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1. Nike loses shoe trademark battle

American sports apparel giant Nike, which owns the firm making the iconic "Converse All Star" basketball shoes, has failed to stop a Penang-based company from using the "Classic Jazz Star" brand for its high-cut basketball shoes.

The David and Goliath battle is the first to be settled in the region, with applications by the Jazz Star owner pending in countries such as China, Indonesia and Vietnam.

Adjudicator Lee Li Choon of the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore overruled all of Converse's objections and ruled that "Classic Jazz Star" could register as a trademark. In judgment grounds released on Wednesday, she said although there is some visual similarity between the two star devices in the competing marks, they are "aurally and conceptually different". [Read more](#)

CONVERSE ALL STAR

Vs

CLASSIC JAZZ STAR

2. AstraZeneca not importing enough of diabetes drug: Lee Pharma

Hyderabad-based Lee Pharma, which applied for a compulsory licence of international drug major AstraZeneca's patented diabetes medicine Saxagliptin last month, said this was the most efficient substitute for insulin injectables.

The multinational company was not able to meet the demand for Saxagliptin, sources at Lee Pharma said. Lee Pharma, a Rs 200 crore drug manufacturer, filed an application on June 25 with the Controller of Patents, Mumbai, seeking a compulsory licence in its favour for Saxagliptin sold as Onglyza as a standalone drug and Kombiglyze as a combination with Metformin. The patent was granted to Bristol-Myers Squibb in April 2007 and was transferred to AstraZeneca AB. [Read more](#)

**INDIA'S
THIRD
COMPULSORY
LICENSE**

3. Delhi HC resumes trial in Glenmark-Merck Sharp and Dohme patent case

GLENMARK

Vs

**MERCK SHARP AND
DOHME**

New Delhi: The Delhi high court on Monday began hearing arguments in a patent dispute between Glenmark Pharmaceuticals Ltd and US-based Merck Sharp and Dohme, a unit of Merck and Co. Inc. The dispute is regarding the manufacturing of sitagliptin, a key active molecule in Glenmark's anti-diabetes drug.

Merck Sharp and Dohme in 2013 moved the high court against Glenmark, alleging patent infringement. Judge Rajiv Sahai Endlaw refused to grant an injunction against Glenmark, but a two-judge bench of the high court later reversed this position, finding merit in Merck's plea.

Glenmark then approached the apex court, where at a preliminary stage, the court stayed the Delhi high court's ruling. [Read more](#)

4. HUL, Gillette settle trademark dispute amicably

HUL

VS

GILLETTE

Hindustan Unilever Ltd (formerly known as Hindustan Lever Ltd) and US-based The Gillette Company have entered into a settlement over the registration of Gillette's application for a trademark, 7 O' Clock, under a particular classification.

The trademark was registered in 1992 in India by Gillette UK Ltd in respect of perfumes, cosmetics, non-medicated toilet preparations, soaps, shampoos, hair preparations, shaving products, deodorants for personal use and for other items included in Class 3 of the trademark classifications. [Read more](#)

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5. GI dispute : Patiala growers join legal tussle at IPAB

BASMATI RICE

AND THE

GI DISPUTE

The ongoing legal battle between growers and traders of basmati rice in Madhya Pradesh against the government authority and some other farmer associations in and out of the country on its Geographical Indication (GI) has seen a new party, the Basmati Growers Association- Patiala, from Punjab, joining the fight.

The Intellectual Property Appellate Board (IPAB) allowed this association to implead itself on Wednesday, adding no further impleading petition would be entertained on the matter. They are contesting the MP growers' claim. [Read more](#)

6. USPTO and JPO announce Patent Cooperation Treaty agreement

USPTO AND JPO

IMPLEMENT AN

AGREEMENT

Washington – The U.S. Department of Commerce's United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) and the Japan Patent Office (JPO) have implemented an agreement under which JPO will act as an available International Searching Authority (ISA) and International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA) for certain international applications filed with the USPTO as the Receiving Office (RO/US), under the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT). The agreement will take effect on July 1, 2015. The agreement is intended to end on June 30, 2018, but may be continued by mutual written consent.

The addition of JPO as an available ISA/IPEA will allow applicants additional flexibility in choosing an international authority based on the technology disclosed in the international application.

[Read more](#)

7. Nepali orthodox tea gets collective trademark 'Nepal Tea'

**'NEPAL TEA'
IS NOW
A
COLLECTIVE TRADEMARK**

KATHMANDU, JUL 13 - Nepali orthodox tea for the first time has received the collective trademark 'Nepal Tea.' With being registered in the Department of Industry last week, the logo will be an official promo to sell the domestic product in the international market.

