After a short break during the General Elections, it is indeed a pleasure to be back and welcome the readers to the fourth issue of DPIIT On The Move!

As always, the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade witnessed many exciting developments which we are eager to share with you.

The new Minister of Commerce and Industry took charge on May 31, 2019 and a joint meeting with the Board of Trade and Council of Trade Development & Promotion was held.

IPR filings of FY 2018-19 reflected a positive growth across all IPs.

Apart from these significant happenings, we also saw the engagement of the department in events of international significance.

With our promise to keep you updated on the latest developments in industry, here we are, with the fourth issue of our newsletter with news curated from around the world related to our Department.

As always, we would love to have your feedback and suggestions, as to how we can make the newsletter more relevant for all of you.

Thank You.
On June 6, 2019, Shri Piyush Goyal, Union Minister of Commerce and Industry & Railways, chaired a joint meeting of Board of Trade and Council of Trade Development & Promotion and held a day long interaction with the industry and Agriculture Ministers of the States, industrialists, export promotion councils, along with representatives of the economic and infrastructure Ministries of the Central Government for boosting exports and domestic manufacturing and reducing trade deficit.

The Commerce and Industry Minister said that action on many of the decisions arrived at the meeting will be taken in next 45 days. He said, easier availability of credit at cheaper rates to exporters will be resolved expeditiously and customs clearances will be made quicker by installing X-Ray scanners at all major Ports. Robust mechanism for Track & Trace in Pharma sector will be implemented in three months, a new scheme to rebate state and central taxes and levies will be rolled out in 3 months and will be implemented in a phased manner for all sectors, the Minister added.

During the day-long deliberations, exporters spoke about trade disputes between US and China, ongoing negotiations under Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership, difficulties in availability of export credit. States were urged to finalise their export strategies at the earliest keeping in view their state specific requirements and advantages. Commerce and Industry Minister exhorted the State Governments to adopt GeM, a one stop online procurement portal for better transparency and efficiency. State Government agreed to take steps in strengthening the entrepreneurship and startup ecosystem.

A follow up meeting in connection with these deliberations was decided to be taken up in 45 days.

Indian Patent Office, in collaboration with the World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO) and in association with Cell for IPR Promotion and Management (CIPAM) and industry associations, organised 4 PCT (Patent Cooperation Treaty) Roving Seminars in India to promote awareness on protecting IP & innovations globally through PCT system.

These seminars were held in Dehradun, Lucknow, Kolkata and Bhubaneshwar between June 20 – 28, 2019.

The WIPO-IPO PCT Roving Seminars will also help the Indian users create their accounts and access the ePCT system and other patent tools, which allows users to file and manage their international applications online.
The Global Innovation Index 2019 will be held by DPIIT and WIPO on Wednesday July 24, 2019 at New Delhi. The event will reveal the innovation rankings of economies across the globe and the findings of this year’s theme – ‘Creating Healthy Lives-The Future of Medical Innovation’.

The GII provides insights into multidimensional facets of innovation-driven growth. The detailed annual report offers 80 metrics for 129 economies. Over its 12 years, it has evolved into one of the leading references for measuring an economy’s innovation performance. The global effort by WIPO has facilitated public-private dialogue where policymakers, business leaders, and other stakeholders can evaluate innovation progress on an annual basis.

In the past 3 years India’s rank in the Global Innovation Index has improved significantly from the 81st rank in 2015 to the present 57th rank in GII 2018 report. India maintains the 1st rank in the Central and South Asia region and remains the top exporter of ICT services according to the report.

**Patent trends continue to increase, shows IP filing data of FY 2018-19**

FY 2018-19 saw efficient processing of IP applications, especially in terms of their examination and disposal. Compared to figures in the past 4 years, the current numbers reflected an overall increase in application filings across all IPs.

Examination of Patent applications saw an increase of more than 5 times in FY 2018-19 vis-à-vis FY 2015-16 whereas grants of patents and disposal of applications saw a two-fold increase. Trademark applications too saw an almost five-fold increase in registrations and disposal of applications is up by more than 4 times. A comparative analysis of statistics of patent and trademark applications processed in FY 2018-19 vis a vis FY 2015-16 illustrates the amazing progress.
With an aim to encourage States & UTs to take proactive steps towards strengthening the Startup ecosystems within their jurisdictions, DPIIT had conducted the 1st States Startup Ranking exercise in 2018. The exercise saw active participation from 27 States & 3 UTs.

To further encourage States & UTs strengthen their Startup ecosystems, DPIIT launched the framework for States Startup Ranking 2019 on February 19, 2019. Based on the request of various State Governments, the deadline for responses has been extended by 3 months i.e. up to September 30, 2019. There shall be no further extension of the deadline. Feedback and evaluation would start immediately thereafter. An enthusiastic participation is expected from all States & UTs to help create a robust ecosystem for Start-ups in the country!