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R. K. Dewan & Co. at the 6th Pune International Business Summit, 2025 organized by the Maharashtra Chamber of Commerce, Industries and Agriculture (MCCIA).



R. K. Dewan & Co. is delighted to share that **Dr. Mohan Dewan** (Trademarks & Patents Attorney, Principal – R. K. Dewan & Co.), **Dr. Niti Dewan** (Head of Patents and Business Development, Patent & Trademark Attorney), **Dr. Rajinder Kumar Sapru**, (Senior Patent Consultant), **Adv. Ameet Deshpande** (Sr. Legal Associate, Litigator, **Adv. Ranjit Wagh** (Sr. Legal Associate) and **Adv. Arjun Pradhan** (Sr. Legal Associate) on behalf of our firm, attended the 6th Pune International Business Summit, 2025 organized by the **Maharatta Chamber of Commerce, Industries and Agriculture (MCCIA)**

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in February 2025 at JW Marriott, Pune.

Dr. Mohan Dewan & Dr. Niti Dewan also delivered a special address on Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) in international business and shared their valuable insights on fusing Intellectual Property (IP) with Research & Development (R & D) and innovation, when taking a leap in the international markets.

The summit is one of India's leading conclaves hosting several diplomats, industry leaders, decision makers, financial institutions & policymakers from around the world, focusing on international collaborations.



R. K. Dewan & Co. at the CII Conference & Exposition on Intellectual Property Rights in Auto & Automotive Sector Southern Region

R. K. Dewan & Co. is delighted to share that, Adv. A. K Balaji (Senior Legal Associate, Head of Chennai office, Litigator) & Adv. Nithya S. (Senior Legal Associate), on behalf of our firm attended the Conference & Exposition on Intellectual Property Rights in Auto & Automotive Sector Southern Region organised by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) in Chennai.

The conference that included four sessions covering trends, design, technology and collaboration, highlighted the importance of cutting edge innovation and IP creation at the interface of automotive and digital sectors as well as the efforts required for a robust IP enforcement framework. The event was graced with the presence of Hon'ble Madras High Court Judge, Justice Senthilkumar Ramamoorthy who delivered a special address on the theme of the exposition i.e., "Smart IP Powering Smart Mobility."

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R. K. Dewan & Co. is thankful to CII for the wonderful organization of this conference which brought together legal & industry leaders, fostering growth and protecting innovation under one roof.

R. K. Dewan & Co. at the NIKKEI Japan-India Economy & Investment Forum

India has surpassed China as the world's most populous country, with a young population averaging 28 years of age. Its GDP is projected to surpass those of Japan and Germany, attracting Japanese investments worth 5 trillion yen. The key challenges include labor reforms, fostering SMEs, advancing clean energy, and leveraging population growth for economic expansion.

R. K. Dewan & Co. is delighted to share that, **Mr. Deepak Singh** (Team Leader & Senior Patent Attorney) & **Adv. Isha Gandhi** (Senior Legal

Associate), on behalf of our firm attended the prestigious NIKKEI Japan-India Economy & Investment Forum. This event was supported by the Government of India and the Japan India Association and was held at the Shangri-La Eros, New Delhi.

As a beacon of excellence and innovation in the IP domain, R. K. Dewan & Co. having cultivated a legacy of leadership spanning 83 years our firm's focus will be rendering our expertise to encourage foreign investment in India to collaborate in Artificial Intelligence (AI), robotics, renewable energy, and space exploration; striving for a better IPR aware world and society.



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R. K. Dewan & Co. at FICCI's Media & Entertainment Business Conclave



We are pleased to report that, **Adv. A. K Balaji** (Senior Legal Associate, Head of Chennai office, Litigator) & **Adv. Nithya S.** (Senior Legal Associate), on behalf of R. K. Dewan & Co. attended the **FICCI's Media & Entertainment Business Conclave** at ITC Grand Chola in Chennai. The MEBC South Connect 2025 highlighted India's powerful role in shaping global creative narratives, bridging regional storytelling with worldwide audiences &

brought together leaders from India's dynamic media and entertainment sectors - films, TV, OTT, gaming, and more - to explore how regional content can transcend borders and captivate global markets.

