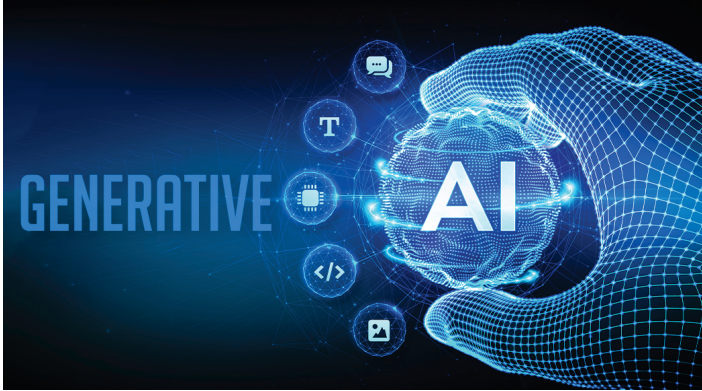


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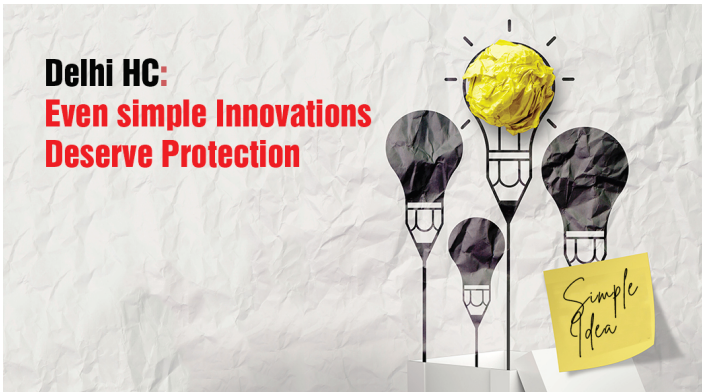
Ref: 01.08.2025, Friday, Hindustan Times



The rise of generative AI has reignited debates on creativity, originality, and copyright. Thinkers from Voltaire to Bowie have long argued that all creativity is influenced by prior works, and copyright law was designed not just to reward originality but to balance innovation with access to knowledge. Copyright frameworks should evolve to recognize both creative rights and technological progress. By focusing accountability on the distribution of AI-generated content rather than its creation, we can protect original artists while encouraging responsible innovation. This balance helps ensure that creativity, both human and machine-assisted, thrives without exploitation.

DELHI HC: SIMPLICITY ISN'T A DISQUALIFICATION FOR PATENTS

Ref: Dong Yang Pc, Inc v. Controller Of Patents And
Designs, C.A. (COMM.IPD-PAT) 60/2024, 01.07.2025
reported in August, 2025



The Delhi High Court's in its ruling has relegated back a matter to Patent Office on a technology "Vertical Rotary Parking System" ruling that simple structural modifications may still amount to a technical advance and thus, simplicity alone cannot bar patentability. This is another milestone as Court has reaffirmed that for Patentability, inventions need not be complex but innovative with industrial application and novelty. By allowing fair opportunities to amend and defend patent applications, the judgment strengthens trust in India's intellectual property system. This approach encourages innovators to pursue practical solutions that address everyday challenges, ultimately fostering inclusive technological growth.

SANJAY KAPUR ESTATE IN LITIGATION IN DHC

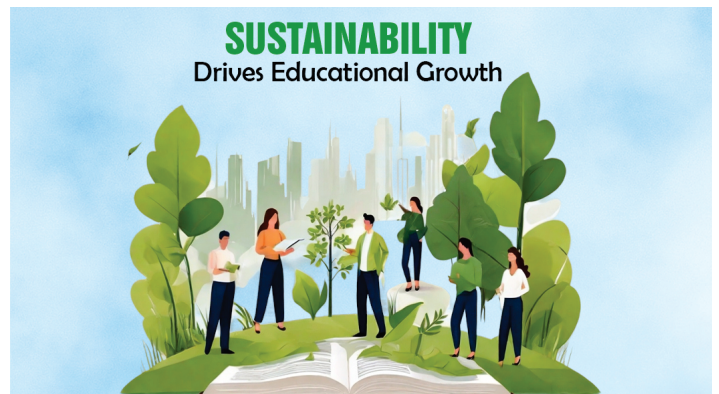
Ref: 05.08.2025, Tuesday, Hindustan Times



The Sona Comstar case shows why strong corporate governance and independent oversight are crucial when promoter family disputes arise. By ensuring that business continuity is insulated from personal conflicts, companies protect the interests of shareholders, employees and customers alike. Such structures build resilience, reinforcing trust in India's corporate ecosystem. The will as executed by the deceased is being challenged by the other legal heirs as against his wife and a few companies in Delhi High Court. Estate planning and registration of will are imperative for both professional businesses as well as personal estate post demise. This litigation once commenced will put the entire business in a legal battle for adjudication.

