

POWER FROM POO

Ref: The Times of India, Tuesday, 01.05.2018



Innovation using natural resources has led to the generation of electricity from cattle dung. The technology “Poo to Power” has been developed by Aditya Aggarwal and Amit Aggarwal. The power plant which uses dung as the raw material started production in the year 2014 and generates around 2 MW of power. This use of cow dung would probably generate not only revenue but also employment and reduce cost of electricity.

RIDDANCE OF PLASTIC

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A teenage student of 13 years has launched its waste segregation and anti- plastic movement being part of the NGO Chintan. A class IX student has approached various restaurants, hotels and apprised them of the ills of usage of plastic straws. As per their records, almost 5,00,000 straws have been replaced with alternative paper straws. It is motivating that the youngsters today are so well aware and are making efforts to make a change for the environment.

RERA BOON OR BANE?

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The Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Act, 2016, (RERA) has streamlined the most unorganized sector in India being the real estate segment. The law has been beneficial for the customers who now are backed by the stringent provisions, a special tribunal and the expeditious decisions and also for the builders and property dealers who are now well aware of the limits and the manner to ensure that the project is legally compliant. The sector which was apparently worst hit by policies of Demonetization, GST, and RERA now sees a comeback of buyers as well as liquidity in projects. This regime has created a level playing field for all stake holders in a transparent manner. In few states, the implementation work is still on tortoise speed, but future seems to be optimistic.

IIT-D V/S FIIT JEE

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In an interesting concern, the marketing and branding contract of the metro station which is opposite the Indian Institute of Technology was awarded to FIIT JEE, a leading engineering coaching institute. The impact of such advertisement was phenomenal as in a short span of time, the deceptive and threat of dilution of the brand name of IIT was apparent. The said business decision is detrimental in tarnishing the reputation as people were being misled that FIIT JEE is the official coaching institute and has a tie up with IIT. The issue was raked and accordingly FIIT JEE was directed to display a disclaimer underneath all its promotions at that metro station accordingly. Thus, the importance of branding at strategic location being used for promotion has been well highlighted in this issue.

CA TO CEASE ITS OPERATIONS

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The data mining firm Cambridge Analytica which has been entangled in the allegations of misuse of data for the campaign of US President is completely ceasing its operations. The firm has commenced appropriate proceedings both in USA and UK as it was adversely affected with the reports of the improperly obtained and misused information. It is interesting to see the effect of media on the operations of a well-established business, so whether they are guilty of misconduct or not would be determined by a competent court but the verdict of closure of business has already been passed.

WORLD IP DAY

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Sabyasachi Mukherjee one of the few designers who protect its designs has recently been awarded the National Intellectual Property Award, 2018. The designer has more than 700 registered designs which give it a dual protection of copyright and designs. Imitation and Infringement of Designs in this segment of industry is wide spread and slowly with the advent of awareness and implementation, the IPR of creators is well protected. We hope the fashion world respects the creativity and abstains from copying the designs blatantly and facing legal consequences thereof.

GMO LABELLING

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The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) have proposed that all food items containing Genetically modified ingredients have to be categorically disclosed in the label of the product. As no such mandatory compliance was stated earlier, the consumers were not aware whether they are consuming GM products or not. This is a major step towards regulating the food sector.

MONSANTO V/S NUVIZEDDU

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Hon'ble Apex Court refused to interfere in the order of Delhi High Court which upheld that the Plant varieties and seeds cannot be patented under Indian Patent Law. The Monsanto patent was decreed to be unenforceable in India. However, the court has kept the matter pending for July 18, 2018 and has stated that the company shall continue its obligations under sub-license agreements. The suit can proceed for damages and other reliefs only as the Patent has been declared to be invalid.

REGULATING MEDICAL DEVICES

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Critical medical devices which are implanted inside human body are not regulated by the authorities and law till now. Though, these products have a major impact on the human body and despite cases of substandard medical devices, the same has not come within the purview of the Central Drug Standard Control Organisation CDSCO completely. In India, most implantable devices are unregulated, including pacemakers, implantable cardioverter defibrillators used to perform cardioversion, defibrillation, and pacing of the heart, neurostimulator systems, implantable gastric stimulators, glucose monitors, and infusion pumps for insulin. The companies would then have to seek permission from the Drug Controller General of India and take licenses for selling the products in India. This regularization is the need of the hour with the high increase in use of these medical devices in India.

ABUSING ELDERS ILLEGAL

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Amending the law to enhance prison for offenders' who abuse elders from three to six months, has recently been discussed by the legal stakeholders. The plethora of complaints under the Senior Citizen Act as well as before the police authorities wherein the children are abusing, beating and ill-treating their parents is to be curtailed so the punishment should be deterrent. Further, non- payment of maintenance to parents should also entail awarding of sentence by the Tribunal. The dynamics of the society at

time shakes the entire foundation of the society.

VOLTAS V/S HAIER

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Haier advertisement is disparaging and tarnishing the image and repute of Voltas, the largest air conditioner maker in India. The dispute is now before the Delhi courts wherein the allegations of derision of the brand of Voltas have been appealed. The petition stated that the commercial shows a similar action, plot and campaign maligning the repute of Voltas with phrases "Ganda Hai". The company has also claimed that as per the guidelines of Advertising Standards Council of India, the comparative advertisements have to be supported by data which is missing in Haier's case. The other players being Blue Star and Godrej also aver about the damaging advert of Haier. Whether the dispute is pertaining to the advert or the share of each player in the market is something which will unveil shortly.

EXCISE LICENSE REGULATES MUSIC PERMISSIONS

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In an unprecedented move, the Excise Department of the Delhi Government has warned pubs and restaurants to not play recorded music but only live or instrumental music. The restaurant association has been taken aback for such a whimsical notice as the regulation of music is outside the purview of the excise department. However, the circular pertains to L - 17 license holders and there are more than 800 such licenses in Delhi alone. The association is going to move a representation to the Excise Department who fairly state that decibel and noise can be

restricted but type of music cannot be dictated by the Department.

DELHI HC REINFORCES VISHAKHA IMPLEMENTATION

Ref: <http://www.livelaw.in>, 31.05.2018.



Delhi High Court has recently necessitated strict implementation of the guidelines pertaining to Sexual Harassment compliance and not in an empty ritualistic manner. The Court affirmed that the employer is bound to handle the cases and complaints with utmost care, transparency and follow the laid down procedures. The matter wherein a former employee of Air France lodged a complaint before the Internal Complaints Committee in 2015 was being adjudicated by the Hon'ble Bench. The bench observed that the procedures were not in conformity with the law.

MEDIA BEING MALIGNED

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<https://economictimes.indiatimes.com>,
01.06.2018



Recently, a legal notice has been issued by the India Today Group to the website proprietors of Cobrapost. This notice pertains to the launch of Operation 136 which has been named after India's ranking under the World Press Freedom Index slipped. The videos as promoted by the website are derogatory and tarnishing the image of the media houses on a global level. The videos state some tie up with the media houses on basis of which corporates are also involved by the political parties and there have been alleged sting operations. The India today

group has vehemently denied the same and stated that the videos are fake and frivolous and the main person involved is a habitual offender who has been repeatedly arrested by the Police. Irrespective of the precise facts, the fourth pillar of our democracy is once again under the limelight for glorifying the trend of paid news and paid journalism. If no steps are taken for proper channel that serves a watchdog in this sector, Indian society is sure to reach an impasse.

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