

INTERPLAY BETWEEN IPR AND COMMERCIAL COURT

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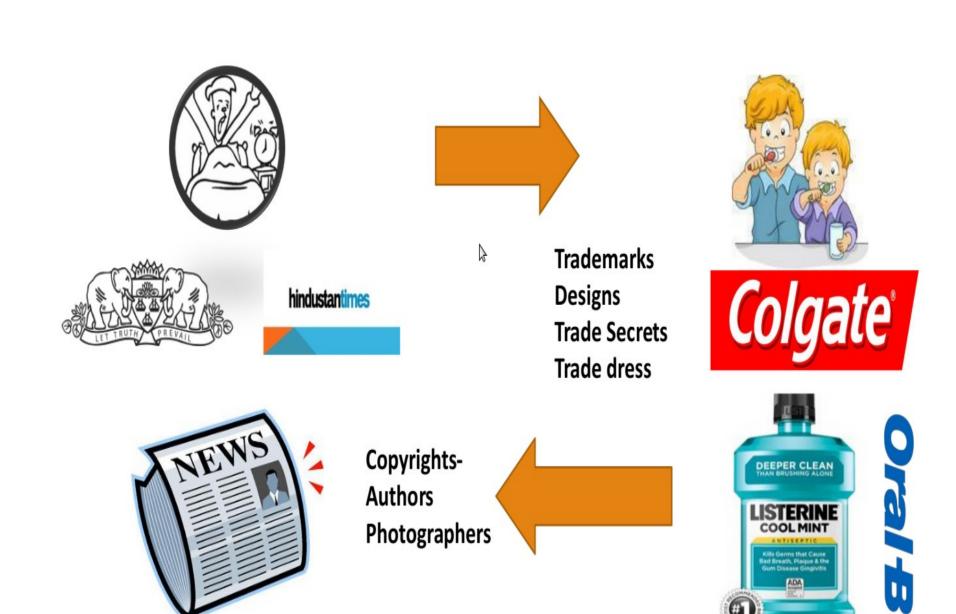


Section 2(1)(C) of the Commercial Court Act, 2015 defines the term "Commercial Dispute" as follows:

- (c) "commercial dispute" means a dispute out of-
- (i) ordinary transactions of merchants, bankers, financiers and traders such as those relating to mercantile documents, including enforcement and interpretation of such documents;

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(XVII) intellectual property rights relating to registered and unregistered trademarks, copyright, patent, design, domain names, geographical indications and semiconductor intergrated circuits;











SEMICONDUCTOR CHIPS

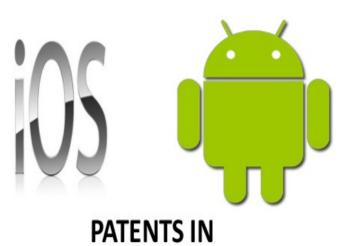




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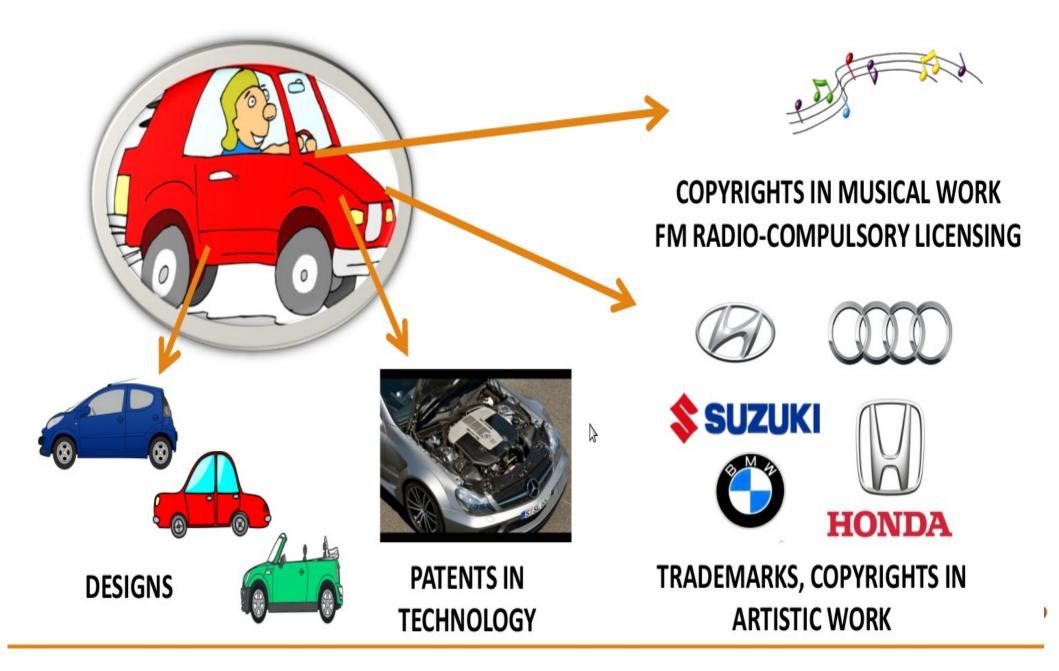