ENVIRONMENT CLEARANCE FOR EDUCATIONAL BUILDINGS ALSO MANDATED

Ref: 06.08.2025, Wednesday, Business Standard



The recent Supreme Court's decision rightly reinforces that environmental safeguards cannot be compromised, even for projects with social value like education. By holding institutions accountable to the same standards as other large developments, the ruling ensures that growth is pursued responsibly. Protecting the environment alongside infrastructure expansion creates a more sustainable foundation for future generations.

MINISO TM DISPUTE - BOMBAY HC GRANTS INTERIM INJUNCTION

Ref: Travel Blue Products India (P) Ltd. v. Miniso Lifestyle (P) Ltd., COMMERCIAL IPR SUIT (L)
NO. 28275 OF 2024, 06.08.2025, Wednesday, SCC Online



The Bombay High Court has granted interim relief to Travel Blue Products (UK) and its Indian subsidiary in a design infringement case against Miniso Lifestyle Pvt. Ltd. and Miniso Hong Kong Ltd. The dispute concerned Travel Blue's registered "Tranquility Neck Pillow" protected under the Designs Act, 2000, since 2016. The Bombay High Court's decision reinforces the importance of protecting creativity and innovation in product design, ensuring that businesses investing in originality are not unfairly undermined. By upholding aesthetic rights alongside functionality, the ruling preserves consumer trust and market integrity. Such protection not only safeguards brand identity but also promotes fair competition, encouraging companies to innovate rather than imitate.

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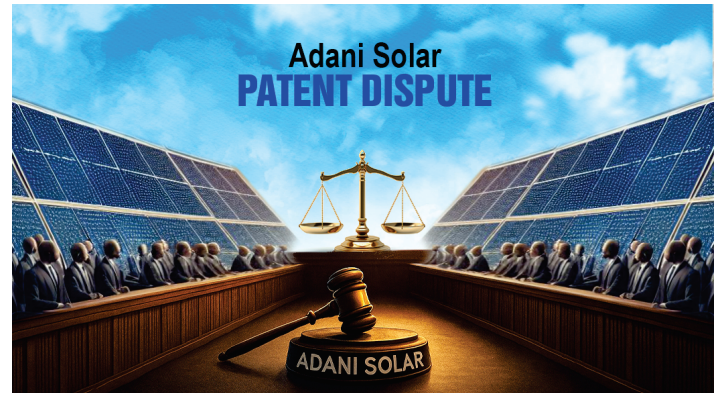
Ref: 08.08.2025, Friday, Business Standard



The Delhi High Court has directed Zettai Pte. Ltd., the Singapore-based parent of crypto exchange WazirX, to submit details of its agreement with global platform Binance, along with information on its ongoing restructuring case before the Singapore High Court. The Delhi High Court's directive underscores the importance of transparency and accountability in the fast-evolving crypto sector. Clear disclosure of ownership and responsibility is vital to protect investors, strengthen regulatory oversight and build trust in digital financial markets.

PATENT DISPUTE OF SOLAR TECHNOLOGY OF ADANI

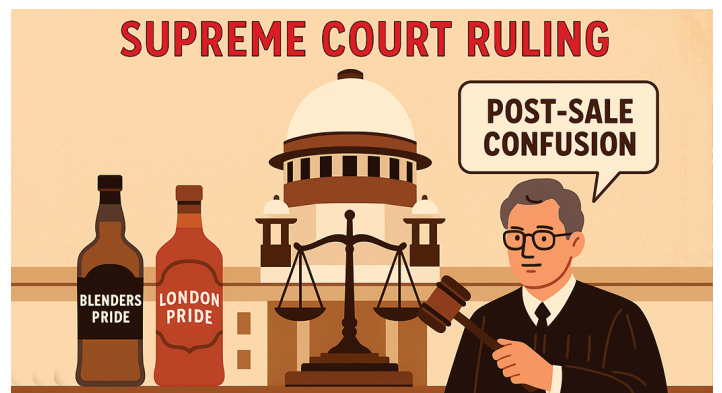
Ref: 13.08.2025, Wednesday, Hindustan Times



A major intellectual property battle has emerged over the Adani Group's solar exports to the US, having approximate value of ₹3,000 crore annually. First solar has accused Adani Mundra Solar PV Limited of infringing its two patents and filed case in Delaware Courts. Disputes like this highlight the need to balance protection of innovation with fair competition in renewable energy. Ensuring clarity in patent enforcement while supporting global collaboration is essential to accelerate clean energy adoption and meet climate goals.

