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## HEALTHCARE PVT. LTD.

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Giosun Healthcare Pvt. Ltd. is a fast-growing Ayurveda, Herbal, and Nutraceutical formulations company established in 2014, committed to delivering innovative and effective health supplements. Backed by a state-of-the-art R&D and formulation facility, Giosun specializes in developing high-quality, synergistic, and patient-focused products under AYUSH and FSSAI standards.

The company's vision, "Good Health for Life," drives its mission to enhance wellness through scientifically backed Ayurvedic products. Giosun boasts over 130 proprietary formulations, a robust R&D pipeline, and expansion plans into new product categories such as gummies, soft gels, effervescent tablets, and mouth-dissolving films.

With a debt-free foundation, strong operational efficiency, and growing exports, Giosun Healthcare continues to pioneer modern, sustainable solutions that blend traditional wisdom with scientific innovation



B J Madan & Co., established in 1956, is a family-owned pharmaceutical enterprise with a legacy spanning over seven decades in the healthcare industry. The company has been a trusted partner to multinational healthcare organizations, manufacturing and marketing a diverse portfolio that includes small-volume parenterals, critical care injectables, plasma derivatives, and biomaterials.

In 2005, under the leadership of Mr. Taranjit Singh, the third-generation entrepreneur, B J Madan & Co. entered the field of nuclear medicine, beginning a long-standing collaboration with ABX (Germany). This expansion continued in 2010 with the company's foray into theranostics through a partnership with ITM Isotopen Technologien München AG (Germany).

Today, the company stands at the forefront of diagnostic and therapeutic radiopharmaceuticals, representing several global radiopharma innovators and universities as their exclusive partners in India. Driven by a vision to enhance cancer care and precision medicine, B J Madan & Co. continues to bridge global innovation with India's growing nuclear medicine landscape.

**MR. RISHABH JAIN**

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***OWNER,  
RASRAJ AYURVEDIC PHARMACY***



We are honoured to welcome Mr. Rishabh Jain, representing Rasraj Ayurvedic Pharmacy, as our esteemed Individual Life Member.

Established in 1996, Rasraj Ayurvedic Pharmacy has emerged as one of India's most trusted names in Ayurveda, celebrated for its commitment to authenticity, quality, and holistic wellness. Under Mr. Jain's forward-looking leadership, the brand has grown steadily and now serves over 5 million customers across the country.

The company offers an impressive portfolio of 140+ classical formulations and 70 patented Ayurvedic products, covering categories such as Swarna-Mukta-Yog, Ras, Pak, Avleh, Bhasma, and Pishtee—reflecting a strong blend of traditional wisdom and scientific precision.

In response to the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, Rasraj Ayurvedic Pharmacy introduced a dedicated Wellness Range focused on immunity building, detoxification, and preventive health care, further showcasing Ayurveda's relevance in modern lifestyles. As global interest in natural and holistic wellness rises, the brand continues to uphold its mission of promoting well-being through authentic Ayurvedic principles.

We warmly welcome him to the BRICS CCI community and look forward to his meaningful contributions to holistic health, innovation, and sustainable growth.

## MR. NIMIT AGARWAL

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***DIRECTOR,  
AYUSHRAJ ENTERPRISES PVT. LTD.***



We are honoured to welcome Mr. Nimit Agarwal, Director of Ayushraj Enterprises Private Limited (AYUSHRAJ), as our esteemed Individual Life Member.

Mr. Agarwal holds an MBA in International Business and brings with him extensive experience in the fields of herbal manufacturing, Ayurveda, and Unani medicine. Under his leadership, Ayushraj Enterprises Pvt. Ltd. has emerged as a trusted name in the production of Herbal Extracts, Ayurvedic and Unani Medicines, and operates a commercial drug testing laboratory recognized by NABL and the Ministry of Ayush. The company is a leading third-party manufacturer for several reputed brands and supplies premium-quality extracts to both domestic and international clients.

With a rich portfolio of successfully supplying medicines to various government departments and renowned Indian private sector companies, Ayushraj continues to uphold the principles of quality, authenticity, and innovation in the healthcare and wellness sector.

Mr. Agarwal's entrepreneurial vision and commitment to promoting India's traditional systems of medicine on a global scale align closely with the BRICS CCI's mission of fostering sustainable industry growth and international cooperation.

We are delighted to welcome Mr. Nimit Agarwal to the BRICS CCI community and look forward to his valuable contributions toward advancing collaboration, innovation, and holistic development across sectors.

## MR. AMALENDU SHARMA

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***DIRECTOR,  
UMA AYURVEDIC PVT LTD***



We are honoured to welcome Mr. Amalendu Sharma, Director of Uma Ayurvedics Pvt. Ltd., as our esteemed Individual Life Member.

A third-generation entrepreneur, Mr. Sharma carries forward his family's legacy of leading one of India's oldest manufacturers of classical Ayurvedic formulations. Under his leadership, Uma Ayurvedics has successfully upheld traditional Ayurvedic wisdom while adapting to evolving regulatory and manufacturing standards.

With rich experience across product development, manufacturing, compliance, and global market expansion, Mr. Sharma brings deep expertise in scaling authentic Ayurveda for modern relevance. His strong understanding of quality assurance, best manufacturing practices, and global regulatory frameworks will be a valuable addition to our community.

Known for his commitment to integrity, sustainability, and excellence, Mr. Sharma embodies the balance of heritage and innovation that Ayurveda needs today. His presence in our network will offer meaningful guidance, mentorship, and thought-leadership.

We are delighted to welcome Mr. Amalendu Sharma to the BRICS CCI community and look forward to his active participation and contributions towards growth, collaboration, and sustainable development in the Ayurvedic and wellness ecosystem.

## DR. NAVDEEP SHARMA

***ND CARE NIROGAM PVT LTD AND  
HEALTHCARE AND PANCHKARMA CENTRE***



We are honoured to welcome Dr. Navdeep Sharma, Founder – ND Care Nirogam Pvt. Ltd. & Healthcare and Panchkarma Centre, as our esteemed Individual Life Member.

Dr. Sharma is a globally renowned Ayurvedic practitioner, psychologist, and healer with over 22 years of experience dedicated to holistic wellness and integrative healthcare. A D.Litt. Scholar and Ph.D., he is the visionary behind ND Care Nirogam, one of India's foremost Ayurvedic institutions known for its scientific approach, research-driven treatments, and patient-centric philosophy. Under his leadership, the organization has emerged as a trusted name in Ayurveda, blending traditional wisdom with modern medical insights to deliver transformative health outcomes.

As the Moderator of the PHDCCI Steering Committee, Dr. Sharma actively contributes to advancing healthcare policy and promoting Ayurveda at both national and international platforms. His distinguished presence at the British Parliament and other global forums underscores his commitment to positioning Ayurveda as a credible, evidence-based system of medicine on the world stage. Notably, ND Care Nirogam operates one of India's few NABH-accredited Ayurvedic hospitals, reflecting a deep dedication to quality, ethics, and excellence in patient care. Dr. Sharma's work exemplifies visionary leadership, compassion, and a lifelong pursuit of holistic healing.

We are delighted to welcome Dr. Navdeep Sharma to the BRICS CCI community and look forward to his invaluable contributions towards promoting integrative health and collaborative growth across BRICS nations.

