



# DPIIT On The Move

Newsletter from Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade

## Conference on Ease of Doing Business for *Atmanirbhar Bharat* organized by CII & DPIIT



On July 30, 2020, Confederation of Indian Industries (CII) in partnership with DPIIT organised the National Digital Conference on 'Ease of Doing Business for *Atmanirbhar Bharat*'. Speaking at the inaugural session of the conference, Shri Piyush Goyal, Hon'ble Minister of Commerce & Industry and Railways stressed that the confluence of ease of doing business, digitization and *Atmanirbhar Bharat* can truly be the defining moment for India. *Atmanirbhar Bharat* is not about closing doors but opening up for opportunities of greater global engagement from a position of strength and fair practices which can be attained through self-reliance.

In line with the theme, he also discussed the resilience exhibited by the services sector in the country in the face of the duress caused by Covid-19. Temporary restrictions placed during this time have now been removed.

Hon'ble Minister urged the industry to identify areas where policy stability is necessary for domestic industry and foreign investors. "Regulatory certainty and policy stability are very critical for businesses", he added. Responding to industry's suggestion for broadening the Business Reform Action Plan to include factors such as access to finance, Shri Piyush Goyal mentioned that improving the availability of long-term finance for the industry is one of the steps being taken by the Government to promote investments.

The one-day virtual conference saw an active participation from more than a thousand relevant stakeholders deliberating on issues pertaining to ease of doing business, including the areas where expedited action is required from the Government. Speaking at the same event, Dr. Guruprasad Mohapatra, Secretary, DPIIT said that the department is keen on reducing compliance burden and ensure better ease of doing business in the country for companies operating in India by identifying redundant rules in State and Central Acts.

## CURATOR'S NOTE

*It is a pleasure to bring about the eleventh issue of DPIIT On The Move! We hope that all our readers are safe in these times of COVID-19 outbreak and are taking due precautions for ensuring the same.*

*In the past month, we at DPIIT have witnessed some important developments which we are eager to share with you.*

*All National Institutes of Designs are now a part of Germany's Anabin database opening up opportunities for NID students to get work permit in Germany.*

*On the Intellectual Property (IP) front, the IP Office has announced that it will be accepting application for Patent examination under the Patent Prosecution Highway pilot programme to fill remaining slots in August, 2020.*

*Various measures are being undertaken to bring ease of doing business to fulfill the vision of creating an *Atmanirbhar Bharat*.*

*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.*

## Single window clearance system and creation of a land bank soon to be introduced by the Government

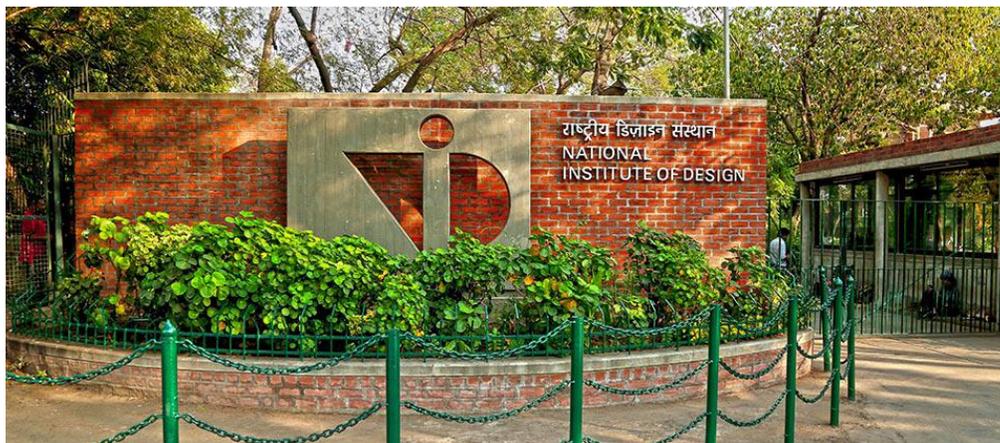
Discussing ease of doing business and investments in infrastructure sector in India with sovereign wealth funds, foreign pension funds and others, Shri Piyush Goyal, Hon'ble Minister of Commerce and Industry said that a genuine single window system for clearances and approvals of industry is soon going to be set up in the country. He further added, that all the concerned State Governments and Central Ministries are being taken on board for the system.

