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EVENTS & MEETINGS

Vice Chairman Mr. Sameep Shastri represented BRICS CCI as an esteemed Speaker at The International Youth acceleration program “SCO Business Incubator” in Omsk, Russia



Mr. Sameep Shastri, Vice Chairman of the BRICS CCI, represented BRICS CCI at the SCO Youth Forum & International Youth Acceleration Program – **SCO Business Incubator**.

In his address, Mr. Shastri highlighted the vital role of youth as not only the leaders of tomorrow but also the architects of today's change. Drawing from India's entrepreneurial success story — home to the world's third-largest startup ecosystem — he emphasized the importance of creating cross-border frameworks that empower young innovators with mentorship, finance, and access to markets.

Representing the voice of youth entrepreneurship, Mr. Shastri called for a Unified SCO Support Framework to remove barriers, multiply opportunities, and make it easier for startups across SCO nations to collaborate and scale. His vision underscored that with the right ecosystem, youth-led innovation can drive shared prosperity, sustainability, and deeper cooperation across the region.



EVENTS & MEETINGS

BRICS CCI and Government of Omsk Region Sign Landmark Cooperation Agreement



Government of Omsk Region and BRICS CCI Sign Strategic Cooperation Agreement

The Government of Omsk Region and the BRICS Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BRICS CCI) have signed a landmark Agreement on Cooperation and Interaction, aimed at strengthening economic, cultural, and innovation ties across the BRICS framework and beyond. The agreement was formalized in Omsk by Mr. Sameep Shastri, Vice Chairman, BRICS CCI, and Mr. Vitaly Pavlovich Khotsenko, Governor of Omsk Region and Chairman of its Government, underscoring the shared commitment of Russia and India to deepen partnerships and reinforce BRICS' global role in inclusive growth.

The partnership stands as a testament to the power of regional and organizational cooperation in today's interconnected world. With visionary leadership and shared resolve, the Omsk Region–BRICS CCI agreement is poised to redefine collaboration between Russia, India, and the wider BRICS community.



YOUTH LEADERSHIP DIALOGUE 2.0

**DAY 1 | AUGUST 4TH, 2025 | LEADERSHIP ETHOES FROM
INDIAN ARMED FORCES**



Day 1 of the Youth Leadership Dialogue 2025 began with profound insights from decorated Armed Forces veterans. Lt. Gen D.V. Kalra (Retd.), Air Vice Marshal Rajeev Sharma, and Rear Admiral A.S. Sethi engaged in meaningful dialogue with students, emphasizing the importance of discipline, strategic thinking, and integrity in leadership. Their collective experiences across the Army, Air Force, and Navy provided a holistic perspective on service and responsibility. The session left participants inspired to embrace challenges with courage and contribute meaningfully to society.

The dialogue underscored how the qualities that shape military leadership—clarity under pressure, teamwork, and a commitment to larger causes—are equally vital for today's youth navigating complex global challenges. Each speaker shared powerful anecdotes from their service, translating battlefield lessons into life lessons that resonated deeply with the audience.

Students were encouraged to think beyond personal success and channel their energy toward building a resilient and progressive nation. The interactive exchanges reflected the spirit of the Dialogue—bridging experience with aspiration, and preparing the next generation to lead with both vision and values.

YOUTH LEADERSHIP DIALOGUE 2.0

DAY 2 | AUGUST 5TH, 2025 | PRADHANMANTRI SANGRAHALAYA (PRIME MINISTERS' MUSEUM), NEW DELHI



The second day of the Youth Leadership Dialogue 2025 took participants on an inspiring journey through India's democratic and political history with a visit to the Pradhanmantri Sangrahalaya. Accompanied by Mr. Sameep Shastri, the group explored the museum's rich exhibits that trace the lives, contributions, and legacies of India's Prime Ministers. The experience offered a unique opportunity to reflect on the vision, challenges, and decisions that shaped modern India.

Mr. Sameep Shastri engaged with the participants, emphasizing the importance of learning from past leaders while preparing to take responsibility for the future. The visit blended history with leadership lessons, leaving the youth with a deeper sense of pride, purpose, and responsibility towards nation-building.



YOUTH LEADERSHIP DIALOGUE 2.0

DAY 3 | AUGUST 6TH, 2025 | LEADING THROUGH DIPLOMACY |
BHARAT MANDAPAM



The third day of the Youth Leadership Dialogue 2025 at Bharat Mandapam featured an engaging dialogue with distinguished diplomats and experts. The session brought together Ms. Leticia Marranghello, Second Secretary, Political Section, Embassy of Brazil; Mr. Mikhail Antsiferov, Third Secretary, Embassy of the Russian Federation; Mr. Zhang Yefei, First Secretary, Embassy of the People's Republic of China; Mr. Peter Mahafha, First Secretary (Political), High Commission of South Africa; and Amb. Amarendra Khatua, Former High Commissioner of India to Argentina & Ivory Coast, Former Secretary (Special Assignment), MEA, and Senior Advisor, BRICS CCI.

The discussion focused on youth leadership in a globalized world, the importance of BRICS cooperation, and how young changemakers can contribute to building bridges across nations. Each speaker brought forward unique insights from their countries' perspectives, while underlining the shared responsibility of youth in shaping a sustainable, inclusive, and collaborative future. The session left participants enriched with international viewpoints and inspired to carry forward the spirit of dialogue and leadership.

The session at Bharat Mandapam thus became a living example of international cooperation and the spirit of BRICS, leaving participants both enlightened and inspired.

