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IMPARTING KNOWLEDGE ON LATEST CORPORATE LEGAL AND INTELLECTUAL
PROPERTY MATTERS

POSH TRAINING FOR DAV

Ref: October 7, 2025



Knowledgentia Consultants conducted a session during the Career Readiness Bootcamp, 2025 (CRBC'25) on October 7, 2025. The session was for enhancing awareness on Prevention of Sexual Harassment for Women at Workplace Act, 2013.

COPYRIGHT AND OPEN AI AN ONGOING SAGA

Ref: 01.10.2025, Wednesday, Hindustan Times



OpenAI's decision to shift responsibility for protecting copyrighted material onto rights holders reflects the growing tension between innovation and creative ownership. While AI advancement promises immense societal benefits, it must not come at the expense of artists' autonomy. A consent-based model, where creators actively choose how their work is used offers a more ethical path forward. Striking this balance is essential to ensure that technological progress strengthens, rather than undermines, the creative ecosystem.

WHY NEGATIVE EFFECT OF INCREASED PATENT FILINGS

Ref: 02.10.2025, Thursday, Hindustan Times



India's rising patent filings signal enthusiasm for innovation, but numbers without substance risk creating a false sense of progress. To truly benefit society, the focus must shift from quantity to quality strengthening research ecosystems, encouraging meaningful industry-academia partnerships, and investing in high-impact R&D. Patents should reflect genuine breakthroughs, not administrative targets. Only then can innovation translate into real economic and social value. This infact should be the tenor that India is advancing rapidly towards innovation and not otherwise.

CORPORATE CLASS ACTION – JINDAL POLYFILMS

Ref: 04.10.2025, Saturday, Hindustan Times



The Jindal Poly Films case marks a crucial test of whether India's minority shareholders can truly hold powerful promoters accountable. The case initiated by the minority shareholders coming together are first of a kind in India alleging divulsion of assets amounting to more than Rs. 2500 crores thereby causing loss to the shareholders. A strong and transparent outcome would reinforce investor confidence, deter corporate misconduct, and strengthen India's credibility as a fair and well-regulated market. Empowering small shareholders is essential not only for protecting wealth but also for fostering ethical, sustainable corporate growth that benefits the wider economy.

TENDER CONDITIONS STRUCK BY SC

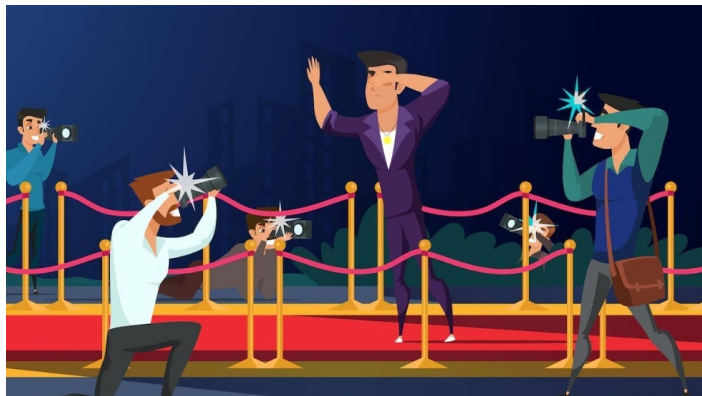
Ref: 06.10.2025, Monday, Live Law



In a landmark ruling on October 6, 2025, the Supreme Court of India invalidated a tender condition imposed by the State Government of Chhattisgarh that required bidders to have supplied goods worth at least ₹ 6 crore to its specific government agencies in the past three years in order to be eligible to bid for a contract. The condition applied to a tender for supplying sports kits to government schools. The Supreme Court's decision is a powerful affirmation that public procurement must remain open, fair, and competitive. By striking down arbitrary tender conditions, the ruling protects taxpayer money, widens opportunities for small and national suppliers, and curbs the risk of cartelization. Ensuring a genuine level playing field strengthens trust in government contracting and reinforces the principles of equality and economic freedom that benefit society as a whole.

KUMAR SANU PERSONALITY RIGHT

Ref: 11.10.2025, Saturday, The Hindu



Singer Kumar Sanu has moved the Delhi High Court seeking protection of his personality and publicity rights, citing widespread misuse of his name, voice, image, and singing style across online platforms. The Kumar Sanu case highlights a critical moment for safeguarding individual identity in an era of fast-advancing AI. Protecting personality rights especially against deepfakes and digital impersonation is essential not just for celebrities but for every citizen whose likeness can be misused. Strong legal and technological safeguards will help preserve trust, prevent exploitation and ensure that innovation develops responsibly and ethically.

