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## 1. Shaping Standard Essential Patents policy

**ONE WAY TO REGULATE  
THE BEHAVIOUR OF SEP  
-HOLDERS IS TO MAKE  
THEM COMMIT TO  
AVAILABILITY OF SEPs  
ON FRAND TERMS**

*Standard Essential Patents (SEPs) have become a rather essential and standard debate for courts and anti-trust regulators across continents including India. Needless to say that, interactions between intellectual property rights (IPRs), especially those concerning SEPs, and competition law have led to a large number of judicial decisions around the world.*

*Realising its importance, the department of industrial policy and promotion (DIPP) published a discussion paper titled "Standard Essential Patents and their availability on FRAND terms" to sensitise stakeholders on the need and importance of SEPs and inviting suggestions to develop a suitable policy framework to define the obligations of SEP holders and their licensees. [Read more](#)*

## 2. DGFT allows import of human biological samples for commercial purposes without prior approval

**ITC (HS) 2012—  
DGFT INSERTS GENERAL  
NOTES 17 TO SCHEDULE 1  
IMPORT POLICY AND  
GENERAL NOTES 4 TO  
SCHEDULE 2 EXPORT  
POLICY**

*The Director General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) has notified that the human biological samples imported into India for commercial purposes should be permitted by the customs authorities without prior approvals from any government agency. The importer of the human biological samples has to comply with the norms set for the safe transfer and disposal of the biological samples. Earlier, the importer had to submit an application to the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) for the import of human biological samples and the ICMR has been advised to set up a committee consisting of experts from relevant fields for deciding each proposal on a case-by-case basis and to furnish their views to the Government for consideration. [Read more](#)*

### 3. Health ministry removes restriction on number of trials an investigator can undertake at a time

**ETHICS COMMITTEE  
SHALL DECIDE ABOUT  
HOW MANY TRIALS AN  
INVESTIGATOR CAN  
UNDERTAKE**

*In a decision that will go a long way in boosting the clinical trial industry in the country, the Union health ministry has removed the restriction on the number of clinical trials an investigator can undertake at a time. At present, no investigator should conduct more than three trials at any given period of time. Removing the restriction, the ministry has now empowered the ethics committee to take a final call on the number of clinical trials an investigator can do at any given time after examining the risk and complexity involved in the trials. [Read More](#)*

### 4. Common Sense alone not enough in Patent law, U.S. court finds

**ARENDI HAS CLAIMED A  
NUMBER OF COMPANIES,  
INCLUDING APPLE,  
GOOGLE AND SAMSUNG  
ELECTRONICS CO., USED  
THE TECHNOLOGY  
WITHOUT PERMISSION**

*Judges can't rely on common sense alone when analyzing the validity of a patent, an appeals court ruled Wednesday in a loss for Apple Inc. and Alphabet Inc.'s Google.*

*A U.S. Patent and Trademark Office review board was wrong to use only "common knowledge and common sense" -- without more to back it up -- to invalidate a patent closely held Arendi S.A.R.L. had asserted against the tech companies, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit ruled. That rationale "cannot be used as a wholesale substitute for reasoned analysis and evidentiary support," the Federal Circuit ruled, reversing the invalidity decision. Patent law is notoriously complicated, where judges have to parse through wording and obscure research papers to figure out what a skilled artisan would know that a member of the general public would not. [Read more](#)*

## 5. Electronic trademark infringement portal launched in Dubai

**APPLICANTS WILL BE ABLE TO FILE A COMPLAINT AND GET THE CASE FILE OPENED ELECTRONICALLY WITHIN 10 MINUTES FROM ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD**

*Allegedly, the Commercial Compliance & Consumer Protection (CCCP) sector in the Department of Economic Development (DED) in Dubai has launched a first of its kind electronic intellectual property gateway in the region.*

*According to the Department of Economic Development (DED), the gateway will enable users to file and receive complaints on trademark infringement through the DED's website.*

*The gateway, launched by the Commercial Compliance & Consumer Protection (CCCP) sector in the DED, automates all procedures relating to infringement issues and seeks to protect the rights of trademark owners and enable businesses to grow sustainably as part of achieving Dubai's overall economic development strategy and reinforcing trust between the public and private sectors. [Read more](#)*

## 6. IPO publishes statement on the effect of Brexit on UK intellectual property law

**UK REMAINS A MEMBER STATE OF THE EU UNTIL NEGOTIATIONS TO EXIT THE UNION ARE CONCLUDED**

*The Intellectual Property Office in the UK ("IPO") has issued a statement titled "IP and BREXIT: The facts". There has been speculation on the future of many intellectual property laws following the recent UK referendum decision to leave the European Union. This statement considers the impact that Brexit could have on intellectual property rights and provides factual information on the international IP agreements that UK individuals and businesses can utilise in the future. [Read more](#)*

## 7. IICT's breakthrough in cancer treatment

**THERE WAS NO RELAPSE  
OF CANCER FOR MORE  
THAN 200 DAYS,  
WHICH HAS PROMPTED  
SCIENTISTS TO GO IN  
FOR A PATENT**

*A team of Indian scientists from the Indian Institute of Chemical Technology (IICT) claim an important breakthrough by finding a way to persuade the body's immune system to attack tumours and eliminate side effects. The Biomaterials Group of IICT has been working in design and development of nanoparticle-based drug delivery systems for targeted cancer therapy. Arabinda Chaudhuri, chief scientist, Biomaterials Group, IICT said, "Using a combination of targeted chemotherapy and direct in vivo targeting of DNA vaccines to dendritic cells has given positive results in eradicating established skin cancer, liver tumour and colon cancer in mice." [Read more](#)*

