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R. K. Dewan & Co. Participates in ICAR-CIFT's World IP Day Program

Workshop on **World Intellectual Property Day 2025**



The Zonal Technology Management & Agribusiness Incubation Centre, ICAR-CIFT, is celebrating World Intellectual Property Day 2025 to highlight the pivotal role that intellectual property plays in fostering innovation and creativity. The event aims to raise awareness about the importance of protecting intellectual assets & to demonstrate how IP can empower researchers, entrepreneurs, and startups in the fisheries and allied sectors.

INVITED SPEAKERS



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To commemorate World Intellectual Property Day 2025 and to promote awareness and capacity-building in the field of Intellectual Property Rights (IPR), the ICAR Central Institute of Fisheries Technology (ICAR-CIFT), Kochi, invited R. K. Dewan & Co. (RKD) to deliver a special presentation in May 2025.

The session commenced with **Dr. Mohan Dewan** (Trademarks & Patents Attorney, Principal – R. K. Dewan & Co.) sharing valuable insights on the protection of Intellectual Property in the fisheries sector. He emphasized the critical need for safeguarding innovations and encouraged ICAR to

advocate for the inclusion of specific fisheries technologies within the ambit of patentable subject matter, by submitting recommendations to the government.

Following this, Adv. Alka Varma (Senior Patent Attorney) elaborated on the importance of intellectual property rights, particularly in the context of the fisheries sector.

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She highlighted how strategic IP protection can enhance the institute's innovation potential and strengthen its IP portfolio, thereby contributing to the growth and competitiveness of the industry.

The organizers expressed their appreciation, noting that the presentation was highly insightful and instrumental in advancing their understanding of IP protection. They acknowledged the expertise and longstanding support of R. K. Dewan & Co., and conveyed their eagerness to continue this valued collaboration.

R. K. Dewan & Co. sincerely thanks ICAR-CIFT for the opportunity to contribute to this meaningful initiative and looks forward to supporting their efforts in building a robust IP ecosystem within the fisheries sector.

R. K. Dewan & Co. at the 7th Edition of the AIPLA Women in IP Global Networking Event 2025



R. K. Dewan & Co. is delighted to announce that **Dr. Niti Dewan** (Head of Patents and Business Development, Patent & Trademark Attorney) was invited as a panellist at the 7th Edition of the AIPLA Women in IP Global Networking Event 2025, held in April in Pune as part of a global initiative by the American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA).

Dr. Niti Dewan presided over the panel discussion and contributed to the occasion as a speaker, addressing the theme **“Use of Innovation for Empowerment.”** In her address, Dr. Niti Dewan highlighted how innovation serves as a powerful enabler for women in the IP field, providing new avenues for leadership, visibility, and impact. She encouraged women professionals to not only adapt to but actively embrace emerging technologies, particularly Artificial Intelligence, as tools for streamlining research, enhancing IP strategy, and staying ahead in a rapidly transforming global IP ecosystem.

She addressed intriguing questions such as; “How does innovation play a role in

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empowering women within the Intellectual Property field?” and “What’s one innovative tool or strategy you wish existed to empower women in IP?” which led to a lively exchange of ideas around mentorship platforms, data-driven career insights, and collaborative knowledge-sharing ecosystems for women in IP law, science, and business.

This global networking event brought together IP professionals from diverse backgrounds and jurisdictions, fostering a space for dialogue, collaboration, and shared learning. Discussions centered on the challenges women face in the IP profession and the actionable steps that can be taken to foster greater inclusivity, leadership, and innovation.

R. K. Dewan & Co. expresses its gratitude to AIPLA for hosting such a meaningful and impactful initiative. We are honoured to have been part of a global platform that celebrates women in IP and promotes a culture of innovation, empowerment, and inclusivity.

R. K. Dewan & Co. at the 3rd Edition of Pharma Live Expo & Summit 2025



R. K. Dewan & Co. (RKD) is delighted to shared its participation in the 3rd Edition of Pharma Live Expo & Summit 2025, held in April 2025 at the Bombay Exhibition Centre, Mumbai. Representing RKD were **Adv. Chetan Parmar** (Chief Operating Officer), **Prof. (Dr.) Amit Kumar Tiwari** (Senior Patent Associate & Indian Patent Agent), and **Mr. Sunny Siripalli** (Patent Engineer).

