

MONSANTO ASSAILING CCI VERDICT

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Mahyco Monsanto Biotech (MABL) is in the midst of the regulatory compliances pertaining to the supply of GM (Genetically Modified) Cotton Seeds in the Country. The verdict of Competition Commission of India has been assailed by MABL in the Hon'ble Delhi High Court who has been pleased to grant time for filing amended writ petition so to as to include all its grounds. The adjudication of this matter shall bring to fore the parameters of conducive business mechanisms for various multi-national organizations.

MICROSOFT CYBERSECURITY CELL

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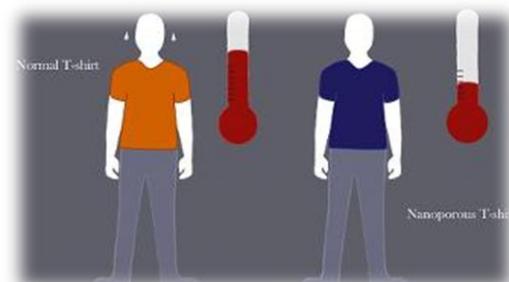


The issue of cyber-crimes and security has gained paramount importance with the rampant use of internet and computer technology for sharing of information across borders for all personal, official as well as for matters pertaining to national security. Microsoft, for facilitating as well as tackling such issues is partnering with the Government and private agencies to set up a Cyber security centre in New Delhi.

The spy and malware attacks to the government documents and information shall be safeguarded and tackled through the proposed centre. The centre is the need of the hour for Delhi, where all the crucial information is being exchanged amongst various offices across the globe through cyber space. However, the government is required to have a vigilance and control over the activities of this Centre of Microsoft.

COOL NANO APPARELS

Ref: The Times of India, Saturday - 03.09.2016



Engineers of Stanford University have crafted special material which shall enable the body heat to escape so as to maintain a cool temperature for human body. This fabric is innovated with nano technology which controls the moisture from body as well as the radiation which a body emits. The researchers then commenced weaving as well as phenomenal changes in the pore size of fabric for regulating the body heat. The testing is still at preliminary stages, but once approved, it shall be an instrumental development in the apparel as well as scientific industry.

PHARMA PERKS UNDER SCANNER

Ref: The Times of India, Tuesday - 06.09.2016





Government has taken cognizance of the marketing practices of the Drug companies whereby millions are spent each year sponsoring holidays for doctors and their spouse globally. This practice being illegal has not been curtailed despite the Uniform Code of Pharmaceutical Marketing Practices (UCPMP) which was promulgated and passed on January 1, 2015. It was agreed that the code shall be voluntary for six months and then reviewed. However, the pharma companies and agencies are continuing the unethical medical practices whereby doctors are given freebies to ensure that they continue to prescribe the expensive drugs and medicines to their patients directly resulting in enhanced sales for the corporates. It is high time, this practice should be curbed with interference from government as well as judicial authorities.

DARJEELING TEA NOT ACTIVE FOR ONLINE SALE

Ref: The Economic Times, Tuesday, 06.09.2016



Darjeeling tea which was being sold globally through traditional mechanisms suffered a setback on its online quest for sale through electronic bidding process. The trading association stated that there has been a massive decline adversely effecting the sale by more than 15 % to 25%. The first flush tea and broken varieties are separate classes of Darjelling tea and there should be probably different parameters for their auction. However, it is too recent and the electronic bidding system shall take some time before positive results are showcased in a transparent manner.

ITC V/S BRITANNIA – ZERO DIGESTIVE

Ref: The Times of India, Wednesday – 07.09.2016



ITC, claiming to be the exclusive proprietor of the copyright in the distinctive packaging of its biscuits filed Infringement action in Delhi High Court against its competitor Britannia. The Hon'ble Court restrained Britannia from selling the Nutri Choice Digestive Zero biscuits being an infringement of the copyright of ITC in its Sun Feast Farmlite Digestive biscuits. The Court has reasserted the importance of copyright in the creativity of the proprietor and averred that the packaging of Britannia is deceptive. Thus, they have been refrained from selling the biscuits in the infringing packaging by the Court.

PFIZER V/S INDIAN DRUG CONGLOMERATE

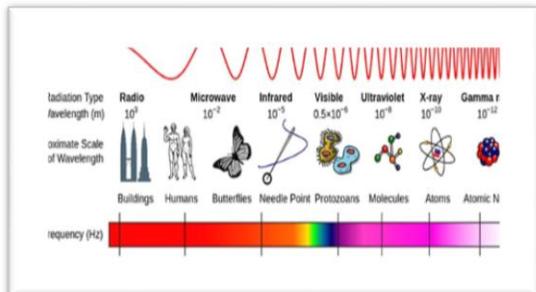
Ref: The Economic Times, Friday, 09.09.2016



Pfizer the innovator of the drug Xeljanz, which is for treatment of rheumatoid arthritis has filed Patent infringement suit against Sun Pharma and Zydus Cadila. The matter is sub judice, being an uphill task of judiciary to protect innovation through Patent rights and its enforcement on one side and to ensure that the public at large is not deprived of reasonable priced drugs for treating ailments. Also, probably the action is a competitive move so as to deter competition in the market.