TECHNOLOGY





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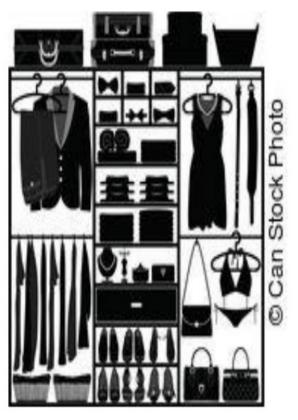








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TRADEMARKS





TRADE DRESS



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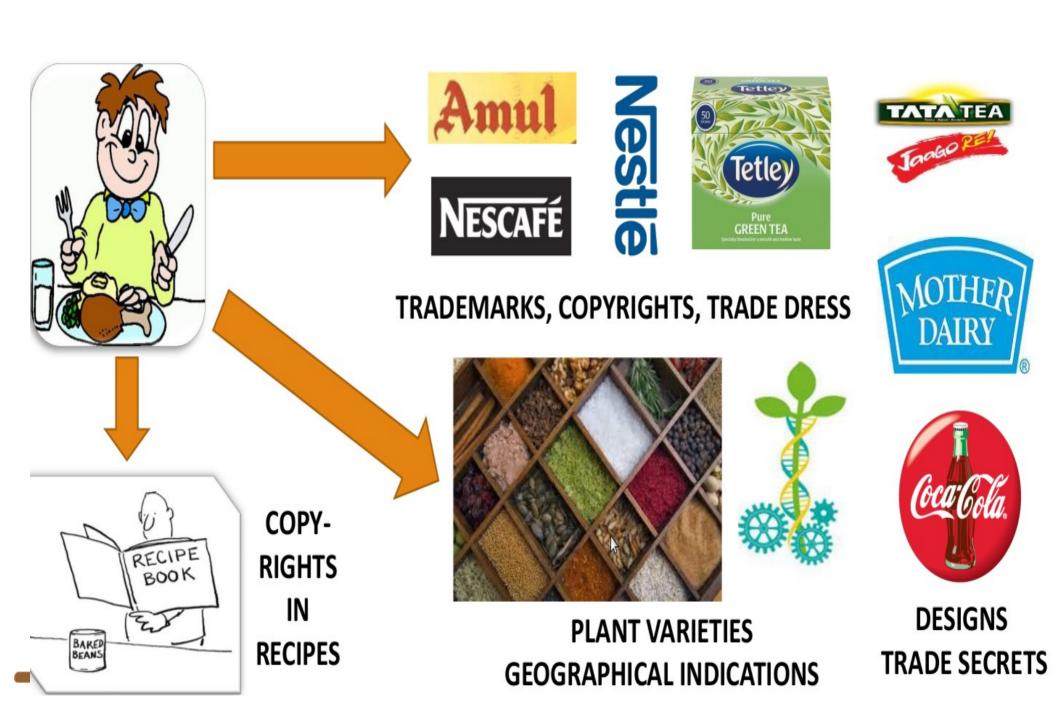