The collective trademark is an assurance of the quality of the product. The use of the trademark in the Nepali tea guarantees the organic practices in production process, production environment, processing and packaging of the farm product.

The National Tea and Coffee Development Board, the authority to issue the trademark, said it will start registering the Nepali product in its main market abroad. Germany is the main market of the Nepali orthodox tea. [Read more](#)

8. India's IPR Policy to fully protect patents: Nirmala Sitharaman

**NEW IPR POLICY
TO FULLY
PROTECT
PATENT**

National IPR Policy, which is currently under discussion, will fully protect patent, geographical indication (GI) and copyrights, said Nirmala Sitharaman, Commerce & Industry Minister, while speaking at a seminar on 'Protecting brands abroad with the Madrid System'. The final draft of the National IPR Policy has been circulated for inter-ministerial consultation and is likely to be put up to the Union Cabinet for approval after getting the comments.

Nirmala Sitharaman sought to allay apprehensions in the minds of foreign investors about the strength of the Indian IPR regime, stating that final draft of the National IPR Policy has been arrived at through a transparent process with inputs from all stakeholders. [Read more](#)

9. Amul trademark to get global shield

AMUL

**TO JOIN THE LEAGUE
OF GLOBAL BRANDS**

NEW DELHI: Amul is joining the league of global brands such as Coca-Cola, Kodak, Wimbledon and Viagra to get a "well-known" trademark, ensuring unparalleled protection not just in India but across the world. The step taken by the government will ensure that the brand name is not used anywhere or for any product.

"It will have an impact on cross-border reputation and it will ensure that no one will be able to get registration for Amul in other categories too," said R S Sodhi, managing director of Gujarat Co-operative Milk Marketing Federation, which owns the Amul brand.

[Read more](#)

10. Glenmark not violating Symed's linezolid patent: DHC

GLENMARK

Vs

SYMED

The Delhi High Court vide order dated 17th July, 2015, gave the green light to Glenmark to continue manufacturing and selling 'linezolid API' used for drugs treating pneumonia and other bacterial infections. Glenmark is only one of several generics that were hit by patent infringement suits by Symed who won interim injunction orders in three of these cases. The injunction awarded by the Single Judge in the Glenmark case was vacated by the Division Bench vide an order dated 5th February, 2015. The 17th July order further specifies the interim arrangement that will govern the parties in the time period of the suit. [Read more](#)

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11. World's most popular song is not under copyright, according to lawsuit

HAPPY BIRTHDAY SONG AND THE COPYRIGHT

You may have noticed something very strange about birthdays in movies and on TV. Namely, that the lucky recipient of the presents rarely has Happy Birthday sung to them – instead they might get For He's a Jolly Good Fellow, a song only heard in movies and on TV. That's because Happy Birthday – often claimed to be the world's most popular song – has been under copyright to the publisher Warner Chappell, which has zealously enforced its right to royalties and earns an estimated \$2m a year from Happy Birthday.

Now, however, it seems as though Warner Chappell might have made a mistake. Two years ago, film-makers working on a documentary about the song filed a lawsuit claiming the song should not be under copyright, after being told they would have to pay \$1,500 to use it in their film. [Read more](#)

12. High Court rejects AstraZeneca's diabetes drug plea

ASTRAZENCA VS LEE PHARMA

MUMBAI: The Delhi High Court has dismissed AstraZeneca's plea to block Hyderabad based Lee Pharma from making copies of its anti-diabetes drug Onglyza and left it for the patent office to decide whether to grant a compulsory licence for the medicine. Last month, Hyderabad based Lee Pharma had filed for grant of compulsory license for saxagliptin, chemical name of Onglyza, at Indian Patent Office, claiming that the British-Swedish drug maker was not making it available to Indian patient at an affordable price. AstraZenca then filed an injunction petition before HC to stay Lee Pharma's move. [Read more](#)

13. Shortage of manpower: 2.26 lakh patent applications pending for government nod

NEW DELHI: As many as 2,26,339 patent applications are pending due to shortage of professionals, Parliament was informed today.

To a query on whether a number of patent applications are lying pending with the government for approval because of shortage of professionals, Commerce and Industry Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, in a written reply to the Lok Sabha today, said: "Yes". She said that pendency of patent applications is measured in terms of pending requests of examinations which are awaiting disposal at different stages of processing in patent offices.

In the four patent offices, Delhi (at 83,291) has maximum number of applications pending followed by Chennai (74,390), Kolkata (40,558) and Mumbai (28,100). [Read more](#)

**2.26 LAKH
PATENT APPLICATIONS
PENDING IN INDIA**

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