PERNOD RICARD V. LONDON PRIDE – SC DIRECTIONS ON POST SALE

Ref: M/S Pernod Ricard India Pvt. Ltd vs Union of India, D.B. Civil Writ Petition No. 11270/2021, 14.08.2025, Thursday, SCC



Recently, the Supreme Court's recognition of post-sale confusion, even as an obiter, opens the door for stronger brand protection in India, but its careful application is essential. Trademark law must guard against genuine consumer deception and dilution of goodwill, not abstract fears or monopoly over common words. Future courts should ensure the doctrine develops with clarity and fairness, balancing innovation, competition and consumer trust in the marketplace. The Apex court held that use of the mark has to be seen in its entirety and not bifurcated. The Court reiterated that trademarks must be assessed in their entirety and found that "Blenders Pride" and "London Pride" were sufficiently distinct, emphasizing that the word "Pride" is too generic to cause confusion. Further, the court discussed the emerging doctrine of post-sale confusion a principle recognized in the US and UK but largely untested in India. However, court stated that being the matter of liquor bottles its not applicable. This view is being critically discussed as well. It indeed shall open door to this judicial discussion in the upcoming IP matters.

TIGRESS DESIGN OF RAHUL MISHRA PROTECTED

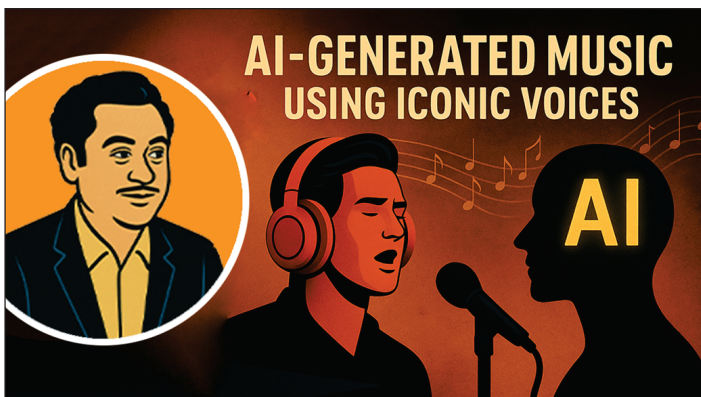
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The Delhi High Court's ruling highlights the value of protecting creativity and craftsmanship, ensuring that original designers are fairly recognized and rewarded. Strong enforcement of intellectual property rights encourages innovation, preserves cultural heritage and deters exploitation by unscrupulous imitators. Such decisions help foster a thriving, respectful creative ecosystem. The immediate interim injunction protecting designer Rahul Mishra's signature hand-embroidered "Sunderbans Tigress" motif introduced in his Paris Haute Couture 2023 collection from unauthorized reproduction indicates the artistic value of work done by craftsmen.

AI-Created Kishore Kumar Songs Spark IP and Royalty Concerns

Ref: 25.08.2025, Monday, Hindustan Times



The surge of AI-generated music using iconic voices underscores the urgent need for clear rules balancing innovation with respect for artistic rights. Protecting creators' voices and works ensures fair compensation and preserves cultural integrity, while guiding AI use responsibly. Stronger safeguards will help nurture both creativity and technology without undermining artists' legacies. Industry is to be cautioned against AI tracks as they are diluting the originality and adversely impacting the commercials involved therein.

WHETHER COGNIZANT LOGO CAN BE USED OR NOT?

Ref: 27.08.2025, Wednesday, Hindustan Times



Recently, the Bombay High Court has reinstated a ban on Cognizant Technology Solutions from using its logo in India in a matter filed by Atyati Technologies. Atyati, which introduced its orange hexagonal device mark in 2019, argued that Cognizant's branding was deceptively similar. The court permitted the use of logo by Cognizant and has directed trial court to expedite the hearing. The ruling underlines that strong trademark protection is vital not only for businesses but also for consumers, who deserve clarity and authenticity in the market. By holding corporations accountable, courts help create a fairer ecosystem where innovation thrives without eroding the identity and hard work of smaller players.

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