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INDIVIDUAL MEMBER

DR. DIVYA RANGENAHALLI

FOUNDER AND CEO OF MEDIA CONNECT

We are delighted to welcome **Dr. Divya Rangenahalli, Founder and CEO of Media Connect, as an esteemed individual member.**

Dr. Divya Rangenahalli is a distinguished entrepreneur, media strategist, and communications leader with extensive expertise in public relations, media management, branding, and stakeholder engagement. Through her leadership at Media Connect and Media Connect Studios, she has successfully collaborated with government departments, corporate organizations, educational institutions, healthcare sectors, and social initiatives, delivering impactful communication strategies and outreach programs.

With a strong track record in public affairs, digital media, event management, CSR communications, and strategic consulting, Dr. Divya has played a pivotal role in shaping influential campaigns and fostering meaningful collaborations. Her contributions to the communications industry have earned her numerous national and international accolades for excellence in entrepreneurship, public relations, and leadership.

We are pleased to welcome Dr. Divya Rangenahalli to the BRICS CCI community and look forward to her valuable insights, leadership, and contributions in advancing communication excellence, innovation, and sustainable growth across the BRICS ecosystem.

INDIVIDUAL MEMBER

MR. GAGAN GANDHI

FOUNDER & CEO OF DIGITOS TECHNOLOGIES PVT. LTD.

We are delighted to welcome **Mr. Gagan Gandhi, Founder & CEO of Digitos Technologies Pvt. Ltd., as an esteemed individual member.**

Mr. Gagan Gandhi is a visionary entrepreneur and technology leader with extensive expertise in digital transformation, intelligent infrastructure, AI-powered customer engagement, self-service automation, and smart retail solutions. Through his leadership at Digitos Technologies Pvt. Ltd., he has been instrumental in helping organizations embrace innovative technologies that enhance operational efficiency, customer experience, and business growth.

With a strong commitment to advancing India's technology and innovation landscape, Mr. Gandhi actively works towards enabling Indian enterprises to adopt world-class digital solutions and expand their global footprint. His strategic vision focuses on fostering innovation, driving business transformation, and building scalable technology ecosystems that empower organizations to compete effectively in international markets.

As the Founder & CEO of Digitos Technologies, Mr. Gandhi aspires to build a globally respected Indian technology company that showcases Indian innovation, capability, and enterprise on the world stage.

We are pleased to welcome Mr. Gagan Gandhi to the BRICS CCI community and look forward to his valuable insights, leadership, and contributions in promoting technological advancement, international collaboration, and sustainable economic growth across the BRICS ecosystem.

CORPORATE MEMBER

REITZ INDIA LIMITED

We are delighted to welcome **Reitz India Limited, as an esteemed Corporate Member.**

Mr. Rao leads Reitz India Limited, a leading manufacturer of high-performance industrial fans and air movement solutions. With extensive experience in engineering and industrial manufacturing, he has played a pivotal role in strengthening the company's technological capabilities, expanding its global footprint, and driving innovation across critical industrial sectors.

Under his leadership, Reitz India has emerged as one of India's premier industrial fan manufacturers through its Indo-German collaboration with Konrad Reitz Ventilatoren GmbH, Germany. With over 28 years of expertise, the company has supplied more than 50,000 industrial fans to customers across India, Europe, the Middle East, Southeast Asia, the USA, Australia, and Africa. Renowned for its energy-efficient, customized solutions, Reitz India serves industries including oil & gas, steel, cement, power, and other process sectors with world-class engineering and manufacturing excellence.

We are pleased to welcome Mr. Kotagiri Prasad Rao to the BRICS CCI community and look forward to his valuable insights, leadership, and contributions in advancing industrial collaboration, innovation, and sustainable growth across the BRICS ecosystem.

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14TH FOUNDATION DAY CELEBRATION

The **BRICS Chamber of Commerce & Industry (BRICS CCI) celebrated its 14th Foundation Day on 22 July 2026 in New Delhi**, commemorating fourteen years of promoting international trade, investment, innovation, entrepreneurship, and strategic cooperation across BRICS and BRICS+ nations. The celebration was graced by **Shri Rana Gurmit Singh Sodhi as the Chief Guest and Smt. Meenakshi Lekhi as the Guest of Honour**, alongside **ambassadors, diplomats, senior government officials, policymakers, industry leaders, entrepreneurs, and institutional partners from across the BRICS community.**

A key highlight of the evening was the launch of the book Foundation of a Multipolar World, authored by Dr. BBL Madhukar and Dr. Sreekutty Mohandas, presenting a vision for a more inclusive and balanced global order. The event also featured the presentation of BRICS CCI Annual Awards recognising excellence in trade, innovation, entrepreneurship, and international cooperation, followed by vibrant cultural performances celebrating the rich diversity of BRICS and BRICS+ nations. The celebration reaffirmed BRICS CCI’s commitment to fostering global partnerships, inclusive growth, and sustainable development.