**MR. KARAN BINDRA**

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***FOUNDER & PARTNER,  
KIAA LLP***



We are honoured to welcome Mr. Karan Bindra, Founder & Partner – KIAA LLP, as our esteemed Individual Life Member.

Mr. Karan Bindra began his entrepreneurial journey in 2011, transforming a boutique practice into KIAA LLP, a multi-service law firm known for its innovative and practical legal solutions. With over a decade of experience across civil & commercial litigation, corporate advisory, and arbitration, he has advised leading clients including AirAsia, Malala Fund, the Union of India, and numerous start-ups.

His expertise spans environment, insolvency, debt recovery, IP, aviation, real estate, family, and cryptocurrency laws, strengthened by advanced studies at UC Berkeley and Harvard University. Known for his sharp detail orientation and negotiation skills, he has helped clients avoid significant future disputes.

A strong believer in giving back, he has offered pro bono support to organisations such as the Malala Fund, Sustainable Agriculture Network, Trust Law—Thomson Reuters Foundation, and Asia’s Hope. He has been recognised by IR Global, Global Law Experts, and serves as a Mentor for Delhi Government’s Business Blaster program.

## MR. ADIT RAMESH SETH

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***OWNER,  
K2 HOLIDAYS LLP***



We are honoured to welcome Mr. Adit Ramesh Seth, Owner - K2 Holidays LLP, as our esteemed Individual Life Member.

A visionary entrepreneur and passionate explorer, Mr. Seth has redefined the contours of modern travel through his pioneering venture – K2 Holidays, a leading name in the global travel and tourism industry. Guided by a spirit of innovation and an unwavering commitment to excellence, he has transformed his passion for exploration into a professional journey that continues to inspire countless travelers. With a profound understanding of evolving traveler aspirations, Mr. Seth established K2 Holidays with a clear mission – to create experiences that go beyond destinations, crafting memories that last a lifetime. Under his dynamic leadership, the company has earned a reputation for curating bespoke travel experiences that seamlessly blend comfort, adventure, and cultural discovery. From luxury getaways and offbeat expeditions to immersive international journeys, K2 Holidays has become synonymous with trust, creativity, and excellence in the travel domain.

Throughout his professional journey, Mr. Seth has demonstrated exceptional foresight in identifying emerging trends within the tourism sector. His entrepreneurial acumen and strategic approach have positioned K2 Holidays as a preferred partner for discerning travelers across continents. With a focus on customer satisfaction, sustainable tourism, and innovation in travel design, he continues to elevate the industry standard while inspiring a new generation of travel professionals. A firm believer in lifelong learning and cross-cultural engagement, Mr. Seth's leadership reflects a blend of professionalism, empathy, and a genuine passion for connecting people with the world.

**DR. MOUMITA NANDY**

***FOUNDER & DIRECTOR,  
DR. NANDY'S MIND STUDIO PVT. LTD.***



We are honoured to welcome Dr. Moumita Nandy, Clinical Psychologist; Founder & Director, Haus of Calm, as our esteemed Individual Life Member.

Dr. Nandy has extensive experience in clinical practice, psychoeducation, and advocacy, she has developed inclusive, evidence-based therapeutic frameworks that integrate mindfulness, trauma-informed care, and emotional literacy. Under her leadership, Haus of Calm has evolved into a transformative platform that blends therapy, research, and outreach to promote youth mental health, women's wellbeing, and emotional resilience in workplaces. Her initiatives aim to bridge the gap between traditional wisdom and modern mental healthcare through holistic, community-driven models.

Aligned with the BRICS vision of social equity, health diplomacy, and collaborative innovation, Dr. Nandy advocates for the integration of psychosocial well being into public health systems. Through the BRICS Chamber of Commerce and Industry, she is working to advance the New Integrative Care Model (NICM)—a preventive, holistic, and patient-centric framework that focuses on early intervention, lifestyle medicine, and community health systems. Her contributions center on strengthening preventive healthcare and promoting international cooperation in integrative medicine.

We are delighted to welcome Dr. Moumita Nandy to the BRICS CCI community and look forward to her valuable guidance and contributions towards fostering collaboration, growth, and sustainable development.

**DR. MEGHNA MOUR**

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**CO- FOUNDER,  
M-TRE VENTURES LLP**



We are honoured to welcome Dr. Meghna Mour, Co-founder of M-Tre Ventures LLP, as our esteemed Individual Life Member.

Dr. Mour is a distinguished dermatologist and aesthetic medicine expert with over two decades of experience in skincare, hair restoration, and cosmetic procedures. An MBBS, DDV, and DVD graduate from Nair Hospital, Mumbai, she is regarded as one of the city's most trusted celebrity dermatologists. Her expertise spans advanced treatments including hair transplants, micro-pigmentation, Botox, fillers, thread lifts, and laser therapies.

As Co-founder of M-Tre Ventures LLP, she lends strategic leadership to healthcare and wellness innovation. She is also a certified Injector and Trainer for Galderma Aesthetics and Threads Menarini, having trained numerous doctors across India. Her global training in Europe, Dubai, Korea, Israel, Malaysia, and Australia reflects her commitment to staying at the forefront of aesthetic science.

Dr. Mour further contributes her expertise as an advisory panel member for Ree Labs India, Cipla, Alkem, and Cetaphil (Galderma).

We warmly welcome Dr. Meghna Mour to the BRICS CCI community and look forward to her valuable guidance, mentorship, and contributions to innovation and global excellence

**MR. DEV MOUR**

***DIRECTOR,  
KAILASH MARBLE INDUSTRIES***



We are honoured to welcome Mr. Dev Mour, Director – Kailash Marble Industries Private Limited, as our esteemed Individual Life Member.

Mr. Mour is a dynamic and visionary leader steering Kailash Marble Industries Pvt. Ltd. towards a new era of innovation, design excellence, and global expansion. Upholding the company's rich legacy of craftsmanship, he has infused contemporary thinking and entrepreneurial spirit into the organization, redefining its identity within the modern architectural landscape.

Under his leadership, Kailash Marble Industries continues to blend traditional artistry with modern technology, ensuring the brand remains a trusted name in both domestic and international markets. His commitment to quality, sustainability, and creative innovation has positioned the company as a prominent contributor to India's evolving infrastructure and design ecosystem.

Mr. Mour's forward-looking approach and leadership philosophy embody the spirit of progress, collaboration, and excellence that align seamlessly with the values of the BRICS Chamber of Commerce & Industry (BRICS CCI).

We are delighted to welcome Mr. Dev Mour to the BRICS CCI community and look forward to his valuable insights and contributions towards fostering innovation, sustainable growth, and global partnerships.

## MR. JYOTI SAROOP

***THE UNNATI COOPERATIVE CUM  
MARKETING CUM PROCESSING SOCIETY***



We are honoured to welcome Mr. Jyoti Saroop, Founder of The Unnati Cooperative cum Marketing cum Processing Society, as our esteemed Individual Life Member.

With over 21 years of experience in applying science and technology for community development, Mr. Saroop has been a strong advocate of livelihood generation and grassroots empowerment. His work is driven by a unique blend of traditional knowledge and modern innovation, shaping sustainable and inclusive growth models.

Through The Unnati Cooperative, he has led initiatives that revive India's traditional scientific wisdom and transform it into practical solutions in food, health, and nutraceuticals. His people-centric approach ensures that innovation remains rooted in local realities while aligning with global standards.