OBSTRUCTING RADIATION THROUGH MOBILES

Ref: The Times of India, Monday, 12.09.2016



Harmful effects of electromagnetic waves had embarked the scientists to research for material for blocking the rays. The scientists in Seoul have manufactured and engineered a material made of Mxene. It is prepared by inorganic compounds termed as Mxene. Apparently, it shall be cost effective and also strong. However, it's a long way yet and we all should try and reduce the access to the electromagnetic waves which are injurious to health.

SEXUAL HARASSMENT IN POLICE

Ref: The Times of India, Tuesday, 13.09.2016



Recently, around 24 police women have alleged to be sexually harassed by an inspector and the incident has been reported to the Delhi Commission for Women (DCW). The investigation and inquiry have been initiated, but the victims are complaining of continuous torture and harassment being meted out to them. It is apparent that strict action is required to be taken against the accused and the investigation should be expeditiously concluded. Justice delayed is justice denied and ongoing mental harassment of the victims should be curtailed with immediate interlocutory steps.

JOINT VENTURE OF INDORAMA & DHUNSERI

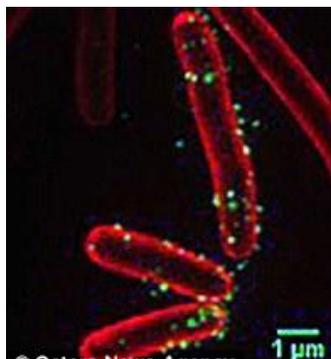
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Business expansion in form of Joint Venture is the new feather in the cap for Dhunseri Petrochem. The company has formulated a private limited company in consequence of a venture with Indorama Group for manufacture of PET for the domestic market. The company has optimised the opportunity as the demand for PET is increasing in India and with this partnership they shall become next to Reliance with respect to production capacity and market share. It seems that this shall be a beneficial endeavour for both corporate giants.

ANTIBIOTICS TO BE REPLACED

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Peptide polymers the innovation to counter effect of antibiotics has been developed by scientists. Though, the research is at preliminary level, this might be the only treatment for cure of antibiotic resistant diseases. The team developed a star-shaped polymer and tested the same wherein positive results were revealed.

Another advantage of this polymer shall be to kill bacteria with multiple pathways unlike the antibiotics. This development is the requirement with the sudden rise in antibiotic resistant bacteria and other dangerous ailments needs to be combated.

VOLVO E VEHICLE

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Volvo, the Swedish car maker is planning to launch hybrid and electric vehicles to subside the air pollution and its adverse effects for the Indian market. The new hybrid sports utility vehicle has been launched recently in Delhi and the vehicle can travel around 40 kilometres when fully charged. The company is receiving a very positive response from the client base and might focus on launching hybrid for other ranges too.

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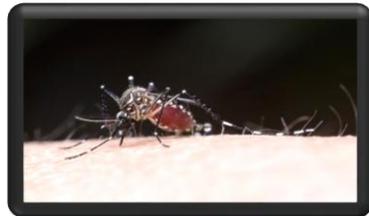




The Hon'ble Delhi High Court while adjudicating the issue whether photocopying of textbooks from Delhi University Library is an infringement of copyright in the literary work of the authors, the Court stated that the literary rights for books are promulgated for enhancement of knowledge and not as a hurdle for knowledge. In a detailed order, the court upheld that the rights cannot be asserted against the information dissemination for education purposes. Thus, the activities of photocopying are not an infringement of copyright.

CADILA + TAKEDA = CHIKANGUNYA VACCINE

Ref: The Times of India, Wednesday, 21.09.2016



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Takeda and Cadila have partnered, bringing their best resources together to research and develop a vaccine for the ailment of Chikangunya. The agreement commences from the initial research to final commercialisation of the vaccine and this has so far been an unexplored arena. Millions of cases have been reported for chikangunya some being fatal as well, still there has not been any vaccine to deter it.

MISLEADING AND COMPARATIVE ADVERTS OF INDIGO

Ref: The Times of India, Saturday, 24.09.2016



Air India and Indigo are at loggerheads with respect to the comparative advertisements in Mumbai Airport. The advertisement of Indigo is comparing the airline with Air India and falls within the ambit of disparaging advertisement with data from DGCA facts and information. The issue is being adjudicated by the offices under the Ministry and Air India is awaiting action on Indigo.



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