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WEBINAR : HONG KONG YOUR GATEWAY TO GLOBAL OPPORTUNITIES

The **BRICS Chamber of Commerce & Industry (BRICS CCI)**, in collaboration with Invest Hong Kong (InvestHK), successfully organised an exclusive webinar titled “**Hong Kong: Your Gateway to Global Opportunities” on 28 July 2026**. The session brought together industry leaders, entrepreneurs, and business professionals to explore Hong Kong’s strategic role as a global gateway for Indian businesses seeking international expansion.

The webinar provided participants with valuable insights into **Hong Kong’s dynamic business ecosystem**, its world-class infrastructure, investor-friendly policies, and its position as a preferred destination for companies looking to access global markets. Experts from InvestHK highlighted sector-specific opportunities across key industries and explained the wide range of complimentary market-entry support services available to businesses planning to establish or expand their presence in Hong Kong.

An engaging live Q&A session enabled participants to interact directly with the speakers, seek guidance on international business expansion, and gain clarity on investment procedures and market opportunities. The webinar **reaffirmed BRICS CCI’s commitment to fostering cross-border trade,** strengthening international business collaborations, and equipping Indian enterprises with the knowledge and resources required to successfully expand into global markets through strategic partnerships with leading international organisations like InvestHK.

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Strengthening Strategic Collaboration for Infrastructure & Energy: BRICS CCI Leadership Meets Shri Manohar Lal Khattar, Hon'ble Union Minister of Housing & Urban Affairs and Power, Government of India

The leadership of BRICS Chamber of Commerce & Industry (BRICS CCI) had a productive meeting with Shri Manohar Lal Khattar, Hon’ble Union Minister of Housing & Urban Affairs and Power, Government of India.
The discussions focused on strengthening collaboration in the areas of infrastructure, urban development, energy, and sustainable growth, while exploring avenues for greater engagement between government and industry to drive India’s development priorities.

BRICS CCI remains committed to fostering meaningful partnerships that contribute to nation-building and sustainable economic progress.

Advancing India's BRICS Engagement: BRICS CCI Leadership Meets Shri Sudhakar Dalela, BRICS Sherpa, and Shri Shambhu L. Hakki, BRICS Sous Sherpa, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India

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The discussions focused on enhancing institutional collaboration, strengthening India’s engagement within the BRICS framework, and exploring new opportunities to promote trade, innovation, entrepreneurship, academia, and people-to-people cooperation across the BRICS nations.
Together, we continue to build stronger partnerships for a more connected and prosperous BRICS ecosystem.

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Strengthening India's Development Vision: BRICS CCI Leadership Meets Shri Rao Inderjit Singh, Minister of Planning, Minister of Statistics & Programme Implementation, and Minister of State for Culture, Government of India

Shri Sameep Shastri, Chairman, BRICS Chamber of Commerce & Industry, and Ms. Shabana Nasim, Vice Chairperson, BRICS CCI, had a productive meeting with Shri Rao Inderjit Singh, Hon'ble Minister of Planning, Hon'ble Minister of Statistics & Programme Implementation, and Hon'ble Minister of State for Culture, Government of India. The interaction focused on fostering stronger collaboration between government and industry, advancing sustainable development, promoting innovation-led growth, and creating new opportunities that contribute to India's vision of inclusive economic progress. BRICS CCI remains committed to supporting policy dialogue, strengthening public-private partnerships, and facilitating meaningful engagements that drive national development and international cooperation.

Shri Sameep Shastri, Chairman, BRICS CCI Delivered the Chief Guest Address at the India – Russia: UAS Innovation and Competence Markets as the Cornerstone of Technological Leadership

Shri Sameep Shastri, Chairman, BRICS Chamber of Commerce & Industry, delivered the Chief Guest Address at the India–Russia: UAS Innovation and Competence Markets as the Cornerstone of Technological Leadership conference. The event brought together policymakers, industry leaders, academia, and technology experts from India and Russia to deliberate on the future of Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS), localization, skill development, innovation, and cross-border technological cooperation. in his address, Shri Sameep Shastri highlighted the importance of international partnerships, emerging technologies, and collaborative innovation in building resilient ecosystems that contribute to sustainable economic growth and technological leadership. BRICS CCI continues to facilitate strategic dialogue and global partnerships that strengthen innovation, industry, and economic cooperation among nations.