Mr. Saroop is also known for his "Middle-Class Papa Management Theory," a practical framework that emphasises resourcefulness, balanced decision-making, and social responsibility. His perspective brings together science, tradition, and community engagement in a meaningful way.

He has collaborated with scientists, entrepreneurs, and rural communities to build scalable models focused on value addition, market linkages, and indigenous innovation—strengthening both economic resilience and cultural heritage.

We warmly welcome Mr. Jyoti Saroop to the BRICS CCI community.

## MR. NITIN GUPTA

***MANAGING DIRECTOR  
VELOCE HERBALS PVT LTD***



We are honoured to welcome Mr. Nitin Gupta, Managing Director of Veloce Herbals Pvt. Ltd., as our esteemed Individual Life Member.

Mr. Nitin Gupta is a committed and forward-thinking professional leading Veloce Herbals, a rapidly growing Ayurvedic and herbal products manufacturing company. Under his guidance, the organization has strengthened its reputation for delivering high-quality, AYUSH-GMP and ISO-certified herbal formulations, ranging from juices and powders to capsules, oils, and personalised private-label solutions. His leadership has been instrumental in expanding the company's footprint across India while upholding strong standards of purity, innovation, and customer trust.

With a focus on integrating traditional Ayurvedic knowledge with modern manufacturing excellence, Mr. Gupta has positioned Veloce Herbals as a dynamic contributor to India's wellness and nutraceutical sector. His strategic vision, commitment to quality, and growth-oriented mindset resonate deeply with the values of the BRICS Chamber of Commerce & Industry (BRICS CCI).

We are delighted to welcome Mr. Nitin Gupta to the BRICS CCI community and look forward to his valuable insights and contributions towards strengthening innovation, sustainable wellness solutions, and global industry collaborations.

**ADV. RAAJAN SONI**

***FOUNDER AND MANAGING  
PARTNER, JURIS KAIROS***



We are honoured to welcome Mr. Raajan Soni, Founder & Managing Partner of Juris Kairos, as our esteemed Individual Life Member of the BRICS Chamber of Commerce & Industry.

Mr. Soni is a distinguished legal professional known for his strategic insight, cross-border expertise, and strong command of corporate law and regulatory compliance. Through Juris Kairos, he has built a boutique advisory practice that delivers business-oriented legal solutions across corporate structuring, M&A, dispute resolution, and compliance management—supporting clients in navigating both domestic and international frameworks.

His leadership is marked by foresight and a deep understanding of global business dynamics, governance, and sustainability—values that closely align with the vision of BRICS CCI. Beyond his professional accomplishments, Mr. Soni is also actively involved in mentorship, thought leadership, and policy dialogue, contributing significantly to India's evolving legal and business landscape.

We warmly welcome Mr. Raajan Soni to the BRICS CCI community and look forward to his valuable expertise in strengthening global cooperation, responsible growth, and sustainable development.

## MS. PARUL MAHAJAN

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**CEO**  
**EMPOWERED SKILL PVT LTD.**



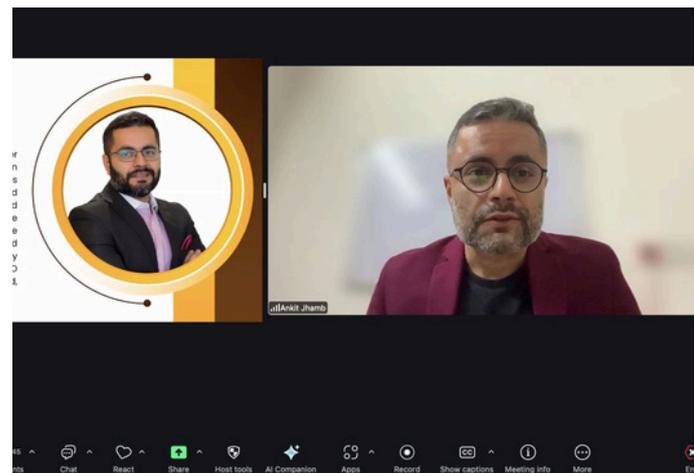
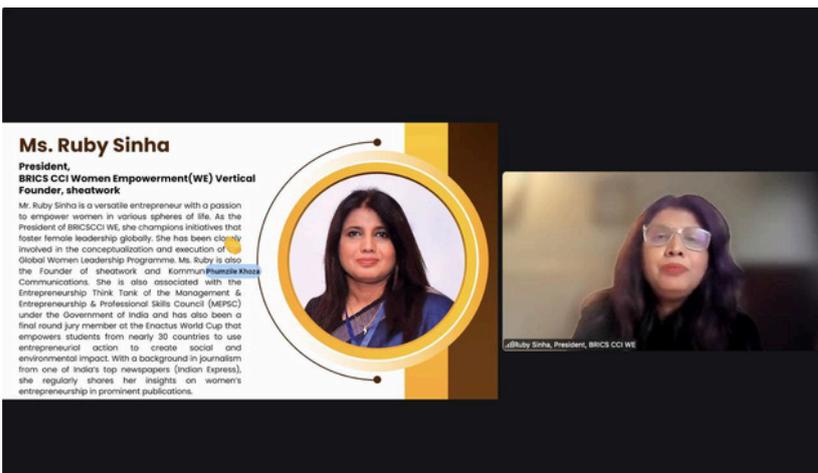
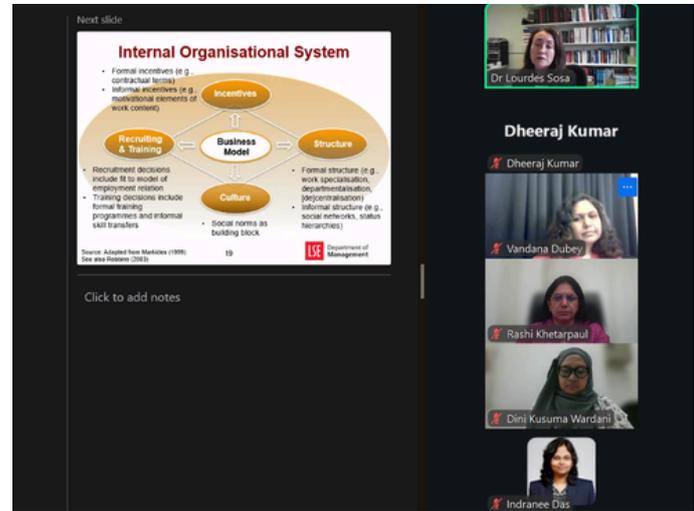
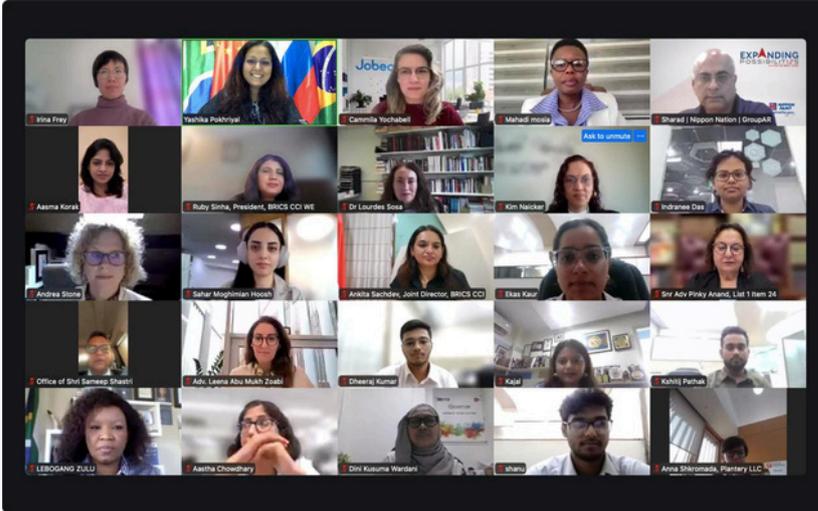
We are honoured to welcome Ms. Parul Mahajan, CEO of Empowered Skills Pvt. Ltd., as our esteemed Individual Life Member.

