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Media release by UPL

Mr. Rajnikant D. Shroff, Chairman and Managing Director of UPL Ltd. conferred Padma Bhushan

Mumbai, January 27th, 2021: On the eve of the 72nd Republic Day of India, Mr. Rajnikant Devidasbhai Shroff, the founder of UPL Ltd. a global provider of sustainable agriculture products & solutions, was conferred one of the India's highest civilian award, the Padma Bhushan, for his contribution to the field of trade and industry.

This year the President has approved conferment of 119 Padma Awards and Mr. Shroff is the only industrialist to receive Padma Bhushan.

The scientist turned entrepreneur and equal

opportunity crusader, Mr. Shroff, CMD, UPL Ltd. said, "I have always been a strong nationalist at heart and I am eternally grateful for all the opportunities I had to be a part of the growth of this great nation, and its backbone, which is the agricultural sector. It is truly a humbling experience to be bestowed with such a prestigious award, and it brings immense joy and pride to the UPL Ltd. Group." He added, "I began working in this industry over 50 years ago, and it has truly been a remarkable experience for me. I am extremely proud to see what the company has achieved over these years, each milestone a feather in the cap of every one of the 14000 employees of UPL Ltd. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Government of India for bestowing upon me this great honor, and I would also like to congratulate my fellow awardees and thank them for their respective contributions to our country."

With a professional career that spans over more than 50 years, Mr. Shroff has received several other accolades and honors for his contribution to the field of agricultural technology. His dedication to his profession and the causes he supports is unwavering and the many awards he has won are a mere



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testimony to his abilities. Under his watchful eye, UPL Ltd., which began as a small-scale chemical unit in 1969 at Vapi (Gujarat) involving complex chemical processes to manufacture Red Phosphorus, with a seed capital of just Rupees 4 Lakhs, has grown into India's only multi-national and multi-cultural agrochemical company, employing over 14000 people, worldwide, with a turnover of US\$ 5 billion.

Mr. Shroff has been spearheading a larger purpose that is, to expand industrialization of agrochemical sector in India, saving foreign exchange for the country by manufacturing standard quality products at affordable prices for the Indian farmer. He believes, that the purpose of science and technology is only achieved if the products are affordable to be adopted by small holding farmers.

Mr. Shroff has always been an ardent believer in giving back to society and helms various Human Welfare Trusts and Organizations. Under Mr. Shroff's leadership, UPL Ltd. has worked towards taking several socially beneficial steps including creating Institutions of Excellence, organizing Sustainable Livelihood Programmes for neighboring farmers, as well as instilling nature conservation practices in their processes.

Needless to say, the honor is truly befitting this man who has such an extraordinary record in the industry, and who has given so much back to his nation, all while creating value for all the stakeholders of his corporation.

UPL wins the Best Patent Portfolio Award in the CII- Industrial IP Awards 2020

Mumbai, January 12th 2021, Media release by UPL

UPL Ltd. has won the Sixth CII Industrial Intellectual Property Awards. UPL has won the award in the category of Best Patent Portfolio, Large (Lifesciences/Pharma) for its pioneering Intellectual property (IP) research and innovation. UPL's relentless focus on innovation has helped UPL to launch new products every year. UPL holds over 1,500 granted patents and pending 2,500 applications that satisfy farmers' needs across geographies"

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Cipla's Yusuf K Hamied is India's medicine man

As a book commemorating Cipla's 85-year journey nears publication, Cipla chairman Yusuf K Hamied, the grand old man of Indian pharma, talks about a lifelong mission to make drugs affordable and the need for 'incremental innovation'.



He doesn't give too many interviews but this is a special time: The company turned 85 last year, and a book that traces the Cipla journey, from the pre-independence era to the present day, is being published a week from now. *Caring For Life: The Cipla Story Since 1935*, written by veteran Mumbai-based journalist Tulsi Vatsal, is a comprehensive and meticulously researched history of the company founded by Hamied's father, Khwaja Abdul Hamied, in 1935, inspired by Mahatma Gandhi's call for self-reliance and self-sufficiency and a desire to make affordable drugs available to the country's poorest citizens—core values that continue to define the company, which has a market cap of over ₹680 billion today.

Having graduated with a bachelor's in chemistry from Christ's College, Cambridge, in 1957, followed by a PhD in chemistry, again from Cambridge, Hamied returned to India in the early 1960s and started working at Cipla—as general dogsbody, not a leader-in-waiting. “In the beginning, I remember cleaning the floors in the tablet department also. Actually, it took two years for me to even get employment in Cipla, because I was related to a director. The board of directors was very strict. So for one-and-a-half years, I worked almost as a trainee with no salary, with a PhD degree, cleaning the floors. So what I decided was, I would learn the pharma industry backwards. Nobody will know more about the industry than I do, and that's exactly what I did. I learnt how to make tablets, I learnt how to make injections...I did just about everything,” he recalls.

Source: <https://lifestyle.livemint.com/news/big-story/ciplas-yusuf-k-hamied-is-india-s-medicine-man-111611835655555.html>

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The Intellectual Property Appellate Board (IPAB) makes a landmark judgement in favour of The Indian Performing Right Society (IPRS)

The Intellectual Property Appellate Board (IPAB) pronounced a landmark judgement on 31st December 2020 upholding the rights of the Indian Performing Right Society Limited and its lyricist, music composer and music publisher members to claim royalties in respect of the broadcast of lyrics and music underlying sound recordings by FM Radio Stations in India. The judgment specifically recognises the rights of lyricists and music composers to claim royalties on the basis of the 2012 amendments to the Copyright Act, 1957.

Source: <https://indiaeducationdiary.in/the-intellectual-property-appellate-board-ipab-makes-a-landmark-judgement-in-favour-of-the-indian-performing-right-society-iprs/>

Justice Prathiba Singh Recuses From Hearing Plea Against WhatsApp's New Privacy Policy

The Single Judge bench of Justice Prathiba Singh today refused herself from hearing a petition challenging WhatsApp's new privacy policy, taking strong taking strong objection to an email which was sent to the court master in this regard.

Source: <https://www.livewlaw.in/top-stories/whatsapp-new-privacy-policy-delhi-high-court-prathiba-singh-right-to-privacy-168433>

Pune Court denies injunction against Serum Institute of India (SII)

Cutis Biotech had filed suit seeking to injunct Serum Institute of India (SII) from passing off the trademark "COVISHIELD" for its vaccine based on prior "lawful and prior user".

Ground for rejection of injunction

1. Purposes of products are totally different: antiseptic, disinfectants, sanitizers, surface spray, fruit and vegetable washing liquid vs Vaccine – (Nandhini Deluxe Vs. Karnataka Cooperative Milk Producers Federation Limited)
2. Cutis had not approached court with clean hands. Cutis had suppressed the fact that Cutis had applied for the registration of the trade mark 'Covishield' for vaccine
3. If injunction is granted, it would be great hardship to the people/customers to identify the product of Serum Institute.