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Strengthening India's Energy Vision: Shri Sameep Shastri, Chairman, BRICS CCI Meets Shri Arun Kumar Singh, Chairman & CEO, ONGC, to Discuss Strategic Collaboration

Shri Sameep Shastri, Chairman, BRICS Chamber of Commerce & Industry, had a productive meeting with Shri Arun Kumar Singh, Chairman & CEO, ONGC. The interaction focused on strengthening collaboration between industry and public sector enterprises, exploring opportunities for innovation, sustainable energy development, and fostering partnerships that contribute to India's long-term economic growth and energy security. As one of India's leading energy institutions, ONGC plays a pivotal role in driving the nation's energy ambitions. BRICS CCI remains committed to facilitating meaningful dialogue with key stakeholders to promote investment, innovation, and strategic cooperation across critical sectors of the economy. Together, such engagements reinforce a shared vision of sustainable development, industrial excellence, and a globally competitive India.

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MS. PRITI GOEL

Founder & CEO of Prisha Wealth Management Private Limited, a SEBI Registered Investment Adviser (INA000019202); and Partner & CEO of Avinav Consulting; and Author – Dhanaisha, Cherished Wealth

DEAR WOMEN INVESTORS: THE MYTHS I BELIEVED BEFORE I LEARNT TO CREATE WEALTH

My investment journey didn't begin with buying a stock or a mutual fund. It began the day I questioned a belief I had carried for nearly two decades, that a successful career alone could secure my financial future. Looking back, it wasn't the markets that transformed me; it was the questions I began asking myself about money, independence and the life I wanted to build.

By Priti Goel

Women are often taught the value of saving. Far fewer are encouraged to think of themselves as wealth creators.

I was no different.

For nearly two and half decades of my corporate life, I believed that if I worked hard, stayed relevant and kept growing professionally, there would always be a salary credited to my account every month. Every promotion reinforced my belief that financial security would naturally follow.

Looking back, I realise that wasn't financial confidence.

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It was dependence on a single source of income.

Like many women, I devoted myself to building a successful career. My investments remained simple and familiar, primarily fixed deposits and traditional savings avenues, not because I lacked financial knowledge, but because they demanded very little of my already stretched time.
I wasn't making a mistake.
I was simply investing for the woman I was then.
The first crack in that belief appeared during the COVID-19 lockdown in March 2020.
Like countless working women, I was balancing clients, leading large teams, navigating business challenges and managing a household that suddenly demanded far more than ever before. The boundaries between work and home disappeared, and the days felt endless.
Somewhere in that relentless routine, a quiet thought kept returning:

If I could work this hard to build my career, why wasn't I putting the same effort into building my own wealth?
That single question changed everything.
For the first time, I stopped looking at investing as a financial activity. I began looking at it as a way of creating financial independence beyond my monthly salary.
A few years later, when I chose to leave a rewarding corporate career to build Prisha Wealth, that belief was tested. The salary I had always relied upon disappeared. What remained was something far more valuable, the confidence that thoughtfully created wealth can become a source of resilience, freedom and choice.

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Leaving my corporate career was both liberating and unsettling. For almost a year, I had to redefine what financial security meant without the comfort of a recurring salary. Yet, as I slowly began rebuilding my wealth from the ground up, I discovered something unexpected. Every small milestone brought a sense of confidence that no monthly pay cheque had ever given me. I had time to think, the freedom to choose, and the conviction to build patiently. That experience taught me that true wealth isn't just about replacing an income, it is about creating the confidence to shape your own future.

Careers build income. Wealth builds choices.

Looking back, I realise my relationship with money evolved not because markets changed, but because the questions I asked myself changed.

Myth 1: Saving is Enough

For years, my priority was protecting what I had earned.
Gradually, I realised that while saving protects today's money, investing creates tomorrow's possibilities.
The shift was surprisingly simple:

- I stopped asking, "Where is my money safest?"
- I started asking, "What kind of life do I want my money to create?"
- My investments evolved with my life, responsibilities and aspirations

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Myth 2: I Need to Know Everything Before I Begin

One of the most common things I hear from women is, "I don't know enough about investing."
I smile every time I hear it because I recognise my younger self.
Confidence didn't arrive before investing.
It arrived because I started.
If someone asked me today where to begin, my answer would be simple:

- Start with your goals, not products
- Invest an amount that lets you sleep peacefully
- Learn continuously
- Review your portfolio periodically
- Allow your portfolio to grow with your confidence

Progress matters far more than perfection.