YOUTH LEADERSHIP DIALOGUE 2.0

DAY 4 | AUGUST 7TH, 2025 | RASHTRAPATI BHAVAN, NEW DELHI



On August 7th, 2025, the participants of the Youth Leadership Dialogue 2025 experienced an exclusive visit to Rashtrapati Bhavan, the official residence of the President of India and one of the most iconic symbols of the nation's democratic fabric. The visit offered students a unique opportunity to immerse themselves in the grandeur of India's heritage, governance, and institutional history.

The delegation was given a guided tour of the majestic complex, including the Mughal Gardens, Ashok Hall, Durbar Hall, and key ceremonial spaces, each reflecting the architectural brilliance and cultural legacy of India. The participants were introduced to the rich history of Rashtrapati Bhavan—from its origins during the British era as the Viceroy's House to its transformation into the residence of the President of the world's largest democracy.

Beyond the architectural magnificence, the visit was a learning experience in civic values and governance. Students gained insights about the role of the President of India as the constitutional head of the nation, symbolizing unity, inclusiveness, and continuity in democracy. The grandeur of the halls and the stories of state ceremonies underscored how institutions embody the spirit of leadership and responsibility.

For many participants, the experience was both humbling and inspiring. Walking through the corridors that have hosted global leaders and witnessed historic decisions reinforced the Dialogue's central theme of nurturing future-ready leaders with vision, integrity, and respect for institutions.

The visit to Rashtrapati Bhavan not only deepened the participants' appreciation of India's democratic journey but also left them motivated to contribute meaningfully towards the nation's progress, upholding the values of service, duty, and leadership.

YOUTH LEADERSHIP DIALOGUE 2.0

DAY 5 | AUGUST 8TH, 2025 | GOVERNANCE THROUGH BUREAUCRACY



The fifth day of the Youth Leadership Dialogue 2025 featured impactful sessions with eminent leaders from civil services and law enforcement who shared their experiences and perspectives on governance, integrity, and public service. **The speakers included Mr. Shashank Jaiswal, IPS, Deputy Commissioner of Police (Traffic), Delhi Police; Mr. Sukhad Chaturvedi, Joint Commissioner of Income Tax, Ministry of Finance, Government of India; and Dr. Parvez Hayat, former DGP/ Hon advisor Climate Parliament.**

The discussions revolved around the role of ethical leadership in public administration, the challenges of decision-making in high-pressure environments, and the responsibility of young leaders in shaping a transparent and accountable future. Drawing from their professional journeys, the speakers highlighted how discipline, integrity, and resilience remain timeless qualities of effective leadership.

The speakers also emphasized the significance of youth engagement in policy, governance, and civic responsibility. They encouraged participants to actively contribute towards creating safer communities, fostering financial transparency, and upholding the values of justice. Through candid interactions and practical insights, **the session bridged the gap between administration and aspiration, leaving students motivated to pursue leadership with a sense of duty and purpose.**

The interactive dialogue encouraged participants to think deeply about the importance of public service, governance, and nation-building. **The session concluded with a strong message: leadership is not only about authority, but about responsibility, vision, and the courage to act for the greater good.**

YOUTH LEADERSHIP DIALOGUE 2.0

DAY 6 | AUGUST 11TH, 2025 | LEADERSHIP IN STYLING- BODY LANGUAGE AND GROOMING TO INFLUENCE



The sixth day of the Youth Leadership Dialogue 2025, held on August 11th, brought together dynamic voices from entrepreneurship, corporate leadership, and innovation. Each speaker shared invaluable insights, offering participants a glimpse into the diverse journeys of building businesses, shaping careers, and leading with impact.

The session featured Mr. Bibin Babu, Co-Founder of Paycio; Mr. Prann Sharma, Shree Baidyanath Ayurved Bhawan Pvt. Ltd.; Mr. Jitendra Sharma, CEO, HairOriginals; Mr. Vikas Dua, HR Head – India, Weber Shandwick; Mr. Ankit Jhamb, Chief Learning Officer, Grant Thornton Bharat LLP; and Mr. Anuj Gautam, Founder of Label AG. Their

collective perspectives spanned themes of entrepreneurship, people-centric leadership, the power of innovation, and the importance of staying authentic in today's competitive world.

From scaling startups and navigating challenges to fostering talent and embracing learning as a lifelong process, the speakers emphasized qualities such as resilience, adaptability, and collaboration as cornerstones of leadership. They urged young leaders to harness creativity, uphold values, and remain agile in a rapidly changing professional landscape.

Through candid discussions and real-world experiences, the speakers bridged the gap between aspiration and action, inspiring participants to pursue leadership with clarity of vision and a strong sense of purpose. The day concluded with the resounding message that true leadership is about creating impact—not just within organizations, but across communities and society at large.

YOUTH LEADERSHIP DIALOGUE 2.0

DAY 7 | AUGUST 12TH, 2025 | FINALE | HYATT REGENCY NEW DELHI



The final day of the Youth Leadership Dialogue 2025, held on August 12th, concluded the series on a powerful note with thought-provoking sessions led by distinguished leaders from governance, diplomacy, politics, and industry. Their collective experiences offered participants profound lessons on leadership, ethics, and nation-building.