NON - CLASS 1 LEGAL HEIRS CAN PURSUE CONSUMER COMPLAINT

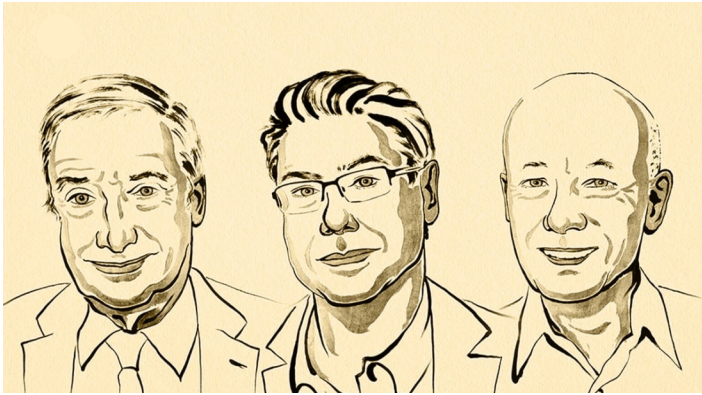
Ref: 13.10.2025, Monday, Business Standard



A significant question on who is entitled to pursue a consumer complaint after the death of the aggrieved person came before the Delhi High Court, following a medical negligence case involving Apollo Gleneagles Hospitals in Kolkata. It reinforces that access to remedies should be practical and inclusive, allowing families to hold service providers accountable promptly. Such interpretations uphold the spirit of consumer rights and promote fairness in healthcare and other critical sectors. This ruling strengthens consumer protection by ensuring that legal heirs can seek justice without being hindered by rigid succession hierarchies. The hospital and the treating doctor contested his right to maintain the complaint, arguing that only the deceased's widow and children being Class I heirs were legally entitled to do so. The National Commission allowed the widow and children to be impleaded but permitted Sudhir to continue as complainant. The opposite parties sought review, contending that under the Hindu Succession Act, a brother (a Class II heir) cannot supersede Class I heirs in such matters. The court noted that once the widow and children were added as parties, the objection to the brother's locus had no practical significance. It further clarified that even if they had not joined, the brother would still be eligible to proceed, since consumer law must be interpreted liberally to ensure access to justice a principle affirmed earlier by the Supreme Court in *Spring Meadows Hospital v. Harjol Ahluwalia*.

ECONOMISTS WIN 2025 NOBEL PRIZE

Ref: 14.10.2025, Tuesday, Business Standard



The 2025 Nobel Prize in Economic Sciences has been awarded to Joel Mokyr, Philippe Aghion, and Peter Howitt for their pioneering work on how innovation and “creative destruction” drive long-term economic growth. Their research demonstrates how new technologies and production methods replace outdated ones, leading to improvements in income, health, and overall living standards. The Nobel recognition highlights that innovation and open markets are key drivers of economic prosperity and improved living standards. Societies benefit when ideas, technology, and talent can flow freely, emphasizing the need for policies that encourage research, creativity, and global collaboration. Protecting and promoting innovation ensures sustainable growth that uplifts communities worldwide.

IS WILL OF SANJAY KAPUR VALID?

Ref: 15.10.2025, Wednesday, Hindustan Times



The inheritance dispute over the late industrialist Sunjay Kapur’s estate took a sharp turn in the Delhi High Court after their attorney argued that Kapur’s will might have been forged. He told the court that the document referred to the testator as a woman multiple times, calling it a glaring error that cast serious doubt on its authenticity. The two children are claiming a quarter of their father’s wealth. The case highlights the importance of safeguarding the integrity of legal documents, especially wills, to ensure fair inheritance and protect the rights of all beneficiaries. It underscores the need for transparency, proper verification, and accountability in estate management, reinforcing public trust in the legal system.

OC MANDATORY FOR POSSESSION HELD NCDRC

Ref: 21.10.2025, Wednesday, Business Standard



The National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission (NCDRC) has reiterated that developers cannot legally offer possession of a property without an occupancy certificate (OC), reinforcing homebuyers’ right to seek refunds in delayed or non-compliant housing projects. An OC serves as the final approval from local authorities confirming that a building adheres to sanctioned plans, safety norms, and civic requirements and is a mandatory statutory approval under Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Act, 2016 (RERA). The ruling reinforces the need for strict adherence to legal and safety standards in real estate, protecting homebuyers from fraud and unsafe constructions. It encourages accountability among developers and ensures that citizens’ investments are secure, promoting transparency and trust in the housing sector.