This premier platform served as a catalyst for industry-wide dialogue on innovation, regulatory compliance, and international collaboration in the pharmaceutical and med-tech sectors. Over the course of three days, the RKD team engaged in insightful discussions with pharmaceutical manufacturers, biotech innovators,

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and regulatory experts. They participated in panel discussions, attended technical workshops, and held one-on-one meetings focused on the critical intersection of Intellectual Property (IP) and pharmaceutical innovation. The Expo showcased over 700 products and cutting-edge technologies, ranging from next-generation formulations and advanced drug delivery systems to AI-driven health solutions. A major theme of the summit was global collaboration, with delegates exploring how partnerships across borders could enhance access to medicines and streamline healthcare delivery. Another key focus was regulatory compliance, with sessions addressing evolving global standards necessary for ensuring product safety, efficacy, and market readiness.

RKD's presence at Pharma Live 2025 reaffirmed its commitment to supporting pharmaceutical innovation through strategic IP protection. The firm emphasized the growing need for robust IP frameworks including patents, trade secrets, and trademarks to safeguard innovation, ensure regulatory compliance, and enable global competitiveness in an increasingly complex healthcare landscape. As thought leaders in IP law, R. K. Dewan & Co. remains dedicated to helping clients navigate challenges and seize opportunities in a rapidly evolving pharmaceutical industry.

R. K. Dewan & Co. at the 10th Annual Nutrition India Summit 2025

R. K. Dewan & Co. is pleased to share its participation in the 10th Annual Nutrition India Summit 2025, held in April 2025 at the Radisson Blu Mumbai International Airport. Representing the firm were **Adv. Chetan Parmar** (Chief Operating Officer) and **Mr. Sunny Siripalli** (Patent Engineer).



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Organized by Inventicon Business Intelligence, the summit convened industry leaders, regulatory experts, and innovators to discuss the evolving landscape of nutraceuticals and functional foods in India. With the Indian nutraceuticals market projected to grow from \$4 billion in 2017 to \$18 billion by 2025, the event focused on compliance, regulatory guidelines, and the latest innovations in the sector.

Our associates engaged in insightful discussions about intellectual property rights and its application in the health and nutrition sector. On day one, our team attended the session titled “Ensuring Excellence: Quality Control, Quality Assurance, and Food Safety in 2025”. The session reinforced the strategic role of IPR in safeguarding innovations, ensuring competitive advantage, and supporting trust in the evolving landscape of nutrition and wellness.

On day two, our team attended the discussion on “Adapting to Shifting Consumer Preferences and Emerging Trends to Build a Resilient Brand in the Dynamic Indian Market.” The discussion explored how leading brands are leveraging scientific research, data insights, and emerging technologies to develop personalized nutritional solutions. It also highlighted the increasing importance of IPR, such as patents for proprietary formulations and trademarks for health-focused branding, in ensuring innovation, market differentiation, and consumer trust in India’s rapidly evolving nutrition landscape.

R. K. Dewan & Co. strongly believes that Intellectual Property is foundational to innovation and development in the health sector. Our participation in the 10th Annual Nutrition India Summit 2025 reaffirmed our commitment to staying at the forefront of this field, providing strategic IP guidance and protection.

R. K. Dewan & Co. at the 5th Annual Corporate Legal Counsel Summit & Awards 2025

R. K. Dewan & Co. is pleased to share its participation in the **5th Annual Corporate Legal Counsel Summit & Awards 2025**, held in April 2025 at the Ginger, Mumbai. Representing the firm was **Adv. Indrajit Mitra**, (Senior Legal Associate), who joined a distinguished gathering of legal professionals to discuss the evolving landscape of corporate legal practice in India.

Organized by Inventicon Business Intelligence, the summit convened general counsels, legal experts, and industry leaders to explore pressing issues such as regulatory compliance, risk assessment, data privacy, and the integration of artificial intelligence in legal operations. The event emphasized the critical role of in-house legal teams in navigating complex regulatory environments and driving corporate governance excellence.

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Adv. Indrajit Mitra engaged in insightful discussions on the intersection of intellectual property rights and corporate legal strategies, highlighting the importance of robust IP frameworks in fostering innovation and ensuring the protection of corporate assets.