The session featured key-note address from Sri Rajesh Nagar, Minister of State for Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Dept., Govt of Haryana, Dr. Rana Gurmit Singh Sodhi, National Executive, BJP and Former Cabinet Minister, Punjab; Dr. Madhukar Gupta, Commissioner, State Election Commission, Rajasthan; Dr. Dnyaneshwar Manohar Mulay, Former Member, National Human Rights Commission; Mr. Vladimir Ladanov, Minister-Counsellor, Embassy of the Russian Federation; Mr. K. J. Alphons, IAS (Retd.), Former Union Minister for Tourism, India, Air Marshal Ravi Kapoor (Retd.), Air officer Commanding-In-Chief, central Air command ; Mr. Sushil Sharma, CEO & MD, Marwari Catalyst; Mr. Anku Jain, Managing Director, Media Tek India and Mr. Nishant Sama, Co-convenor, BRICS CCI Young Leaders. Also featured was a keynote session by Mr. He Meng, Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of the People's Republic of China. The Dialogue further saw active participation from diplomatic representatives of Bolivia, Russia, Indonesia, South Africa, Brazil, Egypt, and Iran, among others

As the Dialogue concluded, participants were reminded that leadership is not defined by titles or positions but by the ability to serve, inspire, and create meaningful change. The closing day left the young audience motivated to carry forward the spirit of ethical governance, innovation, and collaboration in their own leadership journeys.

BRICS CCI HEALTHCARE SUMMIT 2025



The BRICS Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BRICS CCI) successfully hosted the **BRICS CCI Healthcare Summit 2025** in New Delhi under the leadership of **Mr. Prann Sharma, President, BRICS CCI Healthcare Vertical**. With the theme “**Bridging Tradition and Innovation**,” the summit underscored the integration of **AYUSH** with modern healthcare to build future-ready systems and foster global collaborations. Distinguished dignitaries, including **Shri Prataprao Jadhav, Hon’ble Minister of State (Independent Charge), Ministry of AYUSH**, and **Shri Anurag Sharma, Hon’ble Member of Parliament, Vaidya Rajesh Kotecha, Secretary, Ministry of AYUSH**, **Shri Ramdas Athawale, Hon’ble Minister of State, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment**, **Acharya Manish Ji, Founder, Jeena Sikho Lifecare Limited** graced the event alongside international diplomats and healthcare leaders. An exclusive video address was also delivered by **Shri Om Birla, Hon’ble Speaker of the Lok Sabha**. The summit was graced by official representatives from the Embassies of Russia, China, South Africa, Ethiopia, Egypt, UAE, and Iran, alongside industry leaders, policymakers, and researchers from across the globe.

The summit featured engaging panel discussions with experts from government, industry, and academia, who highlighted the growing global shift towards natural, safe, and sustainable healthcare solutions. Leaders from BRICS CCI, including **Dr. BBL Madhukar** and **Mr. Sameep Shastri**, reiterated the chamber’s commitment to advancing innovation by blending tradition with modern science. The event received strong industry support from leading AYUSH companies and partners, drawing immense enthusiasm from manufacturers, & healthcare innovators across BRICS+ nations.

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SCO SUMMIT 2025: GLOBAL INVESTMENT IMPLICATIONS FOR INDIA, BRICS, THE US AND EUROPE

The **SCO (Shanghai Cooperation Organisation) Summit in Tianjin (Aug 31–Sep 1, 2025)** brought India, Russia, and China to the forefront of discussions on trade, energy, finance, and technology. For investors, the outcomes signal a realignment of capital flows and sectoral opportunities across India, BRICS economies, and the Western world.

Key messages for Investors

1. Energy security & infra financing flows are shifting East, with India well-positioned.
2. Parallel payment, trade, and Artificial Intelligence (AI) systems are taking shape hedges against dollar dominance.
3. Tariff frictions remain the biggest near-term drag on India's export sectors.

SCO vs US Economic Performance - GDP

Growth Analysis

The economic scoreboard tells a compelling story:

SCO (2025 Growth Rates)

- China: 5.3%
- India: 6.5-7.0%
- Russia: 2.8% (despite sanctions)

United States

- Projected growth: 1.6%

Combined, China, India, and Russia have a \$25.5 trillion economy, that's 84% the size of the entire US economy.

What This Means for Markets

The SCO is putting serious money behind their vision:

- \$1.4 billion in new loans committed by China over three years
- \$890 billion in trade volume between SCO countries in 2024
- \$140 billion in Chinese investments across SCO nations

These are large numbers and represent the building blocks of an alternative global financial system.

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The Real Game Changer

The SCO is building parallel infrastructure:

- Independent payment systems (against the dominance of US dollar)
- Digital trade platforms (+34% growth in cross-border e-commerce)
- Energy cooperation (72% of global renewable energy growth)
- New railways and shipping routes (reducing dependence on Western logistics)

Big Picture Signals

- Parallel financial plumbing
- China advanced the idea of a SCO development bank, expanded AI/energy cooperation, and offered broader access to its BeiDou satellite system, moves designed to reduce dollar and GPS dependence while building Eurasian (the total continental land mass of Europe and Asia combined) financing rails. Expect pilot projects first, with selective scaling thereafter.
- Durable energy realignment
- India and Russia reaffirmed deep energy ties, even as Washington escalated tariffs on Indian goods over discounted Russian oil purchases. This cements low-cost crude flows and increases the likelihood of rupee-dirham-ruble settlement mechanisms in bilateral trade.
- Technology & Artificial Intelligence (AI) corridor
- SCO members pledged greater cooperation in AI standards, compute sharing, and sovereign tooling. India emphasized “equal access” principles, hinting at its push for open frameworks amid a largely China-led initiative.