Through insightful discussions on content innovation, cultural exchange, and market expansion, MEBC South Connect focused on harnessing India's storytelling heritage, empowering creators, and addressing the challenges and opportunities in scaling regional narratives to the global stage.

R. K. Dewan & Co. is thankful to FICCI for organizing this event & looks forward to many such events, striving for a better IPR aware world and society.

R. K. Dewan & Co. at the Kluwer Law International (KLI) Meet 2025

R. K. Dewan & Co. is elated to inform that **Mr. Deepak Singh** (Team Leader & Senior Patent Attorney) on behalf of our firm attended the **Kluwer Law International (KLI) Meet 2025** organized by Wolters Kluwer India in March 2025 at the Holiday Inn, New Delhi.

Deepak attended the Meet as a panellist to discuss the Future of Intellectual Property: Balancing Innovation, Protection, and Globalization in the Digital Age. The Meet explored the latest trends and developments shaping India's legal framework through three panels under the legal domains of Arbitration, Taxation and IP.

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KLI Meet 2025, Delhi

Kluwer Law International (KLI) Meet 2025

Wolters Kluwer India invites thought leaders and industry partners to discuss key trends in arbitration, international taxation, and intellectual property law, offering a platform for insights and best practices.

The Future of Intellectual Property
Balancing Innovation, Protection, and Globalization in the Digital Age

R. K. Dewan & Co. is thankful to the Wolters Kluwer India for the exemplary organization of this Meet which united thought leaders and veterans of the legal industry to explore the latest trends and developments shaping India's legal framework.

R. K. Dewan & Co. at the Global Investors Summit 2025: Driving Innovation & Investment in India

We are thrilled to share that, R. K. Dewan & Co. attended the **Global Investors Summit – 2025** in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh. Organized by the Department of Industrial Policy and Investment Promotion, Government of Madhya Pradesh, this biennial event aimed to create a platform for global leaders, investors, and experts to explore emerging trends, identify collaboration opportunities, and unlock the full potential of Madhya Pradesh as a hub for business and investment.

Our team, comprising Prof. (Dr.) Amit Kumar Tiwari (Indian Patent Agent and Senior Patent Associate), Adv. Shubham Borkar (Senior Legal Associate) and Adv. Aditya Singh (Patent Associate), actively participated in the event and provided valuable insights into the intersection of innovation, IPR, and investment opportunities. The team engaged with industry leaders, contributing to discussions on the significance of IPR in fostering growth, protecting innovation, and supporting sustainable business models.

Watch Prof. (Dr.) Amit Kumar Tiwari highlighting R. K. Dewan & Co.'s commitment to strengthening the ecosystem of intellectual property rights and supporting businesses in leveraging IP for global competitiveness - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nnNLhoJ3kuE&feature=youtu.be>

Key takeaways from the summit included the growing importance of IPR as a strategic business asset in attracting investments, the need for ongoing collaboration between governments and businesses to create conducive environments for innovation, and the critical role that legal expertise plays in ensuring businesses can navigate the complexities of international markets. As we reflect on the event, we are energized by the new opportunities and connections established. R. K. Dewan & Co. looks forward to playing a pivotal role in advocating for IP awareness and supporting businesses in their journey toward growth and success.





RKD IP Updates


European Union Intellectual Property Office Affirms Thermax Limited's Trademark Rights in Opposition Cases in the Czech Republic and Portugal

Thermax Limited, a leading provider of integrated solutions in energy, environmental, and chemical industries, has successfully protected its Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) in both the Czech Republic and Portugal. Represented by **R. K. Dewan & Co., (RKD)** Thermax secured favourable Orders in two trademark opposition cases, further strengthening its market position in European Union.

