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**Incubating drug discovery technologies and startups: Insights from Emory University's non-profit DRIVE model**

**Speaker: David C. Perryman, J.D.**  
Chief Operating Officer, DRIVE, LLC

03 March 2022 | 07:00 pm (IST) | 08:30 am (EST)

Drug Innovation Ventures at Emory University is focused on the discovery and development of antiviral drugs for emerging infections, neglected diseases, pandemic threats and biodefense. DRIVE's recent key success story is the discovery and initial development of an oral pill, molnupiravir, for the treatment of COVID-19 and projected sales of \$5 Billion in 2021/2022.

**Register: [techex.in/events](https://techex.in/events)**

Meeting link will be emailed to registered participants a day before the event.

TechEx.In, the regional technology transfer hub at Venture Center Pune, is happy to announce a talk by David Perryman, J.D., Chief Operating Officer of DRIVE, LLC at Emory University. David was instrumental in DRIVE's licenses and corporate partnerships that lead to the largest upfront payment in Emory's history, a venture backed company launched with \$25M in a series A financing, and the license of the leading oral antiviral drug molnupiravir for COVID-19 and other emerging infections, with projected sales of \$5 Billion U.S. in 2022.

**Topic: Incubating drug discovery technologies and startups: Insights from Emory University's non-profit DRIVE model**

**When: Thursday, 03 March, Time: 7:00 pm IST | 8:30 am EST**  
**Registration: <https://tinyurl.com/3march-talk>**

## Congratulations!

### Fermenta Biotech Ltd awarded the Pride of Maharashtra Award, 2021



Maharashtra Governor Shri Bhagat Singh Koshiyari presented the 'India SME Excellence' and 'Pride of Maharashtra' Awards for outstanding contributions to entrepreneurs, enterprises, institutions and individuals at Raj Bhavan Mumbai on 13<sup>th</sup> February, 2022. The awards instituted by SME Chamber of India and the Maharashtra Industrial and Economic Development Association were given to 23 business leaders. FBL's Managing Director, Mr. Prashant Nagare, received the award on behalf of FBL.

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## PREPARATORY COURSE FOR PATENT AGENT EXAMINATION

28 FEBRUARY - 26 MARCH 2022 | TIME: 1600-1730 HRS DAILY

WHAT TO EXPECT FROM THE WORKSHOP

- Understanding the provisions of The Patents Act 1970 and the rules there under
- Patent procedure and prosecution at the Patent Office
- Provisions relating to international application under The Patents Act 1970 and rules
- Drafting patent specifications and documents for patent prosecution
- Solving previous years papers of Patent Agents examination
- Rehearsal examination & mock interview will be conducted
- Certificate of Participation issued by TechEx at Venture Center

WHO CAN BENEFIT

- Managers of IP in Industry
- Owners of SMEs
- Scientists, technologists, executives, engineers working in IP departments
- Students, legal professionals (with degree in science/tech) who wish to appear for the forthcoming Patent Agent's examination

SESSION SPEAKERS



Chirag Dighe  
Patent agent and Attorney at  
Chantix Hermeticus Pvt Ltd



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Advocate, Patent & Trademark,  
Agent at Chantix Hermeticus  
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### India risks being edged out of patent waiver plan at WTO

Geneva Health Files, a Switzerland-based newsletter portal that tracks developments in intellectual property, first reported on Friday that “a small group” of WTO members were “discussing suggestions” to exclude drug manufacturers in India and China — two major, global suppliers of medicine — from prospective waivers to IPR obligations that result from the Trade Related Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS) which WTO members are committed to uphold.

Source: <https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/india-risks-being-edged-out-of-patent-waiver-plan-at-wto/article38384490.ece>

### EPO official fees will increase from 1 April 2022

The European Patent Office (EPO) has announced it will be increasing official fees by approximately 2.5% from 1 April 2022 – two years since its last fee increase in April 2020.

The largest fee increases (of ~3%) include application filing fees and renewal fees, while additional

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page fees, international search fees and further processing of delayed payments will remain at their current cost. The majority of official fees paid on or after 1 April 2022 will be charged at the new rate (although a six month grace period has been confirmed if an official fee is paid at the pre-April 2022 rate - [click here for further details](#)).

Applicants may be able to save money by paying fees early, ahead of the 1 April 2022 fee increase date, even if the official deadline for paying the fee is not until later in the year. Some fee payments, such as requesting examination and paying renewal fees, can be performed several months ahead of the official deadline so applicants may find it worthwhile to review their patent portfolios to check what fee payments are due over the next few months.

We recommend applicants check their pending PCT applications now to decide whether to enter the European regional phase early to take advantage of the cost savings.

Source: <https://www.mathys-squire.com/insights-and-events/news/epo-fee-increases-from-1-april-2022-what-you-need-to-know/>

## **India should aim for patent box regime: Industry**

Speaking at a BioAsia panel session on Friday, Kiran Mazumdar Shaw, executive chairperson, Biocon Group, said, "We need to come up with patent box policies. A patent box tax regime ought to allow any income derived out of those patents to have some kind of tax benefits. Many countries in the world offer a ten-year 10 per cent patent box tax regime. If that can be done, India would heavily invest in patent culture and patent-led innovation which is really the need of the hour."

"The second option is how to make the academia-industry linkage happen. For this, if you were to give a weighted tax deduction on the industry in establishing a tangible presence within an academic centre where the scientists of an academic centre work, where the costs are borne in that research lab and if that can be captured as a weighted tax deduction, you will start creating linkages with academia," she added.

Source: <https://telanganatoday.com/india-should-aim-for-patent-box-regime-industry>

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**IPR (Intellectual Property Rights )**  
Patents | Trademarks | Designs | Copyrights

**Contracts (Indian and International)**  
Agreements & Affidavits / Legal Documents

**Competition Law (Competition Commission of India)**  
International Trade Laws

**Pharma, Medical Devices, Regulatory Dossiers,**  
QA | QMS | Approvals.

**M&A in Pharma API & Dosage Forms.**  
IP & Intangibles Valuation Reports.

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## **Delhi High Court forms arbitration tribunal in Munjal family row over Hero trademark**

The Delhi High Court has formed an arbitral tribunal in the dispute between Hero Electric and Hero MotoCorp. The court has formed a tribunal of three retired judges, namely, Indu Malhotra, Deepak Mishra and Indermeet Kaur to decide on whether Hero Electric has exclusive rights to use the Hero trademark for its electric vehicles.

“A petition was filed by Hero Electric to refer the disputes to arbitration which was strongly opposed by Hero MotoCorp. The Court, while rejecting all contentions of Hero MotoCorp, has referred all the disputes under the family arrangement to a three-member arbitral tribunal”, said Hero Electric in a statement.

Source: <https://www.moneycontrol.com/news/india/hero-electric-withdraws-case-against-hero-motocorp-for-using-hero-brand-name-8123141.html>