

**EU CODE OF CONDUCT IMPLEMENTED BY TECH GIANTS**

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Recent attacks in Paris, Indonesia, etc. has been aggravated by misuse of social media whereby through the medium of hate speeches, the younger generation is being misled. The portals of social media which are being rampantly used by the world today are being used for provocation and thus it is imperative to maintain a balance. This has urged the European Union to formulate a policy of Code of Conduct so as to balance amongst the right of freedom of expression and provocative communications. As part of the code, the portals like Facebook, Twitter, Google and Microsoft have undertaken to confront and handle the issue of enticing broadcast within 24 hours in an appropriate mechanism. We

**XIAOMI ACQUIRES IPR FROM MICROSOFT**

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Xiaomi with its recent acquisition has enhanced its IPR portfolio by procuring 1500 patents from Microsoft. The wide ambit of technologies

shall enhance the market space for Xiaomi beyond China. Xiaomi shall have pre-installed Microsoft office and Skype installed in all its products. Microsoft the company whose network was in doldrums as its products were unable to match the demand of markets, is leveraging its intellectual property assets only to partner with companies. Microsoft has set a precedent reaffirming the importance of intangible assets of Patents and thereafter deriving benefits from harnessing them.

**TERI ICC COMPOSITION – WHETHER IT WAS NEUTRAL OR BIASED?**

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The onslaught of inquiry on the allegations of sexual harassment against Mr. R.K. Pachauri, the Director General of TERI also led to accusations on the composition of the Internal Complaints Committee hitherto. The complainant has repeatedly alleged biasness against TERI. TERI in consonance with the law as applicable has designated the names of the members for reconstitution and the same has also become a contentious issue in the court of law. It would be imperative to witness whether these allegations and intermingling issues have any substantial value in the court of law.

**CLASS ACTION GETS A NOD**

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National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT), the new authority which has been read in the Companies Act (as amended) till date but its framework was still not in place. Recently, the NCLT is being set up and various provisions have been incorporated for investors to take the remedy of approaching this tribunal for class actions also. Class action was earlier not recognized in India, but lately in an attempt to protect the interest of depositors and investors on one side and of the company on the other these suits have been permitted. NCLT shall expedite the adjudication of disputes in a more

judicious manner and shall reduce the work load of the Courts as well. NCLT will have 10 benches all over India and one Appellate Tribunal. We all dealing with corporates in one manner or the other are looking forward to the NCLT framework in place which in turn shall assure a transparent and efficacious remedy for all stakeholders.

**IMMUNE SYSTEM VACCINE FOR ALL CANCERS REVEALED**

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An international team of researchers have moved ahead in creating a universal vaccine which shall enhance the immune system of the body to fight cancer. This vaccine is not centric to the type of cancer, but shall release cells/antibodies which shall act against any kind of cancer or tumors. This research has its foundations on Immunotherapy and the scientists are positive about its results. Though, the vaccine is still at nascent stages of trial, once developed it shall be a life saver for patients suffering from the notorious ailment of cancer.

**ZIKA CAN BE ISOLATED**

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Scientists have discovered a protein that can isolate Zika Virus and can substantially reduce its spread in the body. Zika being one of the recently found hazardous virus could lead to serious defects in a human being. Thus, this study and research shall have far reaching effects globally as this protein would be a tool to tackle the ailment.

**LIQUID CANCER TESTS V/S BIOPSIES**

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Liquid biopsies the novel and innovative scientific technology to detect cancer has been permitted for initial trials. The comparison of blood tests against conducting biopsies has quite apparent advantages. The invasive biopsy at various times leads to spread of virus which can be fatal to the patient. On the other hand, if there can be blood tests for detection of cancer, the treatment might be less painful and risky. Recently, the FDA has accorded first approval to Roche for such test enabling to detect mutations in a specific gene. Scientists as well as people are looking ahead to this research being successful.

**HEPATITIS TO BE TREATED WITH NANO METHODOLOGY**

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Doctors at AIIMS have efficaciously tested a novel drug delivery system having its basis in nanotechnology to replace injections for treatments of Hepatitis B. Researcher have told that the human trials shall be completed by 2021 and thereafter, there shall be no requirement of taking multiple injections and a single dose shall suffice. This vaccine once commercially developed would be safer, hygienic as well as cost effective for both the manufacturers as well as the patients. With the number of patients of Hepatitis B in India rising over 40 million, such innovation was the need of the hour.

**INNOVATION AT GRASS ROOT LEVEL**

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Bibox, ExperiFun and Hobby Master are the new engineers turned trainers start up. They are bridging the gap between concepts of science, maths and their implementation in the practical world. Starting at the grass root level of schools, these start-ups have given a wider perspective to the kids to apply science and mathematics to solve their daily problems. This is not only exciting for the kids but also building strong basics for them. The curiousness of the kids leads them to analyse the issues fully and further experimenting or making products ensure that they have understood the concepts precisely.

**APPELBAUM – BRUNT OF ACCUSATION OF SEXUAL MISCONDUCT**

Ref: The Times of India, Thursday, 09.06.2016



Jacob Appelbaum, a renowned American journalist and security activist was handling The Tor Project. There have been recent accusations against him for sexual abuse and misconduct and thereafter, he has stepped down from his position. Appelbaum who is a celebrity in information security community has negated the same as vague and corroborated with lack of evidence. However, the committee and judicial verdict shall be conclusive.