The Government is also working on creating a land bank, for which six States have already given their consent. This will allow potential investors to locate and identify the land banks from their distant offices in the future and finalise the location of industries, without frequently visiting the offices of land owning agencies.

In May, 2020 the Cabinet took the decision of setting up an Empowered Group of Secretaries to take decisions on various industries' schemes and projects. Referring to this, Hon'ble Minister spoke on the issue of further easing and speeding up the process of approvals for industry and investments.

Shri Piyush Goyal said that the Government had initially identified 12 industrial sectors to focus upon, and the same has now been expanded to 20. This will help in scaling up investment, and leveraging the competitive edge of the country. These sectors include furniture – standard as well as special furniture, air-conditioners, leather, footwear, agro-chemicals, Ready to eat food, Steel, Aluminium, Copper, Textiles, Electric Vehicles, Auto-components, TV Set-Top Boxes, CCTVs, Sports goods, Ethanol Manufacture and Bio-fuels and Toys. Assuring all support for facilitating investment in India, he invited foreign investors to take part in India's growth story.

## All National Institute of Designs now a part of Germany's Anabin database



The National Institutes of Design (NID) in India impart world-class design education, with NID Ahmedabad serving this purpose since 1961. The four new NIDs – NID Andhra Pradesh, NID Haryana, NID Assam, and NID Madhya Pradesh were in addition to NID Ahmedabad, declared as Institutions of National Importance by virtue of an Act of Parliament in 2019. The premier design institutes of India have

produced graduates working in varied fields in India, with many of them also opting for challenging opportunities abroad.

Recently, the four new NIDs have been included in Germany's Anabin list. NID Ahmedabad was in this list since 2015. Anabin is a database maintained by Germany's Central Office for Foreign Education (ZAB) which acts as the sole authority for the evaluation of foreign qualifications in the country. Anabin lists foreign degrees and higher education qualifications in relation to German diplomas and degrees.

In Germany, recognition of foreign university-level qualifications is often an essential criterion for securing a German Work Visa, Job Seekers Visa or German Blue Card. Now that all NIDs are a part of this list, its students will be able to easily apply for work permits in Germany for working in the fields relevant to their education.

## India-UK 14<sup>th</sup> Joint Economic and Trade Committee

On July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020 India and United Kingdom held the 14<sup>th</sup> Joint Economic and Trade Committee meeting virtually. The committee was co-chaired by Minister for Commerce and Industry Shri Piyush Goyal and UK Secretary of State for International Trade, HE, Ms Elizabeth Truss. They were assisted by Minister of State for Commerce and Industry Shri Hardeep Singh Puri and his counterpart, UK Minister of State for International Trade, HE Mr Ranil Jayawardena.



Shri Piyush Goyal and Ms Elizabeth Truss affirmed their shared commitment to a Free Trade Agreement and towards that, Early Harvest deals in a staged manner. Minister of State for Commerce and Industry, Shri Hardeep Singh Puri and UK Minister of State for International Trade, Mr Ranil Jayawardena will have monthly meetings to intensify the dialogue. It has been decided that a meeting led by Minister Goyal and SOS Truss will be held in Autumn 2020 in New Delhi to carry forward the dialogue. The Co-chairs of Business led Joint Working Groups on Life Science and Health, ICT and Food and Drink set up during the last JETCO made their recommendations to the Ministers.