Myth 3: Risk Should Always Be Avoided

For years, I equated safety with avoiding risk.
Experience taught me that the greater risk is allowing inflation, inertia and missed opportunities to quietly shape our financial future.
As my portfolio diversified across asset classes and geographies, something unexpected happened.
I became a calmer investor.

Dhanaisha Insight: A diversified portfolio doesn't just reduce financial risk; it reduces emotional risk

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Myth 4: Wealth Is About Returns

Like every investor, I still come across opportunities that appear attractive in the short term.
The difference today is that experience has taught me to pause before I act.
Age has also changed my definition of wealth.
Today, the questions I ask are different.

- Will I remain financially independent?
- Will my investments support the lifestyle I value?
- Will I be prepared for rising healthcare costs?
- Will my wealth give me choices instead of compromises?

Those questions influence my investment decisions far more than short-term market movements ever do.

Myth 5: Financial Success Is Measured by Income

Perhaps the biggest lesson of my journey is this:
A successful career and a successful financial life are not the same thing.
One gives us income.
The other gives us independence.
If I could go back twenty years, I wouldn't tell my younger self to earn more.
I would simply remind her to:

- Start earlier
- Stay curious
- Ask better questions
- Give her investments the same commitment she gave her career
- Remember that wealth is built patiently, not perfectly

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My Final Reflection

In my experience, women have never lacked the ability to create wealth. What many have lacked is the time, confidence or opportunity to make themselves a financial priority.
If my journey has taught me anything, it is this:
The first investment we make is not in a stock, a mutual fund or any financial product.
It is in believing that our own future deserves the same care, commitment and attention that we so willingly give to everyone else.
Everything else follows from that one decision.
Because true wealth is not measured by the size of our portfolio, but by the choices it allows us to make.
It is measured by the freedom to live life with confidence, dignity and independence.

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MR. RAHUL BAGGA

Founder - Aumirah
Member, BRICS CCI

PSYCHEDELIC DRUG PATENTS: INNOVATION OR EXPLOITATION?

The global resurgence of psychedelicbased therapies for mentalhealth conditions has intensified debate on whether inventions derived from naturally occurring substances deserve patent protection. Indian law, through Section 3(c) and Section 3(i) of the Patents Act, 1970, draws clear boundaries around natural discoveries and medicaltreatment claims. Yet recent grants in India and abroad show that when these compounds are transformed into inventive compositions, synthetic forms or structured pharmaceutical products, they can meet the standards of novelty and inventive step. The current legal environment encourages genuine innovation while ensuring that nature and traditional knowledge remain outside proprietary control.

Patentability Framework

India's patent regime does not permit protection for naturally occurring psilocybin, ibogaine or other psychedelic compounds in their original forms. Extraction, purification or preparation techniques that merely identify or isolate what already exists in nature remain unpatentable. However, the law does recognise inventive pharmaceutical developments. Novel polymorphs, structurally distinct analogues, salt forms, combination formulations and innovative manufacturing processes can be patented if they exhibit technical improvement and satisfy novelty and inventive step requirements.

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The United States and Europe take similar positions. Natural molecules alone are not patentable, but synthetic variations, crystallized forms and defined compositions are protectable when they deliver demonstrable technical benefits. India aligns with this doctrine while adding the unique safeguards of Section 3(c) and Section 3(i).

Recent Trends

Two major developments illustrate evolving thinking around psychedelicrelated patents. Firstly, Clearmind Medicine has built patent families in India, Europe and the United States for engineered psychedelicbased formulations. These include MEAI combinations for cocaine addiction and proprietary alcoholsubstitute compositions.

These grants were possible because the inventions involved structured compositions with technical properties beyond mere natural extraction.

Another, COMPASS Pathways secured patent protection in the United States for a crystalline psilocybin polymorph known as COMP360. The US Patent Trial and Appeal Board upheld the patent on the ground that the polymorph shows unique structural characteristics not found in nature, demonstrating a clear inventive step. This reinforces that defined solid forms and synthetic variants of psychedelic compounds can be protected globally, including in India.

These trends show that global patent authorities remain receptive to patents for psychedelicbased pharmaceutical innovations, provided the inventions extend beyond the natural state of the substance.

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Important Arguments in the Patent Debate

A central debate concerns the dividing line between discovery and invention. Innovators argue that synthetic polymorphs, engineered analogues and structured formulations require substantial scientific development and represent true invention deserving of protection. These advancements enable clinical trials, largescale manufacturing and regulatory approvals, all of which require significant investment.

Opponents raise concerns about monopolisation of traditional knowledge and the risk of evergreening natural substances. They emphasise that indigenous communities have used psychedelic plants for centuries and claim that patents should only be granted for unmistakably nonnatural technical advances.