Ms. Mahajan is a visionary leader dedicated to transforming the skill development landscape in India, particularly in the healthcare and allied sectors. As the CEO of Empowered Skills Pvt. Ltd., she has been instrumental in designing and implementing innovative vocational and upskilling programs that bridge the gap between education and employability. Her organization stands at the forefront of creating a skilled workforce equipped to meet both domestic and global healthcare demands.

With a strong focus on sustainable talent development, Ms. Mahajan has forged impactful partnerships with industry leaders, academic institutions, and government bodies to ensure inclusive and quality-driven training opportunities. Her initiatives have not only enhanced workforce readiness but have also opened pathways for global employment, contributing to India's position as a hub of skilled professionals. Beyond her corporate role, Ms. Mahajan's work reflects her commitment to empowering individuals through education, promoting women's participation in the workforce, and fostering entrepreneurship in emerging sectors. Her leadership continues to inspire innovation, collaboration, and growth in the skill ecosystem.

We are delighted to welcome Ms. Parul Mahajan to the BRICS CCI community and look forward to her valuable insights and contributions towards strengthening global cooperation, fostering inclusive development, and advancing the mission of sustainable skill empowerment.

# GLOBAL WOMEN LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME



BRICS Chamber of Commerce & Industry (BRICS CCI WE) proudly began the **3rd Edition of the Global Women Leadership Programme (GWLP)** on **Friday, 03th October 2025** – a flagship initiative dedicated to empowering women professionals and entrepreneurs across BRICS+ nations. Designed as a transformative four-month hybrid journey, the programme focuses on leadership development, entrepreneurial growth, and global exposure. Participants will gain from one-on-one mentoring with international experts, 60+ hours of structured learning, and real-world case studies and simulations.

GWLP provides an unparalleled platform to explore cross-border entrepreneurship, negotiation, cultural intelligence, and sustainable business models.

The programme concludes with two signature events – the Ideas Pitch Fest, where participants present their ventures to global investors, and the Convocation Ceremony, celebrating their achievements. The top three global participants will receive a fully funded trip to India for the convocation.

Building on the success of previous editions, GWLP continues to inspire and connect women leaders, reaffirming that when women lead, industries transform.

# OUR GENERATION 2025, MOSCOW RUSSIA



BRICS Chamber of Commerce & Industry (BRICS CCI) proudly participated in and co-organized **Our Generation 2025**, held from October 6–11 in **Moscow, Russia**. This vibrant BRICS-based singing competition serves as a unique platform celebrating the spirit of youth, cultural exchange, and musical harmony among member nations.

**Representing India, Master Nishant Gupta** delivered a remarkable performance that captivated audiences and judges alike, reflecting the depth of India's musical talent and artistic diversity. His dedication, passion, and artistry brought pride to the Indian delegation.

Through initiatives like Our Generation 2025, BRICS CCI continues to promote cross-cultural collaboration and people-to-people connections, reinforcing the shared values of creativity, friendship, and unity that define the BRICS community.

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**MR. RAHUL BAGGA**  
FOUNDER - AUMIRAH  
INDIVIDUAL MEMBER, BRICS CCI

## PATENT LANDSCAPE AND INNOVATION CHALLENGES OF CRISPR TECHNOLOGY IN INDIA AND BRICS COUNTRIES

CRISPR (Clustered Regularly Interspaced Short Palindromic Repeats) technology has transformed the field of genetic engineering by providing a powerful tool for precise DNA alteration with broad applications in fundamental science, medicine and agriculture. BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa) countries have significant joint research and educational projects to strengthen the research and development of the countries. For the BRICS, harnessing CRISPR offers enormous potential for societal benefit.

Since its scientific breakthrough, CRISPR has spurred a global surge in innovation, reflected prominently in patent filings and research development. Within the BRICS countries CRISPR technology represents a critical frontier for biotechnology advancement, with India playing a significant role. However, the patent scenario and innovation ecosystem around CRISPR in BRICS present unique challenges alongside substantial legal, regulatory and institutional opportunities.

### **CRISPR Patent Landscape in India and BRICS:**

Globally, CRISPR patent rights are highly contested and complex, primarily dominated by pioneering institutions in the United States and Europe. However, the recent filing trends in the BRICS group for CRISPR-related patents identifies a clear geographic shift in innovation, with these countries progressively expanding their footprints in CRISPR-related intellectual property. India has seen a significant rise in patent applications related to CRISPR technologies from both academic researchers and the private sector. Indian inventors and research institutions have primarily focused on innovations in agricultural biotechnology, disease modeling, and therapeutic applications.

Similarly, China, as a BRICS member, is globally a major player in CRISPR patents with robust government support translating to a strong patent portfolio and prolific publications in gene editing. Brazil and Russia have steady CRISPR patent portfolios, concentrated on agricultural and medical applications. India, in particular

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Through the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare and associated research institutions such as the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) has collaborated with the Brazilian Agricultural Research Corporation (EMBRAPA), Brazil, for developing the climate resilient yielding crops, demonstrating practical collaboration among BRICS partners.

The BRICS largely cover CRISPR-Cas systems' variations, delivery mechanisms, gene editing methods, and therapeutic applications as patented inventions, however each country exhibits varied focus areas depending on national priorities, funding, and research strengths. Nonetheless, their collective progress has been marked by a series of patent setbacks, regulatory ambiguities, and commercial constraints that continue to shape the region's innovation landscape.

## **Innovation Challenges:**

Regardless of the growth in patent activity, BRICS countries, including India, face multiple challenges in CRISPR innovation, including:

**1. Regulatory and Ethical Complexities:** The fact that CRISPR is one of the most important inventions of this century and its rapid progression has raised an ethical debate around gene editing, especially germline modification, impose regulatory uncertainties. However, India and other BRICS countries are still developing comprehensive regulatory frameworks for CRISPR, balancing innovation with bioethical considerations.

Section 3 of the Indian Patent Act is to combat the ethical issues regarding patented technology, designed to prevent bio-piracy and protect public interest. For India focusing on clear examination guidelines specific to gene-editing technologies will ensure both innovation encouragement and responsible patent protection.

**2. Patent Thickets and Litigation Risks:** CRISPR technology is highly patented by multiple entities, leading to a 'patent thicket' where overlapping patents complicate freedom to operate and increases the risk and cost for litigation.

**3. Technology Transfer and Infrastructure Gaps:** Limited technology transfer mechanisms and infrastructure gaps, especially in lower-income BRICS members, hinder effective translation of CRISPR research into commercial products.

India faces similar challenges in scaling lab innovations for broader industrial use. However, India's licensing provisions under Sections 84 and 92 of the Indian Patent Act, could be invoked if CRISPR tools are deemed essential for public health, food security, or national interest. This allows domestic manufacturers to use patented technologies without permission, under regulated terms.