Czech Republic:





Thermax Limited is the registered owner of the trademark “ THERMAX ” across multiple classes within the European Union, including key classes related to its operations. In January 2024, RKD filed an opposition on behalf of Thermax (Opponent) against a trademark application filed by Aquecinox Limited (Applicant) for the mark “ THERMOMAX ” in the Czech Republic. The mark applied for was not only phonetically similar to the Opponent's existing registrations but also sought registrations in Classes 17, 35, and 37, which overlapped with the goods and services covered under the Opponent's existing registrations.

In response, the Applicant argued that there were no similarities between the rival marks or their respective goods and services. However, RKD on behalf of the Opponent filed observations against the Applicant's response in July 2024, highlighting the visual and phonetic similarities between the marks, as well as the overlapping nature of the goods and services. In August 2024, the European Union Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO) ruled in favour of the Thermax by refusing the Applicant's registration of the mark “ THERMOMAX ” in Classes 35 and 37 but allowed the mark to be registered in Class 17. Notably, the Applicant did not file an appeal against this decision, cementing the success of Thermax's opposition in the Czech Republic.

Portugal:



Thermax Limited is also the registered owner of the mark “ THERMAX ” in Class 11 across the European Union. In Portugal, Aquecinox Limited (Applicant) filed an application for a similar mark i.e., “ TherVax ” in the same Class i.e., Class 11. Given that Portugal is a

member of the European Union, RKD, on behalf of Thermax, filed an opposition on based on Thermax's prior EU registration.

The Portuguese Trademarks Office reviewed the case and issued a ruling outrightly rejecting the application in Class 11. The Registrar held that, there were substantial visual and phonetic similarities between the marks, along with a clear overlap in the goods covered under both applications, which could not only cause consumer confusion but also imply an association of the impugned mark with Thermax's established goodwill &

reputation. The Applicant did not appeal against the decision, confirming the success of the Opponent i.e., Thermax's opposition in Portugal.

The favourable outcomes in the Czech Republic and Portugal highlight RKD's expertise in defending and enforcing Thermax's IPR which played a crucial role in cementing Thermax's position in the international market. These recent successful orders underscore the importance of vigilant trademark protection and strategic legal approach in preserving the integrity of global brands as well as serve as valuable precedents for businesses to protect their intellectual property from potential infringement in international market.

A View From Afar

A View from Afar: Not all that's Iconic is Art

How far does copyright protection extend in the fashion and footwear industry? The German Federal Court of Justice (BGH) Bundesgerichtshof recently ruled against Birkenstock's bid to protect its iconic sandal design as "works of applied art" reaffirming that functionality alone does not equate to artistic originality.

[Read More](#)

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.

Stories Behind Brands

Stories Behind Brands: Hindustan Pencils- Nataraj & Apsara: Writing India's Success Story -

<https://www.linkedin.com/pulse/stories-behind-brands-hindustan-pencils-nataraj-apsara-dewan-hwaxf/?trackingId=jrGKHUCtQSaAxTdNOXiaPA%3D%3D>



Hidden Gems of India

Hidden Gems of India - Chitradurga Fort -

<https://www.linkedin.com/pulse/hidden-gems-india-chitradurga-fort-dr-mohan-dewan-qgu3f/?trackingId=uqhYc5zjyhittCP6O7I2ZQ%3D%3D>

Unsung Heroes

Unsung Heroes: Dr. Sambhunath De: The Unsung Pioneer Who Unravalled Cholera's Secrets -

<https://www.linkedin.com/pulse/unsung-heroes-dr-sambhunath-de-pioneer-who-unravalled-dr-mohan-dewan-bfe3f/?trackingId=wJkcwwWSk4wS%2F2jcn2vfjg%3D%3D>

Decoding Delicious Delicacies

Decoding Delicious Delicacies: The Allure of Misa Mach Poora -

<https://www.linkedin.com/pulse/decoding-delicious-delicacies-allure-misa-mach-poora-dr-mohan-dewan-p8iof/?trackingId=loIiwgWdZslQZ%2B6jTnp%2FGA%3D%3D>

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