The Patent office increasingly evaluate claims based on scientific data. Applicants who provide crystallographic signatures, stability improvements, controlled impurity profiles or manufacturing advantages are more likely to succeed. Vague claims without evidence are vulnerable to rejection under Section 3(c).

Takeaways

- **Patentability requires humanmade innovation:** Natural psychedelics remain unpatentable in India. Protectable subject matter arises only when applicants demonstrate structural transformation or a nonnatural technical form such as a polymorph, salt or synthetic analogue.

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- **Strong scientific evidence is decisive:** Databacked claims containing characterization details, comparative stability or improved performance stand the best chance under Section 3(c). Assertions without technical substantiation face rejection.
- **Claims must follow an Indiaaligned strategy:** Drafting must avoid medicaltreatment claims under Section 3(i). Product and process claim with precise structural or compositional features remain the most reliable approach.
- **Traditional knowledge must be factored in:** Psychedelic plants have deep historical use. Applicants need to ensure their claims do not overlap with traditional knowledge and may need to distinguish their inventions from material available in public or TKDL sources.
- **Opposition risks require proactive planning:** Psychedelic patents often face pregrant and postgrant challenges. A robust technical narrative demonstrating novelty and inventive step is essential for longterm defensibility.
- **Ethical positioning strengthens credibility:** The cultural significance of psychedelics makes responsible sourcing and transparent development strategies essential for addressing concerns of exploitation.

India’s approach to psychedelic patenting strikes a balanced middle path by protecting nature and traditional knowledge while still rewarding genuine pharmaceutical innovation. Naturally occurring psychedelics remain outside patentable subject matter, but structurally transformed, synthetic or technically enhanced forms can secure protection when supported by strong scientific evidence. As global trends show growing acceptance of such innovations, India’s framework enables responsible advancement in psychedelic-based therapies while ensuring that patents are granted only for true inventive contributions rather than mere discoveries.

LAW DIGEST

Jubilant FoodWorks gets GST demand notice for Rs 46.9 crore

New Delhi: Jubilant FoodWorks Ltd (JFL), India's leading quick-service restaurant chain operator has received a GST demand notice for Rs 46.9 crore, according to a regulatory filing by the company.

Source

Jio Platforms replaces CEO Kiran Thomas with Pankaj Pawar ahead of IPO

Jio Platforms has replaced Kiran Thomas as chief executive officer with Pankaj Pawar ahead of its planned initial public offering, according to the company's draft IPO papers.

Source

LAW DIGEST

Daiki Axis setting up 3rd plant in India, bets big on sustainable water treatment sector

New Delhi: Japan-based water treatment solutions provider Daiki Axis will invest about Rs 200 crore to set up its third manufacturing facility in India at Tumakuru, Karnataka, seeking to tap the country's growing demand for sustainable wastewater treatment and water recycling solutions.

Source

Q1 results 2026: Infosys to IndiGo among companies to declare Q1 results today; full list here

Q1 results 2026: Around 60 companies are scheduled to release their financial results for the quarter ending on 30 June 2026 (Q1 results 2026) on Thursday, 23 July, amid ongoing earnings season

Source

LAW DIGEST

TVS Motor Company Q1: Revenue surges 38% YoY to a record ₹13,896 crore, PAT jumps 51%; stock soars 6%

TVS Motor Company, one of India's leading two and three-wheeler manufacturers, on Tuesday, July 21, reported its financial results for the quarter ended June 30, 2026 (Q1 FY27).

Source

GCPL infuses Rs 200-cr in Godrej Pet Care via right issue

Godrej Conusmer Products (GCPL) announced that it has invested Rs 200 crore in its wholly owned subsidiary, Godrej Pet Care, through a rights issue to support the subsidiary's business operations, growth initiatives and capital requirements.

Source

LAW DIGEST

HCLTech likely to build its first India data centre in Odisha's Bhubaneswar

Leading IT services company HCL Technologies Ltd (HCLTech) has proposed to establish an artificial intelligence (AI)-optimised data centre along with a global development centre (GDC) in Bhubaneswar with an investment of around ₹730 crore.

Source

Rupee rises 5 paise to 96.48 against US dollar on likely RBI intervention

The rupee rose 5 paise to 96.48 against the US dollar in early trade on Thursday on possible intervention by the Reserve Bank even as heightened tensions in West Asia maintained pressure on global crude oil prices.