BROADCASTING RIGHTS





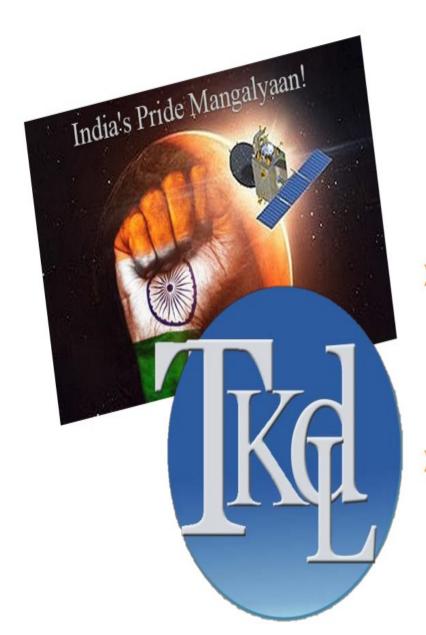




INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS IN INDIA



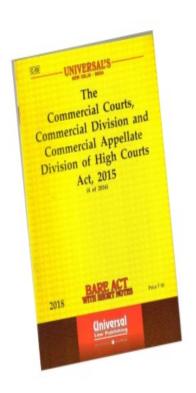
BENEFITS & IMPORTANCE OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS



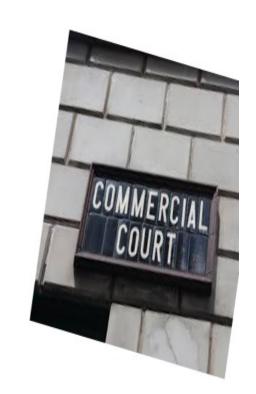
- ➤ INDIA HAS ALWAYS BEEN AN INNOVATIVE SOCIETY BUT LACKS AWARENESS REGARDING THE IMPORTANCE OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS
 - > IP STIMULATES CREATIVITY AND INNOVATION
- > IP RIGHTS ARE MARKETABLE FINANCIAL ASSETS AND AN ECONOMIC TOOL
 - > IP PROMOTES ADVANCEMENT IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, ARTS, BIODIVERSITY, ETC.
- >IP PROVIDES COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE IN COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES BY PREVENTING UNAUTHORIZED EXPLOITATION BY THIRD PARTIES

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DEFINING FEATURES OF THE ACT



- 1. STRICT TIMELINES
- 2. PAYMENT OF COSTS
- 3. STREAMLINED PROCESS



- 4. Introduction of case management hearing
 - 5. SUMMARY JUDGMENT

COMMERCIAL COURTS IN INDIA

- •The Act provides for the constitution of Commercial Courts, Commercial Division and Commercial Appellate Division in High Courts for adjudicating commercial disputes (including disputes concerning IPRs) of a specified value.
- Establishment of commercial courts not only ensures specialization in such Courts but also ensures that only one part of the judicial system deals with such cases while leaving the major resources for deciding non-commercial cases and private rights of citizens.
- Commercial Courts have been notified by 24 High Courts.

COMMERCIAL COURTS (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2018

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- State Governments have been conferred with the power to constitute Commercial Courts at the District Level, in the states where High Courts exercise original civil jurisdiction;
- State Governments can specify the pecuniary jurisdiction of these courts, which is to not be less than Rs. 3 lakhs;
- Under Section 3A, Commercial Appellate Courts in places where Ordinary Original Jurisdiction of High Courts does not exist.

DYNAMIC INJUNCTION



UTV Software Communication Ltd. & Ors. v. 1337X.TO & Ors. [CS(COMM) 724/2017, decided on 10th April, 2019]

- The Plaintiffs were companies that created content and produced and distributed cinematographic films around the world, including in India.
- The Plaintiffs sought an *ex parte* injunction restraining infringement of their copyright by the Defendants who were allegedly communicating the Plaintiff's' original content/cinematographic films to the public without authorization.
- Finding the Defendants' websites to be "rogue websites", the Court passed a decree of permanent injunction restraining the Defendants from hosting, streaming, reproducing, distributing, making available to the public and/or communicating to the public any cinematograph work/content/programme/show, in relation to which the Plaintiffs had a copyright. ISPs were also directed to block access to the Defendants'

websites.

S.134 [TM Act] + S.62 [Copyrigt Act]-"carrying on



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