## 8. India climbs 15 spots in Global Innovation Index, maintains top rank in Central and South Asia

**INDIA RANKED SECOND  
ON INNOVATION  
QUALITY AMONG  
MIDDLE-INCOME  
ECONOMIES, OVERTAK-  
ING BRAZIL THIS YEAR**

*India climbed 15 spots, from 81 last year to 66 this year, on the Global Innovation Index and maintained the top spot in the Central and South Asia regions, according to the rankings released on Monday by Cornell University, INSEAD and WIPO. Switzerland, Sweden, U.K and the U.S. led the index in 2016. This year, China joined the world's 25 most innovative economies, becoming the first middle income country to enter the top 25 of the index in its nine editions of surveying the innovative capacity of over 100 economies. The top 25 countries on the index typically comprises of high-income countries. India scored high on tertiary education and R&D, the quality of its universities and scientific publications, its market sophistication and information and communication technology service exports, where it ranks first in the world, according to the index. [Read more](#)*

## 9. Centre to set up panel on innovation to improve India's global ranking

**FRANCIS GURRY SAID: I WOULD LIKE TO CONGRATULATE INDIA ON HOW IT HAS PRIORITISED INNOVATION IN ITS DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY**

*With India moving up 15 notches in the Global Innovation Index to the 66th position this year, from 81 in 2015, the government has decided to set up a panel on innovation to suggest ways to improve the country's performance further.*

*The upward movement in ranking has come after five consecutive years of fall. The country was ranked 62nd in 2011*

*"We have to improve our performance for next year's ranking, and by doing this enable and facilitate an environment for promoting innovation in this country," Commerce & Industry Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said at the launch of the Global Innovation Index (GII) 2016 in New Delhi on Friday. [Read more](#)*

## 10. Japan looks to protect intellectual property rights for fruits, vegetables abroad

**JAPANESE-DEVELOPED FRUITS AND VEGETABLES ARE KNOWN FOR THEIR HIGH QUALITY AND BRAND POWER**

*The government is preparing to increase protection for intellectual property rights abroad regarding fruits and vegetables developed in Japan, after it was found that seeds and seedlings have been exported illegally and produced without authorization. The Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries Ministry plans to help domestic seed and seedling growers register overseas the varieties they develop in Japan. It has been found that Benihoppe strawberries developed by Shizuoka Prefecture and Shine Muscat grapes developed by a Japanese research institute have been grown and sold in China without the developers' permission. "We are concerned that the grape produced in our prefecture and unauthorized products could compete against each other in export markets," a Shizuoka Prefectural Government official said. [Read more](#)*

## 11. Bizmen get tips on intellectual property rights

**THERE IS URGENT NEED  
TO DEVELOP NEW  
DESIGNS AND PROTECT  
THEM UNDER THE IPR  
FOR BETTERMENT OF  
INDUSTRY**

LUDHIANA: Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Development Institute (MSME-DI) in association with Chamber of Industrial & Commercial Undertakings (CICU) and Punjab State Agriculture Implements Manufacturers Association (PSAIMA) organized an awareness programme on IPR for MSME industry at CICU Complex, Focal Point. The main objective of this programme was to create consciousness about the brands, design, patent and trademark under the IPR. Vijay Kumar, director, MSME-DI said copying of design, product or trademark belonging to someone else is a punishable crime under the IPR Act and therefore the industrialists should use IPR to safeguard themselves against any such event wherein someone else tries to copy their product and hurt their business. [Read more](#)

## 12. E-commerce leads way in trademark registrations abroad

**TOTAL OF 619,412  
BRANDS REGISTERED  
BETWEEN 1995 AND  
2016, OF WHICH 323,595  
APPLICATIONS WERE  
MADE FROM ISTANBUL**

Investment trends of entrepreneurs and SMEs guiding the Turkish economy are rapidly moving toward virtual environment. Turkish Patent Institute's latest data indicate that "e-commerce" led the way in trademark registrations with 159,926 applications. Intellectual property rights managed by decrees since 1995 will have its own law for the first time. Parliament is expected to enact the Intellectual Property Law in October. Accordingly, Destek Patent conducted a study to see the table of Turkey's branding journey from 1995 to 2016. According to Turkish Patent Institute's 18-year "trademark registration" figures, the sector that desired branding the most became advertising and e-commerce during this period with 159,926 applications, followed by electronic devices with 77,358 and inner and outer clothing with 74,066 registrations. [Read more](#)

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## 13. India-US Innovation Forum will aid both countries: Sitharaman

**BILATERAL TRADE HAS CURRENTLY REACHED THE LEVEL OF MORE THAN \$105 BILLION AND THE TWO COUNTRIES HAVE SET THE TARGET OF TAKING IT TO \$500 BILLION**

*The launch of the India US Innovation Forum on the sidelines of the ongoing India-US Strategic Dialogue here is a good beginning in the exchange of ideas and best practices that would help entrepreneurs of both countries, Indian Commerce Minister Nirmla Sitharaman said on Tuesday.*

*"The launch of the India US Innovation Forum in New Delhi yesterday was a good beginning and I am confident that exchange of ideas and best practices on an ongoing basis would help entrepreneurs of the two countries," she said in her opening remarks at the second India-US Strategic and Commercial Dialogue here.*

*"India-US collaboration in strengthening innovation clusters for mutual benefits is a step in the right direction. Both sides should identify some high-growth potential hubs in the two countries and facilitate partnerships in areas of technology, design, among others," she said. [Read more](#)*