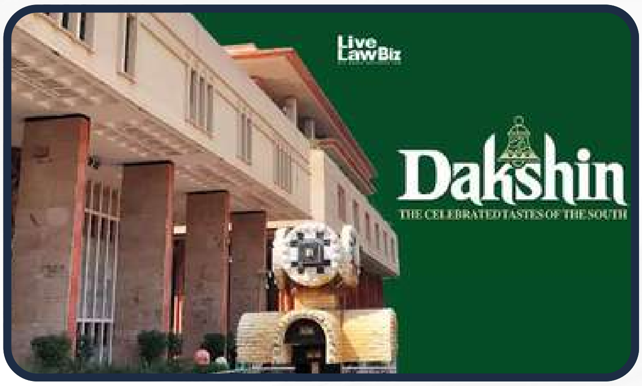
Source

LAW DIGEST

India's silver imports slump as licensing curbs disrupt shipments

Most banks have yet to secure the permits needed to import the white metal and remain awaiting government approval, according to people familiar with the matter, who asked not to be identified because they are not authorised to speak to the media. Only a handful have obtained licenses, they said.

Source



Delhi High Court Refuses ITC Bid To Stop Adyar Gate Hotels' Use Of 'Dakshin' Mark

The Delhi High Court has refused to restrain Adyar Gate Hotels Limited from using the "DAKSHIN" trademark for its standalone Chennai restaurant.
It held that ITC Limited's trademark infringement claim was not maintainable. The court also found that ITC had failed to establish a prima facie case for passing off or copyright infringement

Source

LAW DIGEST

Phantom Studios drags JioStar to HC over Kangana-starrer 'Queen 2', says it didn't consent to sequel

Days after actor Kangana Ranaut announced that she had wrapped shooting for the 'sequel' to her 2014 box office hit "Queen", Phantom Studios has moved the Bombay High Court alleging that it is being made without its consent.
JioStar India Private Limited, the respondent, claimed on Tuesday that the upcoming film was an independent production and not a sequel.

Source

Bombay High Court Orders Removal Of Preity Zinta Deepfake Videos, Directs Meta, Google to Act

Granting interim relief to Bollywood actor Preity Zinta, the Bombay High Court has directed Meta, Google LLC, social media platforms, websites and other intermediaries to remove specified AI-generated deepfake videos and manipulated digital content that allegedly violate her personality, publicity and copyright rights.

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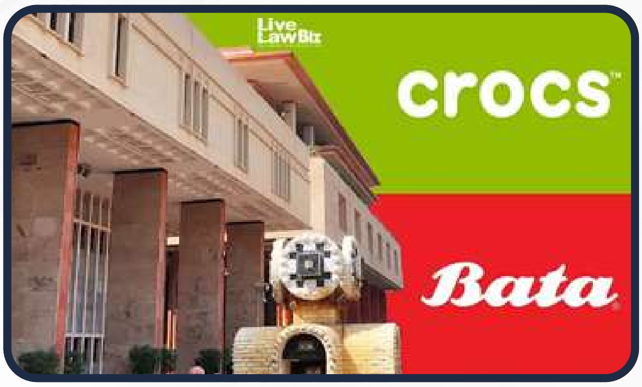

Delhi High Court Orders Crocs To Pay ₹24.63 Lakh Costs To Bata After Design Registration Was Cancelled

The Delhi High Court on Wednesday directed Crocs Inc. USA to pay ₹24.63 lakh in litigation costs to Bata India Ltd. after a design infringement suit filed by the footwear company was rendered unsustainable following the cancellation of its registered design for lack of novelty.

Source

Trademark Registrar Can Be Court Subordinate To HC For Rectification Proceedings Transfers: Bombay High Court

The Bombay High Court has recently held that the Registrar of Trademarks can be regarded as a court subordinate to the High Court for the purpose of transferring pending trademark rectification proceedings.

Source

LAW DIGEST

'Ghostbuster' row: Trademark need not be formally declared well-known to get cross-class protection, says Delhi HC

The Delhi High Court, in the case of Columbia Pictures Industries Inc. v. Registrar of Trademarks & Anr., has delivered a significant ruling clarifying that a trademark need not be formally declared 'well-known' to avail cross-class protection during opposition proceedings.

Source

CDSCO Examines Risks of Brand Name Extensions Across Different Drug Formulations

On 6 July 2026, the Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO) invited feedback and suggestions from stakeholders on the use of brand name extensions by pharmaceutical firms, signalling the regulator's intent to examine concerns surrounding the practice and its potential implications for patient safety and the rational use of medicines.