**4. Funding and Collaboration Barriers:** While countries like China have successfully established funding for biotechnology, other BRICS members including India have limited monetary support. Limited collaboration among BRICS researchers reduces the exchange of knowledge and joint innovation efforts.

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**5. Institutional Constraints:** Patent office delays, limited examiner expertise in advanced biotechnologies, and absence of specialist IP courts in much of the BRICS region stymie both prosecution quality and enforceability, undermining investors confidence. Moreover, Sections 3(d) and 3(j) of the Indian Patent Act were originally designed to prevent “evergreening” of patents and to protect natural biological materials from monopolization, their broad interpretation often discourages patenting process-based innovations arising from CRISPR research.

**India’s Role and Strategic Initiatives:**

India is actively addressing challenges related to CRISPR technology through policy and institutional efforts. The Indian government has increased support for biotechnology innovation through programs like ‘Make in India’ and ‘Biotech India Vision 2030,’ emphasizing CRISPR and gene editing research.

The Government of India has strengthened agricultural research collaboration within the BRICS framework, focusing on sustainable farming, food security, and knowledge sharing. Through the Ministry of Agriculture and the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), India leads initiatives in climate-resilient crops, precision farming, and soil health management. Collaborative platforms under BRICS aim to foster cross-border technology transfer and address legal uncertainties to facilitate smoother patent prosecution and licensing agreements.

Addressing regulatory clarity, increasing funding, and building robust IP ecosystems is crucial for maximizing CRISPR’s potential in BRICS countries.

A coordinated effort among BRICS countries can help transform CRISPR from a fragmented innovation space into a collaborative, accessible, and ethically guided biotechnology frontier.

**Conclusion:**

The patent scenario for CRISPR technology in India and other BRICS nation is at the forefront of the biotechnology innovations presenting revolutionizing possibilities from healthcare to agriculture research and industries across the BRICS nations that faces considerable innovation challenges. However, despite rapid growth in the CRISPR-related technology, India and its BRICS counterparts undergo persistent setbacks in navigating complex regulatory systems, patent thickets, and ethical uncertainties. Sections 3(d), 3(j), and 3(k) of the Indian Patent Act, while protecting public interest and combating ethical issues, often become a limitation in CRISPR related inventions.

India’s strategic initiatives, combined with BRICS cooperation, creates an ecosystem conducive to overcoming regulatory, infrastructural, and funding obstacles. This will enable the responsible development and commercialization of CRISPR technology, with significant socio-economic benefits for the member countries.

However, India’s initiative under “Biotech India Vision 2030”, research funding via DBT and ICAR, and participation in BRICS collaborative platforms reflect strong motivation and intent towards responsible innovation and technology development. Further, India along with the other BRICS members, can transform CRISPR from a contested patent battleground into a collaborative platform for a sustainable and socially responsible biotechnology advancement by overcoming institutional and policy barriers.

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**MS. PRITI GOEL**

**FOUNDER & CEO OF PRISHA WEALTH  
MANAGEMENT PRIVATE LIMITED  
PARTNER & CEO OF AVINAV CONSULTING  
AUTHOR – DHANAISHA, CHERISHED WEALTH**

## **A TALE OF TWO FEDS: DIVERGING PATHS OF THE U.S. FEDERAL RESERVE (FED) AND RESERVE BANK OF INDIA (RBI) AND THE RIPPLE EFFECT ACROSS BRICS NATIONS.**

In its meeting on 29 October 2025, the Fed's Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) cut the federal funds target range by 25 basis points to 3.75%–4.00%.

In its official statement, the Fed indicated that this decision was driven by an increased assessment of downside risks to employment. The Committee reaffirmed its commitment to returning inflation to the 2 % objective and achieving maximum employment but added that uncertainty remains elevated.

Several key take-aways:

- This is the second cut in 2025 (after an earlier 25 bp reduction in September)
- The Fed emphasised caution: although the move signals easing, it did not commit to rapid or large-scale future cuts. Some officials highlighted inflation remains a constraint
- The context: a US economy showing signs of labour softening, concerns about data availability (amid a government shutdown), and inflation still above target

Implications for the U.S. economy and markets:

- Borrowing costs for consumers and businesses are poised to moderately ease, although the transmission to mortgage rates, etc., remains gradual
- From a global perspective, the Fed's pivot to easing alleviates some pressure on the U.S. dollar and global yields, which could benefit asset-prices and capital flows in risk-sensitive markets.
- But the Fed's cautious tone limits expectations of a broad easing spree; markets will be watching for data and signals.

### **The RBI: Holding steady amid domestic strength**

In contrast, the RBI in its review on 1 October 2025 opted to keep the repo rate unchanged at 5.50%.

Key features of that decision:

- The Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) adopted a neutral stance rather than a further easing bias.
- The RBI revised downward its inflation forecast for FY26 to 2.6% (from ~3.1%) and raised the GDP growth outlook to 6.8%.

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- RBI commentary emphasised that with inflation well-behaved (at ~2–3%), growth momentum strong (private consumption, investment), it has the “room” to hold rates and allow earlier cuts to be fully transmitted.

Implications for India:

- With rates held, banks may continue to pass through earlier cuts (India has cut ~100 bp earlier in 2025).
- The stronger growth projection points to confidence in domestic demand and stability of the external sector (the current account deficit is low).
- From a global capital-flow viewpoint, keeping rates unchanged while global rates ease may attract carry flows into India (so long as inflation and currency risks remain contained).

## “A tale of two central banks”: cross-comparison

While both central banks are managing inflation and growth, their policy stances diverge for the moment.

- The Fed is cutting rates (modestly) to preempt downside risks; the RBI is holding rates steady, confident in growth and inflation.
- For global markets, this means differing signals: the US is nudging towards accommodation; India is signalling stability and room for future easing but not urgency now.
- From India’s perspective (and more broadly emerging markets), the Fed’s rate cut opens potential benefits (weaker dollar, lower US yields, improved access to capital) but also raises questions about timing and inflation risk.

## Impact on BRICS and emerging-market bloc dynamics

The ripple effects of the Fed’s and RBI’s policy actions extend beyond the U.S. and India to other BRICS economies and emerging markets more broadly.

### Capital flows & currencies:

With the Fed easing, U.S. yields soften, and the U.S. dollar may weaken, which historically supports emerging market (EM) assets and currencies. Many BRICS countries (Brazil, Russia, South Africa, besides India) may benefit from improved external financing conditions if capital flows resume.

Conversely, the RBI’s stable policy may help India attract yields relative to global peers though the attractiveness depends also on currency stability and inflation outlook.

### Commodity & external-sector linkages:

Several BRICS countries are commodity exporters (Brazil, Russia, South Africa). A weaker dollar tends to support commodity prices, which can bolster commodity-dependent economies. Moreover, easing in the U.S. may raise global demand for commodities, supporting these exporters.

At the same time, risk exists that if global growth slows (which prompted the Fed’s cut), then commodity demand could soften posing a risk for these economies.

### Monetary policy space and trade-off management:

Emerging central banks often respond to U.S. policy shifts. A Fed cut gives more space for EM central banks to ease or maintain accommodative stances without fear of runaway capital outflows.

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However, internal constraints remain - inflation, currency risk, and structural vulnerabilities can limit policy easing in some BRICS countries (e.g., Brazil or South Africa with higher inflation). The RBI's decision to hold suggests that domestic fundamentals matter even if global liquidity improves. Other BRICS banks may face the same trade-offs: balancing growth support against inflation and external risks.