The formal talks were followed by a plenary session led by Shri Hardeep Singh Puri, Mr Ranil Jayawardena and UK Minister of State for Investment, Mr. Gerry Grimstone interacting with business leaders which included Shri Chandrajit Banerjee DG CII and Shri Ajay Piramal, Co-Chair of the India UK CEOs' Forum.

Both sides approached the talks with open minds and shared commitment to revival and revitalisation of the long standing trade and economic linkages between India and the UK. Both sides also resolved to cooperate in health Sector especially in view of the present Pandemic of COVID-19.

## IPO to accept application under PPH for a third time from August 10, 2020



The Indian Patent Office will be accepting Form 5-1 under the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) Pilot programme to fill the remaining 9 out of a total 100 slots starting August 10, 2020. In 2019, the Indian Patent Office (IPO) and Japan Patent Office (JPO) agreed in principle to

start a bilateral PPH program on a pilot basis in certain identified fields of inventions. This primarily benefits applicants through expeditious granting of patents in India. The programme commenced on December 5, 2019, initially for a period of three years.

As per the procedure guidelines to file a PPH request under the pilot programme between IPO and JPO, information for participation in PPH pilot programme is filed via Form 5-1. Since December, 2019, 100 requests were received by IPO out of which 56 were accepted after scrutiny and the applicants were allowed to file request for expedited examination on Form 18A.

The IPO once again started accepting Form 5-1 from 9<sup>th</sup> March 2020 for remaining 44 slots. After scrutiny of requests received in the second round, 35 requests were accepted by IPO as per the Guidelines and the applicants were allowed to file request for expedited examination on Form 18A. Currently, 9 request slots are still available as per PPH guidelines and IPO will start accepting Form 5-1 for a third time from August 10, 2020.

## US firm InterDigital files case against Xiaomi for Patent infringement at Delhi HC

InterDigital, an American mobile and video technology company has recently filed patent infringement cases against the Chinese mobile company, Xiaomi in the Delhi High Court. Xiaomi has allegedly partaken unauthorised use of five cellular 3G and 4G patents and three H.265/HEVC (high efficiency video coding) patents. The plaintiff has claimed to be in negotiation with Xiaomi for years but couldn't reach an agreement.

The US company is seeking compensatory and punitive damages against Xiaomi along with an injunction to prevent further infringement in India, unless Xiaomi agrees to a fair, reasonable, and non-discriminatory license determined by the court.



"Advanced research drives key wireless and video standards, and fair licenses with companies that make use of those technologies enable companies like InterDigital to reinvest in still more research, benefiting all users and the industry at large," William J. Merritt, president and CEO, InterDigital said in a statement. Samsung, Apple, Huawei are some of the other phone companies that are using InterDigital products.

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<https://www.livemint.com/companies/news/xiaomi-accused-of-patent-infringement-by-us-company-in-delhi-high-court-11596089796166.html>

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## Godfrey Philips (India) Limited restrained by Bombay High Court from infringing ITC's 'Flake' Trademark

On July 27, 2020, the Bombay high court restrained Godfrey Philips (India) Limited from infringing ITC Limited's Trademark in the rival cigarette manufacturers' 'Flake' packs and further from using any imitations of the artworks appearing on the latter's best-selling tobacco products' pack in West Bengal and north-east India.

Justice BP Colabawalla issued the order after coming to the prima facie conclusion that Godfrey Philips had substantially copied the patterns and colour scheme appearing on 'Flake Refined Taste' pack of ITC on its (Godfrey's) 'Select' pack being sold in the same market — West Bengal and north-east India.

ITC moved HC after Godfrey Phillips adopted new design on its 'Select' pack in December 2019, arguing that the trademark enjoyed a considerable reputation in the mentioned markets and had garnered Rs 50,475 crore in gross sales of the 'Flake' brand since 1994.

Read more at: <https://www.hindustantimes.com/india-news/hc-restrains-godfrey-philips-from-infringing-itc-s-flake-trademark/story-niwC1RZocYblzcS3jA5MSL.html>

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