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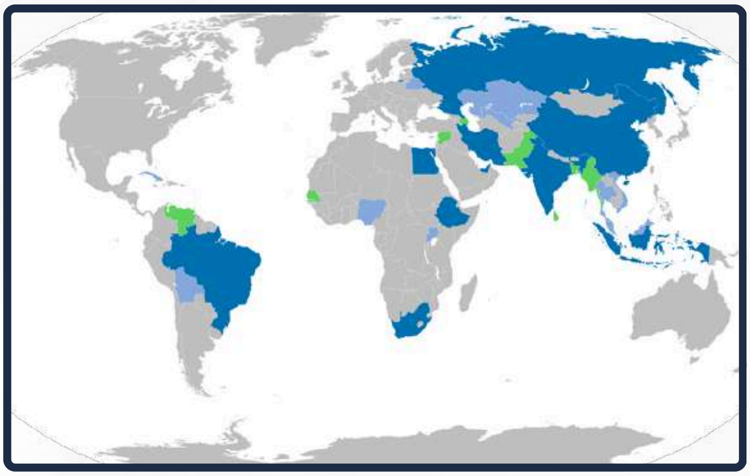

BRICS Now an 11-Member Bloc with 10 Partners

BRICS comprises 11 full members and 10 formal partner countries following Vietnam's accession; under India's chairship, the bloc is piloting a cross-border local-currency payment framework rather than a single BRICS currency.

Source

NDB Prices Inaugural Lotus Bond in Macao

The New Development Bank priced its first $50 million "Lotus Bond" in Macao, expanding BRICS local-currency capital market instruments and deepening the bank's regional funding base.

Source

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NDB Approves $1B Lifeline for South Africa's Cities

The BRICS-founded New Development Bank approved a $1 billion financing package to support struggling municipal infrastructure and services across South African cities.

Source

India Concludes 3rd BRICS Transport Ministers' Meeting

India hosted the 3rd BRICS Transport Ministers' Meeting under its 2026 Chairship, concluding with a Ministerial Declaration on sustainable transport, decarbonisation, aviation fuel, and urban mobility, chaired by Nitin Gadkari.

Source

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India Hosts BRICS Anti-Drug and Women's Empowerment Meetings

India hosted two BRICS meetings under its 2026 chairmanship: the Heads of Anti-Drug Agencies Meeting in Guwahati addressing synthetic drugs and darknet trafficking, alongside talks on advancing women's empowerment.

Source

Roscosmos-ISRO Space Station Talks

Russia's Roscosmos held discussions with India's ISRO on space station development, reflecting deepening India-Russia cooperation within the BRICS bilateral track.

Source

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India's One Million Volunteer Hours for BRICS 2026

Indian youth are contributing One Million Hours of Volunteer Service under India's BRICS Chairship, tied to themes of digital public infrastructure, fintech, and inclusive growth.

Source

Modi: India to Prioritise Global South in BRICS Energy Agenda

PM Modi stated India would prioritize Global South interests in BRICS's 2026 energy agenda, emphasizing equitable access to energy resources and technology.

Source

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Coal Ministry Holds BRICS Event on Coal Gasification

India's Coal Ministry hosted a BRICS-focused session on coal gasification technology, exploring cooperation on cleaner coal-processing methods among member states.

Source

UNIDO Report on BRICS+ Digital Manufacturing Readiness

A UNIDO report examined BRICS+ nations' digital readiness for manufacturing, assessing how far member economies have progressed toward digitized industrial production.

Source

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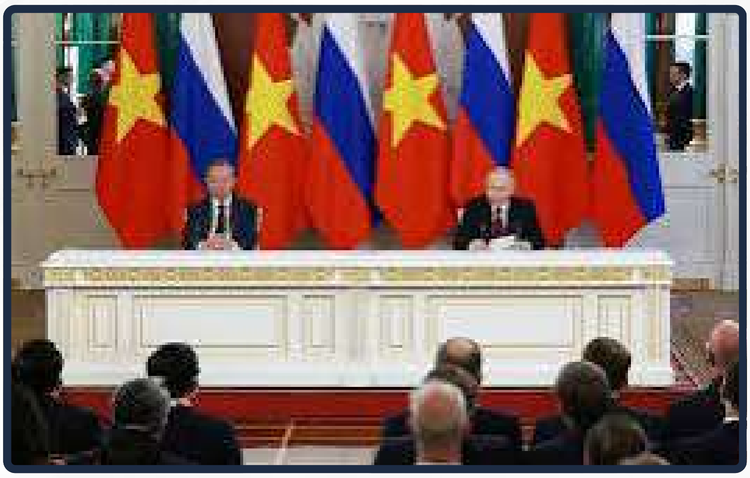

Nuclear Power Ambitions: Russia, China, Southeast Asia

A report detailed expanding nuclear power ambitions among Russia, China, and Southeast Asian nations, highlighting BRICS-linked cooperation on civilian nuclear energy projects.