At R. K. Dewan & Co., we are committed to understanding the IPR shifts that empower brands to navigate the evolving landscape

of corporate legal frameworks. We strive to stay informed about the crucial role IP management plays in driving business success, particularly as companies continue to innovate and expand. The summit was one such instance that not only highlighted the importance of IP strategy but also underscored the significance of IP protection in managing patents, trademarks, copyrights, and trade secrets. This engaging summit featured insightful discussions on IP commercialization, patent portfolio management, and IP dispute resolution, demonstrating the critical role legal teams play in driving IP innovation. It reaffirmed our commitment to adaptability, collaboration, and staying ahead of global regulatory trends as IP continues to shape strategic business decisions, particularly in sectors like pharmaceuticals, technology, and consumer goods.

We extend our gratitude to the organizers for facilitating such a dynamic forum for knowledge exchange and collaboration.

R. K. Dewan & Co. at the 5th Annual Automotive R&D & Innovations India Summit 2025



R. K. Dewan & Co. had the privilege of participating in the 5th Annual Automotive R&D & Innovations India Summit 2025, hosted in April at Ginger Mumbai. Representing the firm were Mr. Chetan Parmar (Chief Operating Officer) and Mr. Siddharth M. (Senior Patent Associate), who joined thought leaders, innovators, and stakeholders from across the automotive ecosystem to discuss cutting-edge advancements and challenges shaping the sector.

The summit, organized by Inventicon Business Intelligence, the summit served as a vital platform for exploring transformative developments in the automotive industry. Sessions of the summit centred on electric mobility, battery advancements, and the integration of AI in automotive engineering and manufacturing.

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The event also addressed challenges such as changing consumer preferences, increasing competition, and evolving regulations, fostering collaboration among industry experts and facilitating the exchange of ideas to shape the future of the automotive industry.

During the event, our associated engaged in meaningful discussions on how intellectual property rights intersect with the rapidly evolving automotive landscape. They emphasized the essential role of a strong IP strategy in protecting disruptive innovations and ensuring competitive advantage in a highly dynamic market.

With the sector embracing trends such as autonomous driving, dual-fuel systems, connected vehicle platforms, and next-gen safety features, R. K. Dewan & Co. remains dedicated to helping clients navigate this technological revolution. Our insights into the intersection of IP law with environmental regulations, consumer-driven innovation, and digital transformation enable us to offer tailored legal strategies that align with the industry's progress.

R. K. Dewan & Co. at the Chem Expo India, Chem Pro Tech India and Chem Logistics India



R. K. Dewan & Co. proudly marked its presence at **Chem Expo India 2025**, held in April 2025 at the Bombay Exhibition Centre, Mumbai. The firm was represented by **Prof. (Dr.) Amit Kumar Tiwari, Dr. Rajinder Kumar S., Adv. Narayan Abhishek, and Adv. Akshay Purohit**, who

engaged with professionals from across the chemical, process technology, and logistics sectors.

Co-located with Chem Pro Tech India and Chem Logistics India, the event provided a dynamic platform to showcase India's growing prowess in chemical manufacturing, processing, and supply chain solutions. Attendees explored the latest developments in specialty chemicals, bulk and fine chemicals, and automation in chemical logistics.

During the event, R. K. Dewan & Co.'s team contributed to thought-provoking conversations on how intellectual property intersects with emerging technologies in the chemical domain. They highlighted the strategic importance of comprehensive IP protection ranging from patents to trade secrets to safeguard process innovations and chemical formulations.

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In today's rapidly evolving chemical landscape, characterized by increasing environmental mandates and a shift toward sustainability, the role of IPR is more critical than ever. Our firm's involvement in such platforms reflects our proactive approach to supporting industries at the forefront of transformation. From formulation breakthroughs to digitalized logistics networks, we continue to develop nuanced IP strategies that not only defend innovation but also propel businesses toward long-term growth and resilience.

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R. K. Dewan & Co. at the National Workshop on Advanced Legged Robotics organised by the Indian Society of Systems for Science and Engineering, Pune

R. K. Dewan & Co. was honoured to participate in the **National Workshop on Advanced Legged Robotics (NWALR-2025)**, held in May 2025, at the Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam Auditorium, DRDO Complex, Pashan, Pune. The firm was represented by **Mr. Manish Gupta** (Group Leader, Patents) and **Adv. Bhushan Walunj** (Patent Attorney), who engaged with leading experts in robotics, defence, and academia.