BCI REITERATES BAN ON FOREIGN LAWYERS

Ref: 22.10.2025, Wednesday, Live Law



The (BCI) has issued a stern warning to Indian and foreign law firms against entering into unauthorised alliances, integrated platforms or joint branding arrangements declaring that any such collaboration is effectively practising Indian law, which is prohibited under the Advocates Act, 1961. The BCI’s directive helps safeguard the integrity and professionalism of India’s legal system, ensuring that only qualified Indian advocates handle domestic legal matters. This protects clients from unqualified advice, upholds the rule of law, and maintains public trust in the justice system.

TM ISSUES BETWEEN MARS AND CADBURY

Ref: 22.10.2025, Wednesday, Times of India



After nearly a quarter-century of litigation over the use of the brand name “CELEBRATIONS,” Mars and Cadbury have amicably settled their trademark dispute, the Delhi High Court recorded. In a unique settlement orders parties were directed to distribute chocolates in schools under Delhi and having this order near Diwali was the symbolic irony. Though the settlement ends the legal battle between the two firms, it does not set a binding legal precedent on trademark law. Experts have pointed out that the resolution reflects a commercial compromise rather than a definitive adjudication on the rights to a generic or commonly used term. Still, the closure sends a broader message: corporate rivalries even between global brands can be resolved through dialogue and goodwill, rather than protracted litigation. For now, “CELEBRATIONS” will stand not as a contested brand, but as a shared moment of festivity. This settlement highlights how corporate conflicts can be transformed into acts of social good, benefiting communities rather than fueling prolonged disputes.

MANDATORY LABEL OF AI CONTENT

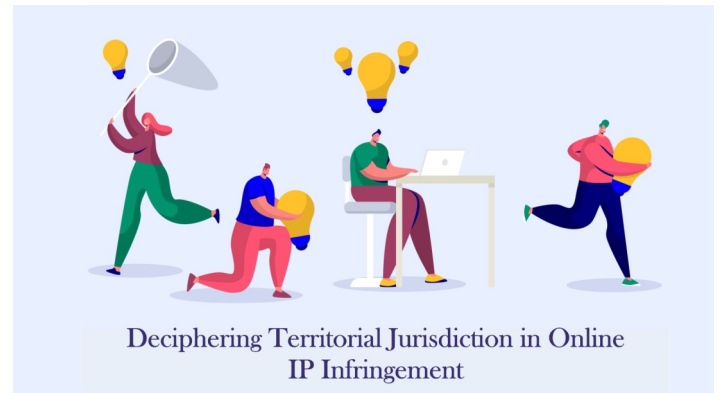
Ref: 23.10.2025, Thursday, Business Standard



Proposed amendments to the Information Technology Rules, 2021, requiring users to clearly declare whenever artificial intelligence is used to create or upload content online. These proposed rules are a crucial step toward transparency and accountability in the digital space. Under the draft rules, online platforms that allow AI-generated content must ensure such material carries a visible label or permanent metadata marker. The declaration must be easily noticeable covering at least 10% of the visual area and, for audio content, appear within the first 10% of its duration. Clearly labeling AI-generated content can curb misinformation, protect privacy, and help users make informed judgments online, fostering a safer and more trustworthy internet ecosystem for society.

IP INFRINGEMENT CASES AND 12A

Ref: 27.10.2025, Monday, Bar and Bench



The Supreme Court of India (SC) recently ruled that a delay in filing a lawsuit does not automatically block a party from seeking urgent interim relief under the Commercial Courts Act, 2015 (CCA), where the case involves continuous infringement of intellectual property (IP) rights. In the lead case Novenco Building And Industry A/S v. Xero Energy Engineering Solutions Pvt Ltd the plaintiff claimed the defendant had repeatedly manufactured and sold infringing products even after the termination of their distribution agreement. The Supreme Court’s ruling strengthens protection for intellectual property rights and ensures that ongoing violations cannot evade legal scrutiny due to procedural delays only after assessing urgency in the matter. By prioritizing urgency and public interest, the judgment promotes innovation, safeguards consumers, and reinforces accountability in commercial practices.

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