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1. IPR policy to help India become innovative economy

INDIA TO BECOME AN INNOVATIVE ECONOMY OVER THE NEXT 10 YEARS

NEW DELHI: The national Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) policy being prepared by government will help India become an innovative economy over the next 10 years, a top official said today. Secretary in the Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP) Amitabh Kant said that recognising the need to scale up the process of IP creation and increase commercialisation of the technology, the government has embarked on the process of preparing a national IPR Policy.

"We expect it to be a visionary document that can guide the journey of India towards becoming an innovative economy in the next 10 years," he said here at a CII function. [Read more](#)

2. New proposal at WIPO SCCR to explore use of copyrighted works in digital environment

USE OF IP PROTECTED WORKS IN THE DIGITAL ENVIRONMENT AND THE CHALLENGES

Latin American and Caribbean countries have tabled a new proposal for next week's meeting of the World Intellectual Property Organization committee on copyright. The proposal calls for analysing copyright related to the digital environment.

The proposal, tabled yesterday, is expected to be considered by WIPO members during the 31st session of the WIPO Standing Committee on Copyright and Related Rights (SCCR), taking place from 7-11 December. The Group of Latin American and Caribbean countries (GRULAC) proposes to discuss the new challenges coming from the use of intellectual property-protected works in the digital environment. [Read more](#)

3. Hyderabad lab discovers protein linked to TB

**BREAKTHROUGH
DISCOVERY BY
SCIENTISTS AT CDFD
FOR DEVELOPMENT
OF THERAPY FOR TB**

Hyderabad: Scientists at the Centre for DNA Fingerprinting and Diagnostics (CDFD) have discovered a novel protein which could lead to development of a therapy for tuberculosis.

Rv1988, the mycobacterial protein identified by a team of scientists, modulates the human cell's response to the mycobacterium tuberculosis (Mtb), a breakthrough which can lead to development of a drug or become a potential diagnostic biomarker for active tuberculosis.

The team led by Sanjeev Khosla, group head, Laboratory of Mammalian Genetics, CDFD, conducted the study, which was recently published in the prestigious journal 'Nature Communications'.

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4. Delhi High Court stays transfer of IPR cases to lower courts

**TRANSFER OF IPR
CASES STAYED BY
DHC UNTIL FUTHER
CLARITY IN LAW**

NEW DELHI: The Delhi High Court will for now not transfer out any pending intellectual property rights cases to lower courts irrespective of their pecuniary value and instead await further clarity in a law expected to come in January.

The law is expected to replace an ordinance dealing with commercial disputes and exclusive commercial divisions in the high court to dispose of such cases speedily. The Delhi High Court (Amendment) Act amended with effect from October 26, had fixed the pecuniary jurisdiction of the high court at above Rs2 crore. All cases of lesser value would be transferred out, except those in which arguments had been wrapped up and judgement reserved.

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5. IPR policy promises investors a stable regime

NEW IPR POLICY TO PROVIDE ASSURANCE TO DOMESTIC AS WELL AS FOREIGN INVESTORS

The proposed national intellectual property rights (IPR) policy looks to provide both domestic and foreign investors a stable IPR framework in the country, Parliament was informed today.

Commerce and Industry Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said an all-encompassing IPR policy will also promote a holistic and conducive ecosystem to catalyse the full potential of intellectual property for India's growth and socio-cultural development while protecting public interest.

"The policy will aim to provide an assurance to domestic as well as foreign investors of existence of a stable IPR regime in the country," she said in a written reply to the Lok Sabha. [Read more](#)

6. India plans to streamline Intellectual Property Rights process

LEGISLATION TO CREATE NEW INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY COURTS

NEW DELHI—India plans to streamline its system for approving and defending intellectual property rights, in a move designed to help international companies that struggle as their drug patent cases get stuck for years in the country's slow-moving courts.

The Indian government is drafting legislation to create new intellectual-property courts and simplify drug-patent applications. The changes to the policy which will likely be presented in Parliament as early as this month, Rajiv Aggarwal, joint secretary of the Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion said. [Read more](#)

7. India joins TMclass

**TMCLASS
NOW
CONTAINS DATA FROM
57 PARTICIPATING
COUNTRIES**

As of 07 December 2015, The Indian Office of the Controller General of Patents, Designs & Trade Marks (CGPDTM) joins TMclass. With CGPDTM on-board, TMclass now contains data from 57 participating offices. TMclass now offers users the opportunity to search and translate terms to and from any of the 40 languages available.

This successful integration is the result of the EU-INDIA Intellectual Property Cooperation (IPC-EUI) project co-funded by the European Union and the Office for Harmonization in the Internal Market within the framework of the International Cooperation Programme and in close collaboration with CGPDTM. [Read more](#)

8. Known across the globe, but GI Tag for Hyderabadi biryani a dream

**HYDERABAD BIRYANI
THE SIGNATURE DISH
YET TO GET
A
GI TAG**

HYDERABAD: Perfected in the kitchens of the nizams, Hyderabadi biryani is known for its rich and tempting flavour. It is undoubtedly the best of South Indian dishes and foreigners arriving in the Pearl City scour the streets in search of the delicacy.

But the signature dish is yet to get the Geographical Indication (GI) tag. It's been more than six years since hoteliers from Hyderabad applied for GI status for the culinary delight, but nothing has materialised. Though it is said that the origin of the unique 'dum' biryani can be traced to Persia, the hoteliers failed to produce historical evidence about its origin. Experts are also of the opinion that the non-disclosure of complete recipe might have posed hurdles to the efforts to get the prestigious GI tag. [Read more](#)