India: Actionable Investment Angles

Opportunities

- Energy & refining: Sustained discounted Russian crude strengthens refining margins and logistics players with Eurasian exposure.
- Infrastructure & green finance: If the SCO bank materializes, Indian EPC (Engineering, Procurement and Construction) firms, grid-equipment makers, renewables OEMs, and datacentre developers could see new project pipelines in Central Asia.
- Space/geospatial stack: BeiDou integration opens markets for dual-mode navigation hardware, logistics telematics, and agri-tech solutions as an opportunity for Indian SMEs and system integrators.

Risks

- Tariff overhang: US tariffs remain a headwind for export-sensitive sectors like textiles and engineering.
- China optics: Rapid SCO engagement could complicate India’s tech supply-chain shifts toward the West, especially in sensitive industries.

Portfolio stance (India): Overweight energy, EPC/infra, power equipment, datacenter REITs. Neutral on export-heavy midcaps until tariff clarity emerges. Maintain hedges via gold and USD assets.

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BRICS Beyond India

- **Russia:** Stable offtake to India underwrites upstream flows. Shipping and financing remain investable but sanction-bound.
- **China:** SCO bank and AI initiatives will favor Chinese grid, EV (Electric Vehicles), and surveillance hardware firms aligned with state-led financing.
- **GCC (Gulf Co-operation Council) & Central Asia:** Logistics hubs, dry ports, and power interconnects are poised for near-term investment, likely funded by sukuk or yuan-linked paper.

United States: Sectoral Implications

- **Tariffs & trade:** Persistent tariffs on India and China keep inflation sticky, reinforcing resilience in US value sectors, energy, and onshoring plays.
- **Dollar primacy:** Non-USD financing under SCO is a long-tail risk, but watch EM (emerging markets) reserve diversification for early signs.
- **Big Tech:** Divergent SCO AI standards may limit US cloud/semis' access to Eurasian markets, favor firms with entrenched US/EU demand and government-secure contracts.

Europe: Navigating Fragmentation

- **Energy premiums:** With Russian flows redirected east, Europe remains LNG (liquified natural gas) and MENA (Middle East and North Africa) dependent, sustaining opportunities in renewables, storage, and grid upgrades.
- **Export competition:** Eurasian trade corridors increase competition for EU mid-cap capital goods in Central Asia and Africa.
- **Policy response:** Expect Brussels to deepen tech controls while accelerating subsidies for semiconductors, hydrogen, and battery supply chains.

Cross-Market Sector Map

Winners (6–24 months): refiners, tankers, EPC/infra, datacentres, SCO-AI integrators.

Laggards/Volatile: tariff-exposed exporters (India–US/EU), dual-use tech vulnerable to export controls.

Scenarios to Price

1. **Pragmatic integration (55%) :** SCO bank pilots projects, tariffs persist with carve-outs. *Position:* energy + infra barbell, selective exporters.
2. **Hard bifurcation (25%) :** Tech/finance decoupling deepens. *Position:* overweight domestic demand, defense/cyber, plus cash/gold.
3. **De-escalation (20%) :** Limited tariff relief, USD stability, and cross-listed projects. *Position:* rotate to quality growth, add EM FX duration.

Investor Takeaway :

The Tianjin SCO summit marks a structural step in building a Eurasian financial and energy ecosystem led by India, Russia, and China. India gains energy security and potential infra-finance flows, but tariff risks and China-linked sensitivities persist. For BRICS, the SCO expands infrastructure and technology demand; for the West, it creates competing supply chains and financing rails.

Bottom line: Play the Eurasian opportunity set selectively, hedge fragmentation risks, and keep portfolios balanced between East–West exposures

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China's 2025 Intellectual Property Nation Building Plan: Implications for BRICS IP Cooperation and India

Introduction :

In May 2025, China has announced a comprehensive intellectual property nation building plan. The plan is designed to implement the “outline for building a powerful intellectual property country (2021-35)” and the “national intellectual property and utilization plan for the 14th Five-year plan.” The plan is launched with the intention to transform China in term of its intellectual property. The plan covers various aspects of development of intellectual property including commercialization and international cooperation.

China is placing more emphasis on the quality of intellectual property (IP) as a whole by implementing quality indicators for patent applications and by creating pre-patent reviews that focus on industrialization. It is also working to improve the efficiency of trademark examinations using better technology. On the market operations side the country is developing a strong intellectual property finance system with broader options for IP pledge finance and securitization options and developing more specialized insurance products to enhance protection of intellectual property in international trade.

China's 2025 Promotion Plan entitled Intellectual Property Nation Building represents a fundamental change in its IP regime, not on the basis of minor amendments, but aligning IP law with its technological ambitions in AI, blockchain, and amongst other technologies. It is reshaping the IP national frameworks into innovative growth plans. China is moving institutions, organisations, artists and the public to align with this policy which in turn will be led to further economic development.

China's increased engagement in global IP governance like BRICS, ASEAN, WTO and bilateral engagements, reflects the desire of China to align its interests with the agenda of these engagements. This will result in a lack of equilibrium for countries such as India, which might be facing challenges in its public interest commitment towards IP. China's change in the legal process through statutory legal provisions regarding deterrent damages for IP and a nationally coordinated systems of enforcement, has increased its credibility. The focus on the digital public service platforms and compliance of IP agencies will lead to the setting up of a centralised service regime for IP which promotes domestic efficiency.

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The BRICS IP cooperation is based on the collaboration of countries in sharing information on legislation and enforcement issues, promoting public awareness, and providing a unified collective representation for the BRICS countries in the global IP system.

One of the major issues which the BRICS IP cooperation faces is with regards to the governance and implementation of IP rights. Countries like India and China are leading in enforcement of IP rights but other countries face issues in implementation of IP rights, like delay in judicial process. Another major issue arising from the excessive focus on economic growth which underscores the importance of IP rights.