**HEART – MADE IN INDIA**

Ref: The Times of India, Thursday, 09.06.2016



Frontier Lifeline in its venture with Russian based scientists are going to manufacture mechanical heart pumps at low costs. The medical device called Left Ventricular Assisted Device (LVAD) if made in India shall cost Rs. 30 Lacs as against Rs. 90 Lacs which is the cost at present of imported machine. One factor being the cost factor further gets supplemented by advantages of exchange if the product is manufactured in India which in turn shall reduce the dependence on global markets drastically.

**START UP FEST BY DIPP**

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The Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP) in process of encouraging the Start Ups is organizing a dedicated two day Fest in August. The event would be attended by more than 10,000 entrepreneurs and shall become a platform for facilitating their set up, entrepreneurship hurdles of funding as well as clarity for seeking advantages accorded by government. The various sectors including technology, health, education, agriculture as well as manufacturing shall be targeted in this Fest. This event shall be very promising for the new age entrepreneurs on one hand and the facilitators on the other to encourage innovation in the country as a whole. The stakeholders must collectively make an endeavor towards risk taking in innovations.

**APPLE V/S SAMSUNG CONTD.....**

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The cross litigation between Samsung and Apple over Patents and infringement by each other, took another turn as the US Supreme Court reversed the orders as assailed in the cross appeals. The orders were in favour of Apple and now it is apparent that both companies shall continue the legal battle before the lower courts. The patent litigation seems to be a vicious circle wherein the extent of novelty and inventive step shall be the crux of their respective patents.

**NEW ADVERT POLICY BEING FRAMED –**

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Incentivizing the print media is the forte of the novel advertisement policy proposed by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting. The two new features shall be a Marking System stating the professional standard of the newspaper and second shall be certification by RNI prior to being empanelled with DAVP. Both these shall enhance the quality of newspapers and also control the frivolous media.

**UNITECH DIRECTORS ACCUSED OF CHEATING**

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Unitech, one of the renowned builders has failed to fulfill its commitments and thus has grossly violated the contracts. In one such matter, a homebuyer has initiated litigation against the directors of the company and the

Court as part of its order directed the trial court to initiate action against defaulters for the offence of cheating u/s 420, IPC. Unitech has also been amidst various consumer court matters and suffered adverse verdicts against it. This judgment is a precedent as well as deterrent to other real estate businesses to either comply with deadlines or they might suffer similar orders.

**COMPETITION COMMISSION OF INDIA – BT COTTON**

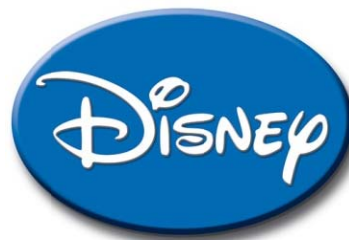
Ref: The Economic Times, Thursday, 16.06.2016



Mahyco Monsanto Biotech(MMB), in its ordeal of litigation has added three more cases filed against it in the Competition Commission of India (CCI). These three cases are filed by Kaveri Seeds, Ankur Seeds and Ajeet Seeds and has conglomerated with the earlier pending investigation. MMB being a joint venture with Maharashtra Hybrid Seeds Company has sub – licensed the technology to 28 Indian seed companies. The technology cannot be sold to farmers directly but only through seed makers for producing BT Cotton seeds. This matter is sub-judice before the CCI and on its final adjudication the matter shall attain clarity.

**DISNEY V/S CHINESE COMPANIES**

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Intellectual property in characters and movie Auto Bots, Cars and Cars 2 have been blatantly infringed by three Chinese Companies. The Disney subsidiary company has initiated

litigation against these companies G-Point, PPTV and Bluemtv for copyright infringement and unfair competition. The matter is pending adjudication before the Shanghai Court and Disney is hopeful that restraint orders as well as compensation is awarded. The exclusivity for the creative work done by the team of artists of Disney and Pixar should be protected and the intellectual property rights are reaffirmed.

**NPPA LOGO DESIGNS INVITED**

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The Department of Pharmaceuticals in its endeavor to segregate the drugs under price controls as against other drugs, has invited unique designs through a public contest for its logo. This logo of NPPA shall be printed on the packages and should be easy to detect for a layman. The public at large, high percentage of which is still illiterate should be able to identify that they shall not be fleeced on purchase of medicines with logo. This innovative idea of inviting through public contest shall give the ministry immense choices with ingenious designs. This scheme should be implemented at the earliest to safeguard the interest of the society.

**TECH M ACQUIRES BIO AGENCY**

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Tech Mahindra in its expansion spree has recently acquired a BIO agency a UK Based technology firm. Both the companies endeavor to create state of the art innovative practices globally. This digital tie up shall be a step towards growth of the digital domain as well as geographic expansions. Tech Mahindra is taking the leap in various sectors like design, digital technology and information technology.

**CYGNI ENERGY PIONEER START UP**

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Cygni Energy, as the name suggests innovation in the sector of renewable energy is what this Hyderabad based company is offering. Since, the launch of Start up India program only Cygni has been certified to obtain the tax and IPR benefits so far. The entrepreneurs have succeeded in obtaining initial funding of Rs. 10 crore and are intending to file the patent under the fast track mode for Inverter less solar energy. The renewable energy company founded a year ago will now file for patent under the fast-track mode meant for startups for it inverter-less solar energy technology. This would give boost to other entrepreneurs to bring to fore their innovative capabilities and also benefit from government schemes.



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