## **De-dollarisation / structural shifts in BRICS:**

The broader BRICS narrative, structural ambition around reducing dollar dependence, strengthening local-currency settlement, and building alternative payment architectures gains a subtle tailwind in a world of lower U.S. rates and a somewhat softer dollar. However, as noted by Brazil's central-bank director, the dollar's dominance remains entrenched and such structural shifts will take time.

## **Risks and caveats**

- Timing ambiguity: While the Fed cut, its tone is cautious. Markets had been expecting more aggressive easing; if the Fed lags expectations, the dollar may strengthen again, which would reverse some benefits for EM/BRICS.
- Inflation & currency risks in BRICS: Some BRICS economies face inflationary pressures and volatile currencies. A weaker dollar helps, but not if local inflation takes off or external shock arrives.
- Growth concerns: The Fed's cut signals some concern about U.S. growth; if global growth weakens more broadly, BRICS commodity exporters may suffer demand collapse.

Policy divergence inside BRICS: India is holding while other BRICS may have to adjust differently; this could lead to divergence of capital flows and relative performance.

## **What this means for India & BRICS investors/planners**

- For India (and your interest in wealth management, legacy building, etc): The combination of global easing and India's stable policy offers opportunity more benign global funding conditions plus a domestically confident RBI.
- In our context of holistic wealth creation (consistent with my book *Dhanaisha: Cherished Wealth*), this is a good moment to emphasise diversification: exposure to emerging market growth (India, other BRICS) could be enhanced by the global pivot in policy.
- Paying attention to currency and inflation risk will be critical even if global conditions improve, domestic fundamentals matter.
- For other BRICS countries: one could monitor how capital flows react, whether commodity prices receive a tailwind, and whether policy space opens for easing or growth support.
- From a strategic investor stance: the backdrop suggests the potential for EM/BRICS assets to benefit, as long as the dollar softens and global liquidity remains supportive but with caution.

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## Conclusion

The October 2025 policy moves illustrate a subtle yet important divergence: the Fed is modestly unlocking easing, signalling caution; the RBI is standing pat, signalling confidence and optionality. For the BRICS and emerging markets at large, the Fed's cut offers a favourable backdrop weaker dollar, lower global yields, more policy space but the real benefits will depend on each economy's domestic fundamentals: inflation control, currency stability, and growth momentum.

In short, the story is not one of synchronised global easing, but of nuanced regional responses. For India, this environment underscores both opportunity (global tailwinds) and responsibility (domestic discipline). For the BRICS bloc, the window is open yet not guaranteed to harness these shifts. As we build narratives around wealth, stewardship, and legacy, the interplay of central-bank actions across geographies will increasingly shape our frameworks.

## Disclosures:

- Investment in securities market are subject to market risks. Read all the related documents carefully before investing
- The securities quoted are for illustration only and are not recommendatory
- Registration granted by SEBI, membership of BASL (in case of IAs) and certification from NISM in no way guarantee performance of the intermediary or provide any assurance of returns to investors

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## **DECODING DRAFT INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (INTERMEDIARY GUIDELINES AND DIGITAL MEDIA ETHICS CODE) AMENDMENT RULES, 2025**

India's Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology published the draft Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Amendment Rules, 2025 on 22 October 2025.

The draft amendment rules ('Rules') apply to intermediaries<sup>[1]</sup> that includes significant social media intermediaries ('SSMI'). For ease of understanding, an SSMI is a social media intermediary that enables the interaction between two or more users and enables them to create, upload, disseminate, modify or access content and will be recognised as one having more than five million registered users in India.

The Rules primarily seek to regulate the dissemination of "synthetically generated information", including deepfakes and other deceptive content that may appear genuine, with the objective of safeguarding users against misinformation. This is in alignment with the Government of India's vision of an open, safe, trusted, and accountable internet, the Rules propose to enhance the existing due diligence and grievance redressal obligations of intermediaries. At the same time, it remains essential that such obligations are defined with clarity and proportionality, so as not to stifle innovation or the growth of the digital creator space.

Further, the Rules expands the definition of "information" under the IT Rules and clarifies [under Rule 2(1A)] that any reference to "information" in the context of unlawful acts (including under Rule 3(1)(b), Rule 3(1)(d), Rule 4(2), and Rule 4(4) of the IT Rules) shall include synthetically generated information as well.

While the inclusion of this definition seeks to address the risks associated with deepfakes and AI-generated misinformation, its current formulation is exceedingly broad. In practice, a considerable proportion of digital content available online undergoes some form of algorithmic modification be it file compression, image enhancement, metadata insertion, or reformatting for upload which, under a literal reading, could fall within the ambit of "synthetic" data. This could result in the over-classification of benign or routinely processed content as synthetically generated, thereby creating unnecessary compliance burdens and user fatigue arising from excessive labelling.

Basically, any content that has been "artificially or algorithmically created, generated, modified or altered" so that it still "appears authentic or credible to an ordinary viewer" will be regulated under the Rules. The result is that everyday activities such as compressing a video, applying a beauty filter, colour-grading a film, or adding computer-generated scenery are potentially covered.

[1] For reference, an intermediary or intermediaries, for the purpose of the IT Rules, means "...with respect to any particular electronic records... any person who on behalf of another person receives, stores or transmits that record or provides any service with respect to that record and includes telecom service providers, network service providers, internet service providers, web-hosting service providers, search engines, online payment sites, online-auction sites, online-market places and cyber cafes"

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- A meme maker, a wedding photographer, a regional OTT platform and a multinational advertising agency all face the same duty as per the Rules.
- The Rules propose that intermediaries offering computer resources such as databases, applications, or software capable of creating or altering digital content, must ensure that synthetically generated information is permanently marked or labelled in a manner consistent with prescribed standards. The labelling requirement provides for the inclusion of a permanent and prominent identifier embedded directly within the content.
- It is pertinent to understand that for the corporate sector, particularly businesses deploying AI tools for advertising, marketing, or content production, the draft Amendment Rules introduce new compliance considerations. Corporates relying on third-party AI software may be required, through contractual arrangements, to ensure that such systems possess in-built watermarking or identification features that facilitate compliance. Conversely, AI developers supplying software to intermediaries or enterprise clients may face commercial pressure to align their offerings with the regulatory requirements, even if they are not directly subject to the obligations under the statute. While these obligations could initially heighten compliance expenditure and operational issues, in the longer run, transparent labelling and accountability standards may strengthen user confidence, reduce misinformation risks, and increase India's positioning in the global AI governance discourse.

Though, none of this is necessary to protect the public from harmful deep fakes. The draft Amendment Rules, represent a pivotal moment in India's technology governance framework with the expansive definition of "synthetically generated information", coupled with the prescriptive labelling requirements, may inadvertently capture creative content, stifle artistic freedom and imposing disproportionate burdens on intermediaries. However, if calibrated appropriately, the draft Amendment Rules could form the foundation of a balanced regulation for AI governance and promote India's growing creative and technological space.

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## DELHI HIGH COURT DECLARES WIPRO A WELL-KNOWN TRADE MARK.

Delhi High Court: In a civil commercial suit filed by WIPRO seeking declaration of the mark 'WIPRO' as a well-known trade mark under Section 2(1)(zg) of the Trade Marks Act, 1999 ('TM Act'), the Single Judge Bench of Justice Tejas Karia, held that WIPRO had garnered immense goodwill and reputation both in India and abroad and such deserved to be classified as a well-known trade mark.