Implication for BRICS IP Cooperation:

China for a significant period has been an active participant in building of IP capacity within the BRICS arrangement. The new plan introduced by China also furthers their involvement, the plan explicitly includes measures for improving the BRICS IP cooperation mechanism.

China through the implementation of this policy has the potential of becoming one of the most prominent countries in terms of IP policies and implementation. Although China does not explicitly intend to impose TRIPS-Plus IP standards, its level of development may unintentionally raise expectations of IP protection and enforcement among the BRICS countries. The new policy will not only strengthen China's position in the market but also lead to dominance in the BRICS IP cooperation. China could use its dominance to yield its agenda for IP that does not serve the interests of all members states including India. For instance, China's preference to internationalize its renminbi and to deprive the US dollar of its dominance might affect the aspects of financial cooperation within BRICS. India must put forward its idea for a balanced cooperative approach to advance BRICS member perspectives, particularly developing economies. Such a balance is valuable in BRICS agenda of de-dollarization and green industrialization. India will have a critical role to play in advancing inclusive members' interests while attempting to curb undue influence by any one BRICS member state's agenda in this process.

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India and China have both been prominent members of BRICS. Both the countries have contributed significantly in the implementation of IP rights in developing countries and the TRIPS agreement. The approach of the two countries varies from one another, as the strategy of China focuses on creation and exploitation of IP rights, and the strategy of India lags behind in this regard.

India and China both had come up with their National IPR Policy in 2016 and 2025 respectively. The aim of both the policies was to improve the intellectual property regime. The legal framework of the Indian policy is such that it balances the rights of right holder and the public interest. It was designed to ensure adherence to the TRIPS Agreement and the Doha Development Round. China's 2025 intellectual property nation building promotion plan intends to make amendments to the existing laws to remove redundant aspects of law and include new or emerging technologies such as AI and blockchain, etc. India's policy is clear that it wishes to improve the legal mechanism to support IP, China's plan lays down the improvements to the system, including the concept of punitive compensation for infringement. India's National IPR Policy gives importance to a strong adjudicatory and enforcement mechanism. The Intellectual Property Division established by the Delhi High Court in 2021 was a result of the policy. However, there are concerns that enforcement placed emphasis on domestic Chinese firms over foreign firms harms transparency and questions international trust.

There is a major difference between the two policies in relation to compulsory licensing. India's policy is clear about the inclusion of compulsory licensing and it continues to use it. This makes India's IPR system unique especially when compared to other developing countries who had moved increasingly towards prioritizing commercial over social economic realities. China's plan does not explicitly mention compulsory licensing. It only discusses a strengthening of patent protection and punitive remedies.

The new plan introduced by China has introduced strong enforcement actions against infringement and counterfeiting. These enforcement actions by China will put a pressure on India to improve the enforcement of IP rights. Another essential change which the plan brings is with regards to IP rights in the digital world including addressing issues pertaining to AI and large-scale data. These efforts by China will impact business and foreign firms in India, as the policies of China are such that it not only addresses issues pertaining to IP protection but also introduces measures to tackle the recent issues arising in the digital era, these additional safeguards provided by China will encourage businesses and investors to be associated with China. This will significantly impact the economic growth in India. There is a need to introduce reforms in the IP regulation, it essential to do so for the economic growth of India.

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Conclusion and Insights :

China's 2025 Intellectual Property Nation Building Plan represents a pivotal moment towards its role as a global leader in intellectual property governance. The emphasis on quality enhancement, effective enforcement, international collaboration, and digital reforming of IP measures, portray that China is raising its ambitions to not only build capacity of IP filings quantitatively, but create a significant holistic environment that ties innovation to economic growth for a wide, broad-based economy. **This development presents as an opportunity and threat to the BRICS IP cooperation.** The opportunity presented to it is to enhance cooperation on intellectual property, establish consistent enforcement processes, and collectively expand its influence in global intellectual property governance processes. The threat is that of dominance by China and dilution of the collective agenda of the other countries by furthering the need of one.

The emergence of the plan presents challenges and opportunities for India. China's emphasis on stricter enforcement, digital reforming of IP processes, and international standardization, will compel India to bring about changes in its IP regime.

However, increased collaboration of the BRICS countries provides India with an opportunity for balanced, development-oriented IP norms that protect access to knowledge, public health, and technology transfer. India has to vouch for maintain a balance in the BRICS IP cooperation. Failure by India to maintain the balance in BRICS will nullify the intent of the organisation. The failure to keep pace with China, could threaten its standing in attracting foreign investment, and innovation, while impacting its competitive positioning in world trading systems.

Therefore, China's 2025 plan serves as a reminder that intellectual property has moved from the margins to core of national competitiveness and global economic strategy. India should act on the imperative to reform its IP regime based upon international standards and to work with BRICS towards a resolution of protecting ideas, developing innovation, and establishing just distribution.

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India becomes ground zero in the global AI race

India is no longer just another large market for global tech companies. It has suddenly become the frontline of the global race to dominate artificial intelligence. The latest signal came this week, when OpenAI formally set up an Indian unit and announced plans to open its first office in New Delhi later this year.

Link: <https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/company/corporate-trends/openai-india-office-delhi-ai-mission-chatgpt-go-399-students-global-ai-race/articleshow/123482699.cms>

Indian music industry calls for AI transparency to protect copyright owners

The Indian Music Industry (IMI) has urged the government to introduce rules ensuring transparency in generative artificial intelligence (AI) models, particularly to safeguard creators and copyright holders.