Organized by the Indian Society of Systems for Science and Engineering (ISSE) in collaboration with the Research & Development Establishment (Engineers), [R&DE(E)], DRDO, and COEP Technological University. It served as a platform to explore state-of-the-art advancements in legged robotics particularly bipedal and quadrupedal systems with applications across defence, healthcare, domestic environments, space missions, and industrial automation.

A major highlight of the event was the unveiling of DRDO's humanoid robot prototype. Designed to assist in high-risk military scenarios, the robot equipped with advanced actuators, sensors, and control systems allow it to perform complex tasks such as gripping, obstacle clearance, and movement across rugged terrain. This development, targeted for completion by 2027, reflects India's growing focus on integrating robotics into national defence strategies. During the workshop, RKD's associates actively contributed to discussions on how intellectual property rights intersect with robotics innovation. They emphasized the critical importance of a well-structured IP framework to protect pioneering technologies and promote continued research and development in this rapidly evolving domain.

R. K. Dewan & Co. remains committed to supporting the robotics and defence sectors





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through expert legal counsel in intellectual property matters. We extend our sincere appreciation to the organizers for creating a vibrant forum for innovation, collaboration, and knowledge sharing that aligns with our mission to protect and propel technological advancement.

R. K. Dewan & Co. at the SynBioBeta Summit 2025

R. K. Dewan & Co. is pleased to share its participation in SynBioBeta 2025 held in May 2025 in San Jose, California, where Prof. (Dr.) Amit Kumar Tiwari represented the firm through an online conference on synthetic biology and biotech innovation.

SynBioBeta 2025 brought together influential thought leaders who showcased how synthetic biology is reshaping industries from healthcare and agriculture to materials science and sustainability. Key themes included programmable biology, CRISPR-based innovation, cell-free systems, and the role of machine learning in gene design and pathway optimization.

A critical focus of the summit was on the path from research to market how synthetic biology companies can scale innovation while navigating complex regulatory and intellectual property landscapes. Sessions explored commercialization strategies, funding opportunities for biotech startups, and the vital role of IP in safeguarding proprietary technologies, gene sequences, engineered pathways, and bio-manufacturing platforms.

As synthetic biology continues to unlock solutions for climate change, global health, and industrial sustainability, R. K. Dewan & Co. remains committed to providing strategic, science-driven IP counsel that fuels responsible growth and innovation. Our participation in SynBioBeta reflects our dedication to staying ahead of emerging scientific trends and supporting visionary entrepreneurs in transforming biology into technology.

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Hon'ble Pune District Court Grants Ad-Interim Injunction in Favour of Dr. Bawasakar Technology (Agro) Pvt. Ltd. in Trademark Infringement and Passing Off case.

R. K. Dewan & Co. represented Dr. Bawasakar Technology (Agro) Pvt. Ltd. (Plaintiff) by filing a suit against Anannya Agro Products and Anr. (Defendants) for passing off its trade dress and trademark for the product "Germinator" and for infringing its registered trademark for the product "Harmony."

The Plaintiff argued that the Defendants are unlawfully using the identical trademark 'Harmony' for an identical agricultural product. They further asserted that the Defendants'

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product marketed as 'Germinator' employs a confusingly identical trademark and an almost identical visual presentation (trade dress) to the Plaintiff's 'Germinator' product. This includes identical colour schemes, the use of Devanagari script in a comparable style, and overall packaging design for both the products.

The Plaintiff, emphasizing their established presence and recognition within the agricultural sector, presented evidence suggesting a strong likelihood of consumer confusion due to the substantive identical elements adopted by the Defendants. They highlighted the identical trademark for the 'Harmony' product and the identical trademark and trade dress for the 'Germinator' product. The Court, after reviewing the Plaintiff's submissions, prima facie agreed that the similarities were significant enough to warrant interim protection.

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Consequently, the Hon'ble Pune Commercial Court temporarily restrained the Defendants from continuing to use 'Harmony' trademark and the disputed trade dress associated with the 'Germinator' product by issuing an ad-interim ex-parte injunction in favour of the Plaintiff.