Source - [Wipro Trade mark](#)

## RAVI MOHAN FACES SETBACK OVER BRO CODE AT DELHI HC; RESTRAINED FROM USING TITLE IN LEGAL TUSSLE WITH BEVERAGE COMPANY.

After getting a win in Madras High Court over the usage of the title Bro Code for his film, Ravi Mohan has faced a setback at the Delhi High Court. Actor-producer Ravi Mohan has faced a setback in the Delhi High Court in a copyright infringement case filed by Indospirit Beverages. He has been restrained by the court from using, publishing, or promoting the title Bro Code in connection with his upcoming film, following a win in the Madras High Court earlier this month.

Source - [Delhi HC Judgement](#)



## S.12A COMMERCIAL COURTS ACT | PRE-LITIGATION MEDIATION NOT NECESSARY IN CASES OF CONTINUING IPR INFRINGEMENT: SUPREME COURT.

The Supreme Court has held that the requirement of pre-institution mediation under Section 12A of the Commercial Courts Act cannot be mechanically applied in cases involving continuing infringement of intellectual property rights, such as trademark violations. The Court observed that insisting on mediation before filing a suit in such situations would effectively leave the plaintiff without.

Source - [IPR Infringement](#)

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## DELHI HIGH COURT RESTRAINS HOSPITALITY COMPANY FROM USING TATA-OWNED 'VIVANTA' TRADEMARK.

The Delhi High Court has restrained an entity that went by the name Vivanta Stays from using the trademark “VIVANTA”, holding that the name was deceptively similar to the well-known trademark owned by the Indian Hotels Company Limited (IHCL), part of the Tata Group [IHCL Vs Vivanta Stays].

Source - [Vivanta Trademark](#)



## IT RULES 2025 AMENDMENT: STRENGTHENING DUE DILIGENCE FOR INTERMEDIARIES AGAINST DEEPFAKES AND UNLAWFUL CONTENT.

On 22-10-2025, the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology notified the Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Amendment Rules, 2025 to amend the Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021. The provisions will come into force on 15-11-2025.

Source - [IT rules](#)

## DELHI HC BACKS WOW MOMO IN TRADEMARK BATTLE, BARS 'WOW BURGER' FOR BRAND INFRINGEMENT.

The Delhi High Court has ruled in favour of WOW Momo Foods, restraining another company from using the mark “WOW Burger”, and recognising the distinctiveness of WOW Momo’s trademark family, Bar and Bench reported.

A Division Bench comprising Justices C Hari Shankar and Om Prakash Shukla set aside a September 2025 order by a single judge that had denied interim relief to the quick-service food chain. The court held that the mark “WOW BURGER” infringes upon WOW Momo’s registered trademarks – WOW MOMO, WOW DIMSUMS and WOW MOMO INSTANT.

Link: [wow dispute](#)

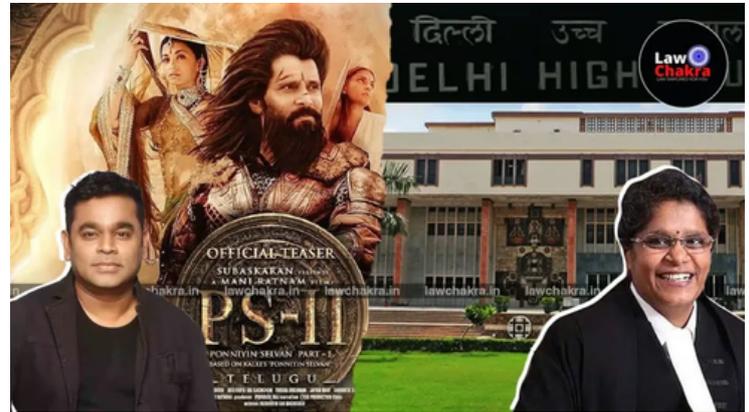


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## DELHI HIGH COURT GRANTS RELIEF TO A.R. RAHMAN IN COPYRIGHT CASE OVER ‘PONNIYIN SELVAN-2’ MOVIE SONG.

The Delhi High Court on Wednesday (September 24, 2025) set aside its April order against music composer A.R. Rahman in a copyright infringement case concerning the song “Veera Raja Veera” from the 2023 film Ponniyin Selvan-2.

The April 25, 2025 order had directed Mr. Rahman and the film’s co-producers – Madras Talkies and Lyca Productions – to deposit ₹2 crore with the court registry, revise the credits on digital platforms, and pay costs to classical vocalist and Padma Shri awardee Ustad Faiyaz Wasifuddin Dagar.



Link: [PS2 dispute](#)



## DECEPTIVELY SIMILAR TO CROCS’: DELHI HC ORDERS CANCELLATION OF CROOSE TRADEMARK.

The Delhi High Court has ordered the cancellation of the trademark of footwear firm Croose, citing that it is “deceptively similar” to the American footwear company Crocs visually and phonetically.

Justice Tejas Karia, in an order dated September 26, issued the directive in a trademark suit filed by Crocs Inc., which sought the cancellation of the trademark registration of Croose.

Link: [Crocs](#)

## PHONEPE FINED ₹21 LAKH BY RBI OVER PPI COMPLIANCE BREACH

On 12-9-2025, the Reserve Bank of India (“RBI”) announced penalising PhonePe Limited (formerly known as PhonePe Private Limited) with a monetary fine of ₹21 lakh for non-compliance with its regulatory directions on Prepaid Payment Instruments (PPIs).

Prepaid Payment Instruments are digital wallets or cards that store monetary value and are used to purchase goods and services.

RBI requires PPI issuers to maintain an escrow account with sufficient funds to cover all outstanding balances and merchant dues. Any shortfall or delay in reporting such discrepancies is treated as a serious compliance violation 1.

Link:- [Phone pe](#)



# LAW DIGEST



Sebi mulls standardising rules for unclaimed amount for entities with non-convertible securities

## SEBI MULLS STANDARDISING RULES FOR UNCLAIMED AMOUNT FOR ENTITIES WITH NON-CONVERTIBLE SECURITIES.

Markets watchdog Sebi on Friday proposed changes to align regulations for entities issuing non-convertible securities, standardising the process for handling unclaimed amounts by allowing their transfer only after seven years from maturity. In its consultation paper, the regulator has proposed amendments to the Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements (LODR) Regulations to align them with the provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 and the Investor Education and Protection Fund (IEPF) Rules.

Link:[sebi](#)

## BAR COUNCIL OF INDIA CLARIFIES STANCE ON COLLABORATIONS BETWEEN INDIAN, FOREIGN LAW FIRMS AFTER RETRACTING EARLIER PRESS RELEASE

The Bar Council of India (BCI) has withdrawn its August 5 press release and replaced it with a detailed statement on Tuesday, addressing unauthorised collaborations between Indian and foreign law firms.

The latest communication follows its statement made in the Delhi High Court in Atul Sharma v. Bar Council of India.

Link:- [bar council](#)



## PHONE PE FILES DRAFT PROSPECTUS FOR \$1.5 BILLION IPO WITH SEBI THROUGH CONFIDENTIAL ROUTE.

Digital payments major PhonePe filed its Draft Red Herring Prospectus (DRHP) with market regulator Securities and Exchange Board of India late Tuesday night, taking the confidential route.