Speaking at the All About Music conference, IMI Chairman Vikram Mehra urged the government to mandate disclosures whenever generative AI models ingest copyrighted materials during their machine learning processes.

Link:-

https://indianexpress.com/article/business/economy/indian-music-industry-ai-transparency-copyright-owners-10201291/?ref=business_pg



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Indonesia, WIPO strengthen commitment to IP

Indonesia and the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) have solidified their commitment to strengthening collaboration on intellectual property. Following a meeting in Jakarta between Indonesian foreign minister Sugiono and WIPO director general Daren Tang, both parties agreed to advance a partnership focused on leveraging IP for national development. Key initiatives will include developing human resource capacity, promoting innovation and increasing public IP literacy.

Link: <https://asiaiplaw.com/section/news-analysis/indonesia-wipo-strengthen-commitment-to-ip>

Dream11 to shut real-money gaming arm after House nod to Online Gaming Bill

Dream11 is pulling the plug on its real-money gaming business, sources told BT, as India's new gaming bill wipes out the legal basis for paid fantasy sports.

The Centre's Promotion and Regulation of Online Gaming Bill 2025, passed by the Rajya Sabha, enforces a total ban on money-based online games, including fantasy sports, poker, and rummy. Only eSports and social gaming are permitted. Violations may attract up to three years in prison or fines of ₹1 crore.

Link: <https://www.businesstoday.in/latest/corporate/story/dream11-to-shut-real-money-gaming-arm-after-house-nod-to-online-gaming-bill-490563-2025-08-21>



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Biocon bets on Biosimilars, GLP-1 portfolio to drive next phase of growth

Biocon is preparing for expansion across its biologics, generics, and research services business segments, with a strategic focus on biosimilars and the emerging GLP-1 therapy segment.

“Today, biosimilars are an important part of our business, contributing almost 65% of revenues,” Siddharth Mittal, Managing Director and CEO of Biocon, told Business Today.

Link:-

<https://www.businesstoday.in/latest/corporate/story/biocon-bets-on-biosimilars-glp-1-portfolio-to-drive-next-phase-of-growth-489508-2025-08-14>

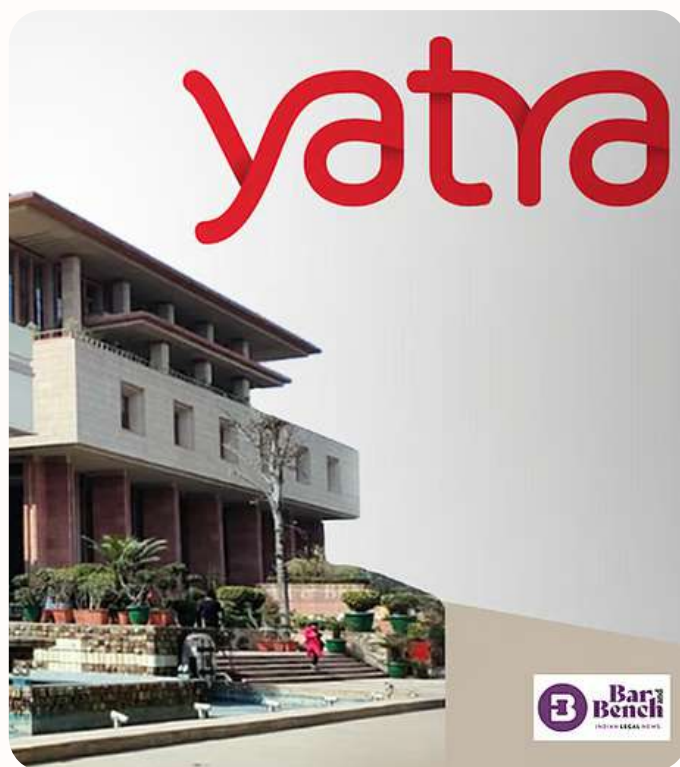
'Yatra' a generic word, can't be monopolised: Delhi High Court in Yatra Online vs BookMyYatra trademark case

The Court vacated an earlier ex parte order in favour of Yatra Online, holding that the word “Yatra” is descriptive of travel and cannot be exclusively appropriated.

The Delhi High Court recently dismissed an application filed by Yatra Online Limited, which had sought to restrain Mach Conferences and Events Limited from launching services under the marks BookMyYatra and BookMyYatra.com [Yatra Online Vs Mach Conferences Limited].

Link:-

<https://www.barandbench.com/news/litigation/yatra-a-generic-word-cant-be-monopolised-delhi-high-court-in-yatra-online-vs-bookmyyatra-trademark-case>



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Listing goods on a website accessible in Delhi not enough to prove territorial jurisdiction: Delhi HC in IP case

The Delhi High Court has ruled that a litigant cannot invoke its territorial jurisdiction in a trademark dispute merely because his legal opponent's products are accessible on a website that can be used from Delhi or because a trademark assignment or registration was executed in Delhi [Vikrant Chemico Industries Pvt Ltd v. Shri Gopal Engineering and Chemical Works Pvt Ltd].

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Delhi High Court orders blocking of apps, websites misusing Premji Invest's IP to defraud people

The Delhi High Court recently ordered the blocking of websites and removal of mobile applications misrepresenting their association with Premji Invest (plaintiff) to defraud the general public [PI Investment Advisory LLP & Anr v Registrant of Premjiex.com & Ors].

Premji Invest supports the philanthropic initiatives of Azim Premji's not-for-profit organisation, Azim Premji Foundation.

