

DPIIT On The Move

Newsletter from Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade

Shri Piyush Goyal takes charge as Commerce & Industry Minister



Shri Piyush Goyal took charge as Commerce & Industry Minister on May 31st, 2019 at Udyog Bhawan, New Delhi. He was accompanied by former Commerce & Industry Minister, Shri Suresh Prabhu.

Speaking on this occasion, Shri Goyal said that he is extremely humbled in stepping into the shoes of a visionary like, Shri Suresh Prabhu, and will try to do his best to take the work of the Ministry forward. He further said that he will study all issues related to India's trade and industry, and prepare himself to deal with issues which require immediate attention.

India Idea Summit 2019 held in Washington DC

Secretary, DPIIT, Shri Ramesh Abhishek attended the two-day India Ideas Summit 2019 - Connecting Cities and States in Washington, DC, USA, which was organised on June 12 & 13, 2019 by the US India Business Council.

The summit aimed to highlight India's forward-oriented approach in a moment of transition. Topics like infrastructure development & urban growth, innovation in business & social impact sectors were taken up during the event.

The 2019 conference acted as a solutions-oriented platform convening thought leaders from the United States and India to explore India's challenges and opportunities in an era of social and economic change.

CURATOR'S NOTE

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.

CIM meets to synergise Export Promotion and Internal Trade

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.

WIPO and IPO organise Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) Roving Seminars Seminars being organised in Dehradun, Lucknow, Kolkata and Bhubaneshwar



The poster features a yellow and orange background with logos for WIPO, Intellectual Property India, and the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade. It lists seminar dates for Dehradun, Lucknow, Kolkata, and Bhubaneshwar, and includes logos for CIPAM, ASSOCHAM, and FICCI. A 'No Participation Fee' message is prominently displayed at the bottom.

**WIPO-IPO
PCT ROVING SEMINAR**

20 June 2019, Dehradun
24 June 2019, Lucknow

26 June 2019, Kolkata
28 June 2019, Bhubaneshwar

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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.

DPIIT and WIPO to launch GII 2019 at New Delhi

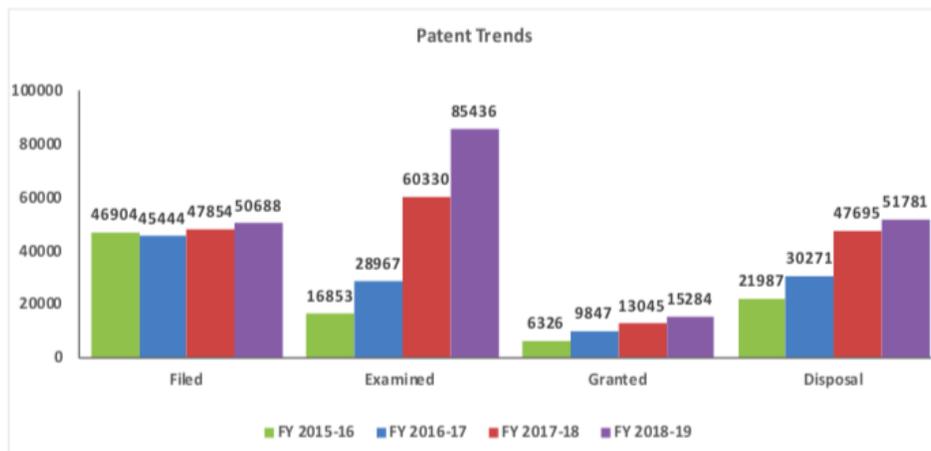


The Global Innovation Index 2019 will be held by DPIIT and WIPO on Wednesday July 24, 2019 at New Delhi. The event will reveal the innovation rankings of economies across the globe and the findings of this year's theme – 'Creating Healthy Lives-The Future of Medical Innovation'.

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 policy-makers, 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.

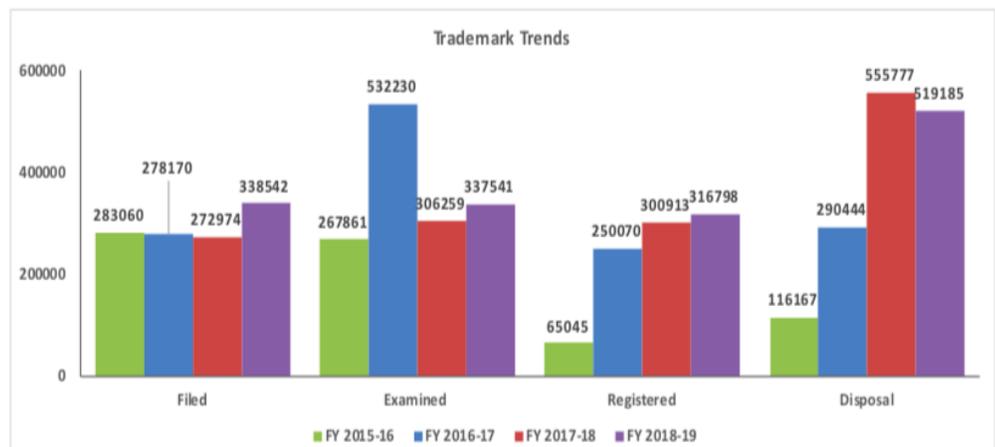
Patent trends continue to increase, shows IP filing data of FY 2018-19



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-à-vis FY 2015-16 illustrates the amazing progress.



Delhi High Court interim order: sale of Asus' Zenfone restrained



In a decision by the Delhi High Court, Asus, the multinational computer and phone hardware company has been restrained from selling smartphones and accessories under the Zen, Zenfone, or any other identical branding in India. The decision will remain effective for eight weeks till July 24, 2019. The interim order was passed by Justice Manmohan.

The decision came after Telecare Network India filed a plea against Asus on the ground of infringement of its trademarked brand Zen and Zenmobile, causing financial losses due to the confusion in the public caused by the deceptive similarity between the names. The company has been selling smartphones, feature phones, and accessories since 2008, compared to Asus, which started selling smartphones under the brand since 2014.

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Madras High Court confirms interim order in Ilayaraja copyright case



The Madras High Court confirmed its interim order prohibiting exploitation or monetisation of songs composed by music director Ilayaraja in any manner including TV reality shows, music concerts, and online radio channels without his prior permission. However, films with songs composed by Ilayaraja released/screened in theatres are exempted by the court.

The order was passed by Justice Anita Sumanth on a civil suit moved by Ilayaraja in 2014 against music recording companies and other entities allegedly infringing his copyright over songs produced by him. He had contended that the firms were committing an offence of copyright infringement under the Copyrights Act, 1957.

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State Startup Ranking 2019: deadline for responses from States extended by 3 months till September 30, 2019

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!

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