Recent initiatives of the Indian Patent Office

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The Controller General of Patents Design and Trademarks (CGPDTM) office is taking various measures to make the system of the patent office more user friendly and transparent. Two steps taken in this regards are: **SMS alert facility for patent applications has been operationalized** – The



CGPDTM has started the SMS alert facility for Applicants and Agents whereby they will receive alert informing them the progress of applications at various stages of processing. The alerts will also be indicating timelines and non-compliance which may lead to refusal/abandonment of applications. The updates would be sent on the mobile numbers provided in the address for service. **Publication of Examination reports generated** – CGPDTM will publish in the weekly official journal of the Patent Office, the details of the First Examination Reports (FER) generated. *Read more on Patents Rewind.* At a recent stakeholder meeting, the Indian Patent Office enumerated numerous upcoming initiatives.

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