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Delhi High Court grants Hero MotoCorp interim relief in trademark case over Destiny electric scooters

The Delhi High Court recently granted an ex parte ad-interim injunction in favour of Hero MotoCorp Limited, restraining Urban Electric Mobility Private Limited and its associated entities (defendants) from using the marks 'DESTINY', 'DESTINY+' and 'DESTINY PRO' for electric scooters [Hero Motorcorp Limited Vs Urban Electric Mobility Private Limited and ors].

Justice Tejas Karia passed the order on August 13 on a suit filed by Hero MotoCorp alleging trademark infringement, passing off and unfair competition.

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Delhi High Court declares Nutella a 'well-known trademark'

The Court also awarded ₹30 lakh in damages and issued a permanent injunction against a Maharashtra-based company that was selling counterfeit hazelnut spreads.

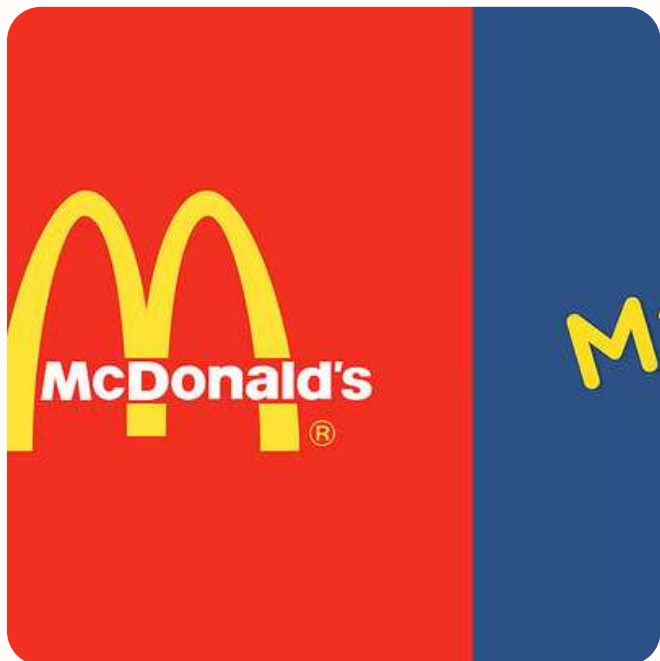
The Delhi High Court has declared 'Nutella' a well-known trademark under Indian trademark law, recognising its transborder reputation, iconic status and enduring consumer association. [Ferrero SPA v. MB Enterprises]

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Small fries, big fight: Why a Gujarat snack maker is suing McDonald's

McPatel Foods Private Limited has filed a civil suit against McDonald's Corporation before an Ahmedabad rural court, alleging that the global fast-food chain has issued groundless threats objecting to its use of the mark "McPatel."

The case is listed for hearing on July 28, 2025.

Link:- <https://www.barandbench.com/news/small-fries-big-fight-why-a-gujarat-snack-maker-is-suing-mcdonalds>

Delhi High Court orders blocking of Sci-Hub and Sci-Net in copyright infringement case

Justice Arora observed that the owner of the two websites is prima facie guilty of contempt for flouting an undertaking given to the Court in 2020.

The Delhi High Court has passed an interim order blocking access to websites 'Sci-Hub' and 'Sci-Net' in the privacy and copyright infringement suits filed by publishing houses Elsevier, Wiley India and American Chemical Society [Elsevier Ltd And Ors v. Alexandra Elbakyan And Ors]

Link:- <https://www.barandbench.com/news/delhi-high-court-orders-blocking-of-sci-hub-and-sci-net-in-copyright-infringement-case>



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Patent Registration

Publication of Draft Patent (Amendment) Rules, 2025 Date: August 19, 2025 Source: India Advocacy | Intellectual Property & Legal Updates

The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) has released the Draft Patent (Amendment) Rules, 2025, inviting feedback from stakeholders and the public. The proposed amendments seek to modernize India's patent framework, streamline procedures, and bring the system closer to international best practices while ensuring ease of compliance for innovators and businesses.

Link:-

<https://indiaadvocacy.in/2025/08/20/publication-of-draft-patent-amendment-rules-2025-date-august-19-2025-source-india-advocacy-intellectual-property-legal/>

GI filings in India jump by 380 percent over five-year period

The number of filings for geographical indications (GIs) in India jumped by 380 percent over the last five years, the biggest increase among IP filings in the jurisdiction during the period, as reported by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

In 2020-21, only 57 GI applications were filed. The number increased to 116 in 2021-22 and further ballooned to 210 in 2022-23. However, total filings plummeted to 134 in 2023-24 but recovered to reach 274 applications in 2024-25.

Link:-<https://asiaiplaw.com/section/news-analysis/gi-filings-in-india-jump-by-380-percent-over-five-year-period>



BRICS AND BEYOND NEWS



Participants at BRICS+ Media Centre in Moscow discuss development of theatrical art in Russia and abroad

A creative meeting of young actors from the BRICS+ countries with People's Artist of Russia Anna Ardova took place at the BRICS+ Information and Cultural Media Centre in Moscow.

She shared with colleagues from Argentina, Brazil, India, China, Cuba, Mauritania, Tunisia, South Africa, and other states her professional experience – from studying at GITIS to her work as artistic director of one of its workshops and as an actress of the Vladimir Mayakovsky Moscow Academic Theatre. She also acquainted the guests with the latest trends and practices of the Russian theatrical school.

