

May 2024 LEGAL RECAP



Jackie Shroff's "personality rights"

Jackle Shroff sued multiple defendants for unauthorised use of his image, voice, and dialogue, including an Alchatbot. The court agreed with the misuse but permitted a YouTuber's "Thug Life" video featuring Shroff, ruling it as artistic expression and a source of livelihood, not a violation of his personality rights.

Revocation of patent

An appeal against a decision by the Deputy Controller of patent office to revoke the appellant's patent filled 'a synergistic miticidal composition'. The appellant argues that the respondent didn't properly consider their arguments. The Court agreed, finding the reasons for revoking the patent inadequate. So, both parties agreed to a fresh review of the apposition.





Unregistered company caused deal

The plaintiff owns the "Jamboree" trademark for their hotel business. They made a deal with the defendant to manage a resort in Goa but found out the defendant's company wasn't legally registered, making the deal invalid. The court ordered the defendant to stop using the "Jamboree" name and give the plaintiff access to all online booking site accounts.

Stay on trademark infringement case

A writ petition was flied by "Lotus Organic Care" against a district court's rejection of a request to stay a trademark infringement and passing off lawsuit by "Aadhar Products Pvt. Ltd."

The defendant wanted to challenge the validity of the plaintiff's trademarks, so the Rajasthan High Court allowed the petition, letting the defendant file a rectification application while staying the infringement proceedings.





Employee won full back pay and pension for wrongful termination

The petitioner, wrongfully terminated in 1995, faced delays in reinstatement and salary payments. She resumed work in 1996 and retired in 2023, seeking unpaid salaries from 2006 and regularisation. The court upheld her claims, ordering full pay back of her wages, service regularisation, and salary adjustments for a full pension, citing employer faults and procedural flaws.

Go First Faces Liquidation

Go First airline is heading towards liquidation after the Delhi High Court ordered the deregistration of its 54 aircraft. Lenders expect losses due to long legal battles lowering asset values. The airline's recovery plan falled, leaving its future uncertain. IndiGo's market dominance highlights the tough competition in India's aviation sector. Poor condition of repossessed planes, with missing engines and poor maintenance, signals the end of Go First.





FIR quash against Director

The Calcutta High Court quashed a FIR against company's directors accused of Illegal construction under Section 401A of the Kolkata Municipal Corporation Act. The court found they were only involved in marketing, not construction. It stressed that being listed as directors doesn't mean involvement in all company activities and noted that delays shouldn't prevent considering counterclaims.

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