Source

BRICS Nations Unite to Strengthen Transport and Logistics Cooperation

BRICS member nations agreed to strengthen joint cooperation on transport and logistics networks, aiming to improve connectivity and trade corridors across the bloc.

Source

RESEARCH SPOTLIGHT

Celebrating Academic Excellence

We are proud to recognize Dr. Moumita Nandy for her remarkable academic achievement. Her research work has been successfully published, reflecting her dedication to scholarly excellence and meaningful contribution to research.
This accomplishment not only highlights her commitment to knowledge and innovation but also serves as an inspiration for young researchers and professionals across our network.

Published Research

1. **Human Sustainability and Workforce Resilience in India (SAHARA Framework for Preventive Public Health under One Health, One Nation Approach)**
This research proposes the SAHARA Framework, an innovative preventive public health model that strengthens workforce resilience and promotes human sustainability. It advocates a proactive approach to workplace well-being by integrating resilience, psychological safety, and sustainable development within the One Health, One Nation vision.

2. **Beyond Lifespan: Human Sustainability as a New Paradigm for Women's Emotional Longevity and Healthy Ageing**
This research introduces a transformative framework for healthy ageing, emphasizing that true longevity extends beyond lifespan to include emotional resilience, purpose, and overall well-being. It presents the concepts of Women's Sustainability and Emotional Longevity, encouraging a holistic and life-course approach to health and ageing.

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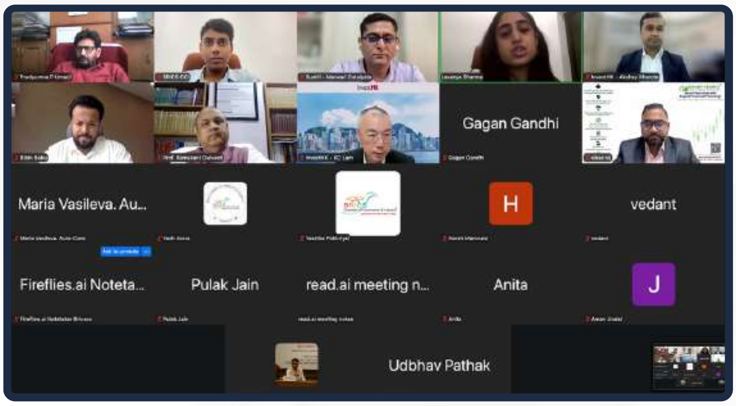
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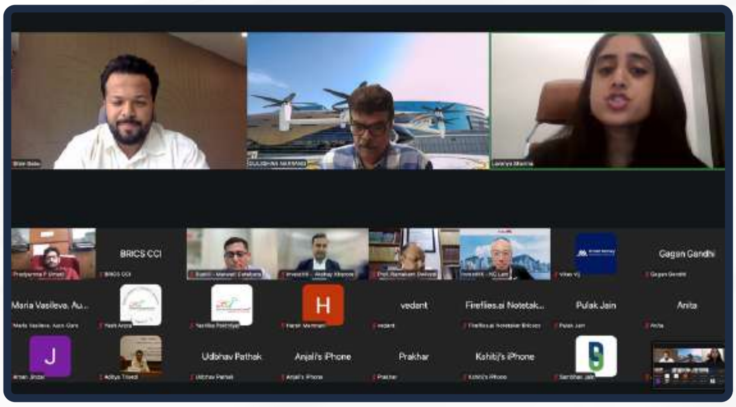
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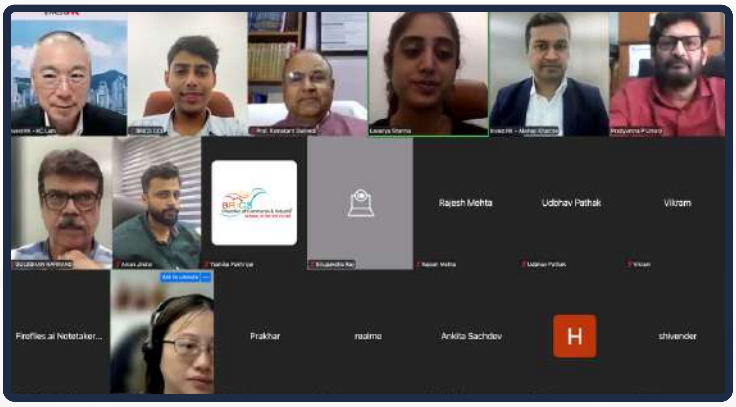
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