Source: [africantimes](#)

Russia launch first BRICS-wide Special Economic Zones Digital Map

Russia has announced record growth in its special economic zones (SEZs), underscoring their role as powerful engines of international investment and industrial cooperation

A major highlight of the event was the launch of the "BRICS SEZ Digital Map" – a unified investment navigator created by the Association of clusters, technology parks and SEZ of Russia. The platform offers comprehensive information on SEZs across BRICS nations, including available benefits and preferential regimes.

Source: [TV Brics](#)



BRICS AND BEYOND NEWS



Russia and India talk up 'strategic partnership' after Trump tariff hike

Russia and India stressed their commitment to a "strategic partnership" in bilateral security talks in Moscow on Thursday, a day after U.S. President Donald Trump announced higher tariffs on imports from India because of its purchases of Russian oil.

Interfax news agency quoted Indian national security adviser Ajit Doval as saying that New Delhi was looking forward to a visit from President Vladimir Putin by the end of the year.

Shoigu, Kremlin foreign policy adviser Yuri Ushakov, and India's Ambassador to Russia, Vinay Kumar, also attended the meeting.

Source: [reuters](#)

New Development Bank names RBI's Rajiv Ranjan as vice president

New Development Bank (NDB), a multilateral lender developed by BRICS member nations, said on Monday it had appointed India's central bank executive director, Rajiv Ranjan, as its vice president.

Ranjan has been appointed as the vice president for five years, according to a statement. He will also serve as the chief risk officer, according to the NDB website.

Ranjan, who joined the Reserve Bank of India in 1989, has served as an executive director and a member of the monetary policy committee since May 2022.

Source: [Reuters](#)



BRICS AND BEYOND NEWS



India's Modi, Brazil's Lula speak amid Trump tariff blitz

Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Brazil's President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva spoke by phone on Thursday, their offices said, discussing a broad range of topics that included tariffs imposed by the United States on goods from both countries.

Lula confirmed a state visit to India in early 2026 during the call, which occurred a day after the Brazilian leader told Reuters he would initiate a conversation among the BRICS group of countries on tackling U.S. President Donald Trump's levies.

Source: [Reuters](#)

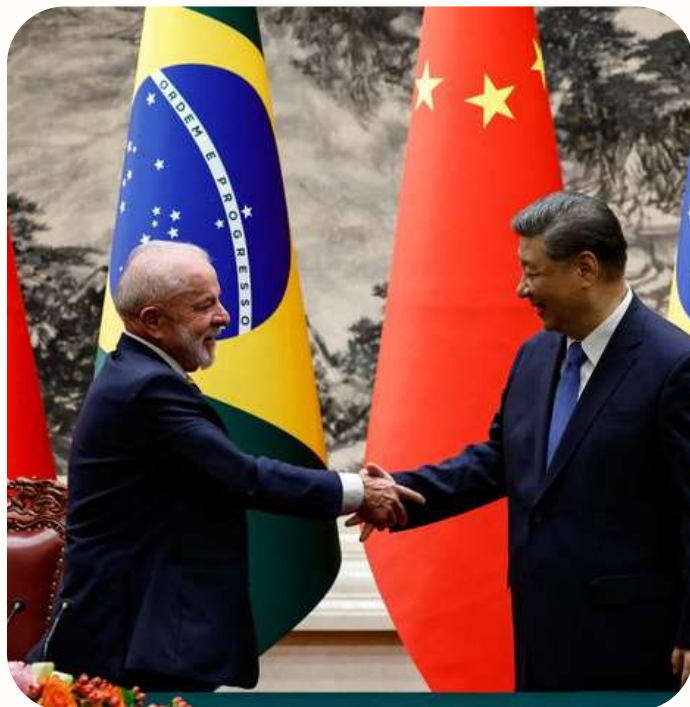
Brazil's Lula, China's Xi discuss BRICS, bilateral opportunities

Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva and Chinese President Xi Jinping have discussed the role of the BRICS group of states and bilateral business over a phone call, according to Lula's office and Chinese state media said.

The leaders spoke for an hour on Monday, agreeing on the role of the G20 and BRICS in defending multilateralism," Brazil's presidency said in a statement.

Both presidents also highlighted their willingness to continue identifying new business opportunities between the two economies

Source: [Reuters](#)



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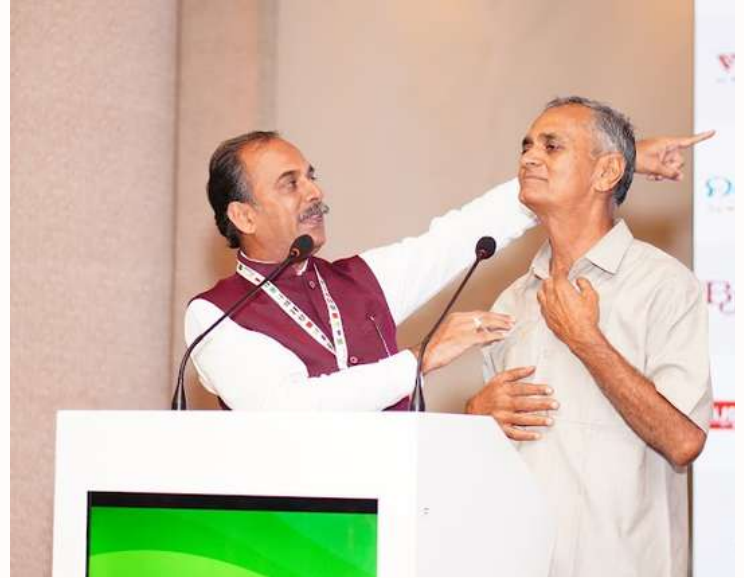
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