This initial triumph in the Pune Commercial Court underscores R. K. Dewan & Co.'s (RKD) successful and meticulous approach in safeguarding Dr. Bawasakar's Intellectual Property. By strategically highlighting the striking visual and phonetic parallels between the infringing trademarks and Dr. Bawasakar's well-established 'Harmony' and 'Germinator', RKD effectively demonstrated the high probability of confusion among agricultural consumers. This early, favourable ruling, securing a crucial ad-interim injunction, is a testament to RKD's deep understanding of trademark law and their commitment to aggressively protecting their client's valuable brand equity.

Hon'ble Delhi High Court Grants Ex-Parte Ad-Interim Injunction in Favour of Chalet Hotels Limited in Trademark Infringement and Passing Off Case.

R. K. Dewan & Co. represented Chalet Hotels Limited (Plaintiff) in a suit filed against Chalet Hospitality Services (Defendant) for trademark infringement and passing off concerning the use of its registered trademark "CHALET" and its variants.

The Plaintiff's use of the mark "CHALET" dates back to 1999, for its well-known luxury hotel chains across India. The Plaintiff is also the registered proprietor of the trademark "CHALET" under multiple classes, including those related to hospitality services, and has acquired distinctiveness and goodwill through extensive and long-standing use. The Plaintiff filed the case against the Defendant by arguing that the Defendant had started using identical trademarks "CHALET", "Hotel Chalet- Hotel in Saket", and "Chalet A Unit of Kular Hotel" for hospitality services, hotel and banquet business which are identical to that of the Plaintiff.

The Plaintiff contended that the Defendant's unauthorized use of identical marks in the same line of business amounted to trademark infringement and was likely to cause confusion and deception amongst consumers and public at large. After hearing the submissions, the Hon'ble Delhi High Court observed that a prima facie case of infringement and passing off has been made out by the Plaintiff. The Court also ruled that the balance of convenience lies in favour of the Plaintiff and that irreparable harm would be caused if ex-parte ad-interim relief was not granted.



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Consequently, the Hon'ble Court granted an ex-parte ad-interim injunction, restraining the Defendant from using selling, soliciting, exporting, displaying, advertising and by any other mode/ manner dealing under the impugned marks "CHALET", "Hotel Chalet- Hotel in Saket", and "Chalet A Unit of Kular Hotel". Further the Court appointed a Local Commissioner to visit the premises of the Defendant to seize, pack and seal the infringing products in compliance of the Court's order.

This favourable ex-parte ad-interim Order by the Hon'ble Delhi High Court reinforces R. K. Dewan & Co.'s (RKD) expertise in protecting well-known marks in the competitive hospitality sector. By clearly establishing Chalet Hotels Limited's prior rights, goodwill, and likelihood of consumer confusion, RKD successfully secured vital interim protection. The Order highlights the importance of trademark vigilance and strategic enforcement in preserving a brand's identity and commercial value.

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IP Updates

Patent Feuds: The Untold Battle That Shaped Innovation When Hours Mattered: The Valentine's Day Patent Clash Over the Telephone

In the race to revolutionize communication, hours made all the difference. On Valentine's Day 1876, Alexander Graham Bell and Elisha Gray were locked in a patent showdown over the invention of the telephone; an untold battle that changed the world. In our latest article under the series, "Patent Feuds: The Untold Battle That Shaped Innovation," we explore this battle and how legal strategy, timing, and determination can be as critical as the invention itself. [Read More](#)

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Patent Prodigy: Delhi High Court Reaffirms Scope of Section 59- Product Claims Cannot Be Smuggled in via Post-Filing Amendments

Delhi High Court confirms that product claims can't be smuggled in through post-filing amendments an essential reminder to draft your PCT claims with foresight. Dive into our latest Patent Prodigy update to learn why AbbVie's ADC application fell foul of Sections 3(i) and 59(1). [Read More](#)

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Apart from the recent developments in Intellectual Property laws, we have also covered many other articles which have received high readership in the IP community globally due to our fresh, innovative approach to knowledge-sharing. As you journey through these articles, we hope to lead you to the proverbial pot of gold at the end of the IPR rainbow.



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