Responding to ET's queries, the company confirmed the development and said the filings have happened as per the Sebi (Issue of Capital and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2018.

Link:- [IPO\\_phone\\_pe](#)

# LAW DIGEST



## COMPETITION COMMISSION CLEARS APOLLO HOSPITAL'S GROUP ENTITIES RESTRUCTURING PLAN

New Delhi: Fair trade regulator CCI on Tuesday approved a multi-layered restructuring plan involving Apollo Hospital's group entities Apollo Healthco and Keimed, and a wholly-owned subsidiary Apollo Healthtech Ltd.

Link: [Apollo hospitals](#)

## IRB INVIT RAISES ₹3,248 CRORE THROUGH INSTITUTIONAL PLACEMENT TO FUND HIGHWAY ASSET ACQUISITIONS.

IRB InvIT Fund has completed its Institutional Placement (IP), raising ₹3,248.43 crore, up from an initial target of ₹3,000 crore.

The issue saw participation from a range of institutional investors, both foreign and domestic, including family offices. Investors holding more than 5 per cent of the units, excluding the sponsor, are Anahera Investment Pte. Ltd., Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited, and CIM Investment Fund ICAV.

Link:- [IRB\\_highway](#)



## NCLT: CORPORATE DEBTOR LIABLE DESPITE SHAM DEBT TRANSFER

The National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT), New Delhi Bench, comprising Shri Manni Sankariah Shanmugha Sundaram (Member-Judicial) and Shri Atul Chaturvedi (Member-Technical), has admitted an insolvency plea filed by an operational creditor against a corporate debtor engaged in the trade of Kraft paper reels. The tribunal held that internal arrangements within group companies cannot shield the corporate debtor from its obligations toward third-party creditors.

Link:- [NCLT](#)

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## NCLT CHENNAI ADMITS INSOLVENCY PLEA AGAINST OZONE HOMES.

The National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT), Chennai Bench - II, has admitted an application filed by IDBI Trusteeship Services Ltd. under Section 7 of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC) against Ozone Homes, a real estate developer.



Link:- [NCLT chennai](#)



## NCLT BENGALURU ADMITS BYJU'S K3 EDUCATION TO INSOLVENCY OVER UNPAID RS. 1.76 CR.

The National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT), Bengaluru Bench, has admitted Byju's K3 Education to insolvency over an unpaid operational debt of Rs. 1.76 crore. The order came on October 15, 2025, after Kritikal Solutions, an operational creditor, approached the tribunal alleging default in payment for services rendered.

Link: [BYJUS](#)

## INDIAN CURRENCY CAN BE SEIZED UNDER FERA: DELHI HIGH COURT

The Delhi High Court has held that Indian currency falls within the ambit of seizure under the Foreign Exchange Regulation Act, 1973 (FERA). A Division Bench of Justices Subramonium Prasad and Vimal Kumar Yadav held that Section 63 of FERA empowers authorities to confiscate “any currency, security or other money or property in respect of which the contravention has taken place.”



Link: [Indian currency](#)

# BRICS AND BEYOND NEWS

## AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY COLLABORATION WITH IN BRICS FRAMEWORK



The Government of India continues to strengthen agricultural cooperation within BRICS by promoting climate-resilient farming, crop diversification, and precision agriculture through institutions like ICAR. Under the BRICS Agricultural Research Platform, India supports joint research and capacity building, including a recent ICAR-EMBRAPA MoU on climate-resilient soybeans. To boost exports, India is enhancing supply chains, cold chain infrastructure, traceability, and SPS compliance through systems like e-Phyto. Participation in global trade events and platforms such as World Food India promotes Indian agri-products and investment. Schemes like Integrated Cold Chain and Agro-Processing Clusters further improve value addition and global competitiveness.

Source-[agricultre](#)

## GAZPROM, CNPC SIGN AGREEMENT TO INCREASE GAS SUPPLIES TO CHINA

Russia's Gazprom and China's CNPC have signed agreements to boost annual gas supplies to China via the Power of Siberia and Far Eastern routes—from 38 bcm to 44 bcm and from 10 bcm to 12 bcm respectively.

The deal, signed during President Vladimir Putin's visit to China, also includes a legally binding memorandum on constructing the Power of Siberia 2 and Soyuz Vostok pipelines, marking a new phase of strategic energy collaboration between the two nations.

Source - [Gazprom](#)



# BRICS AND BEYOND NEWS

## BRICS-BACKED BANK PLANS FIRST INDIAN RUPEE-DENOMINATED BOND BY END-MARCH



The BRICS-backed New Development Bank (NDB) plans to issue its first Indian rupee-denominated bond in the domestic market by March 2026, aiming to raise \$400–500 million through 3–5 year bonds. The bank is in advanced talks with the Reserve Bank of India for approval. This move aligns with NDB’s strategy to provide 30% of its financing in member nations’ local currencies and promote de-dollarisation. The issue will deepen India’s bond market liquidity and attract emerging-market investors. Established in 2015, NDB has previously raised funds in Chinese yuan and South African rand and now seeks to expand its local-currency portfolio.

Source - [BRICS](#)

## BRICS+: SOUTH AFRICA HAS BECOME ONE OF THE UAE’S LARGEST NON-OIL AFRICAN PARTNER

The United Arab Emirates has emerged as a key investor and trade partner in Africa, with non-oil trade with South Africa reaching \$8.5 billion in 2024—a 120% rise since 2019—making South Africa the UAE’s second-largest African partner. Abu Dhabi is positioning itself as a strategic hub linking African economies to global markets through major investments in logistics, renewable energy, mining, and infrastructure. Amid shifting geopolitics and U.S. tariffs on Pretoria, African states increasingly view the UAE as a reliable, multipolar partner. By integrating sustainability and value-chain development, the UAE is becoming a central architect of Middle East–Africa economic relations.

Sources - [Trade Partnerships](#)



# BRICS AND BEYOND NEWS

## 50+ COUNTRIES WANT TO JOIN BRICS



BRICS expansion has become one of the most defining geopolitical trends of 2025, with over 50 countries expressing interest in joining—23 formally applying and 28 informally showing intent. Among the latest aspirants, Myanmar and Laos have officially applied for BRICS membership, underscoring the bloc’s growing influence in Asia. Vietnam has already joined as a partner country, while Brazil has backed Malaysia’s bid for full membership, reflecting BRICS’ deepening engagement in Southeast Asia. This widening participation not only enhances regional trade and diplomatic cooperation but also strengthens South-South connectivity, economic diversification, and collective bargaining power. With 11 full members now representing nearly half the world’s population, the alliance continues to attract countries seeking economic autonomy, shared development, and alternatives to Western-dominated systems—signalling a major shift toward a more balanced and multipolar global order.

Sources - [Brics](#)

## TEHRAN HOSTS BRICS MEETING ON GEOPOLITICAL TECHNOLOGIES

Tehran hosted the BRICS Meeting on Geospatial Technologies from September 30 to October 1, uniting member nations including Brazil, China, India, Russia, South Africa, and others. Organized with leading Iranian scientific institutions, the two-day event highlighted cooperation in spatial data, mapping, and AI-driven geospatial applications. Participants discussed developing a BRICS Spatial Data Infrastructure (SDI) to enhance collaboration in sustainable development and digital mapping. The meeting concluded with plans for a multilateral cooperation document guiding future joint projects.

Sources - [Tehran](#)



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