

## Decisions taken by the Union Cabinet

- **Cabinet approves proposal for accession of India to (a) The Nice Agreement on the International classification of goods and services for the purposes of registration of marks; (b) The Vienna Agreement for setting up an International classification of the figurative elements of marks; (c) The Locarno Agreement for establishing an International classification for industrial designs**

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved the proposal for accession of India to (i) The Nice Agreement concerning the International classification of Goods and Services for the purposes of registration of marks, (ii) The Vienna Agreement establishing an International Classification of the figurative elements of marks, and (iii) The Locarno Agreement establishing an International classification for industrial designs.

Accession to the Nice, Vienna and Locarno Agreements will help the Intellectual Property Office in India to harmonise the classification systems for examination of trademark and design applications, in line with the classification systems followed globally.

It would give an opportunity to include Indian designs, figurative elements and goods in the international classification systems.

The accession is expected to instill confidence in foreign investors in relation to protection of IPs in India.

The accession would also facilitate in exercising rights in decision making processes regarding review and revision of the classifications under the agreement.

- **Cabinet approves Promulgation of: i) The Daman and Diu Civil Courts (Amendment) Regulation, 2019; (ii) The Dadra and Nagar Haveli (Civil Courts and Miscellaneous Provisions)Amendment Regulation, 2019**

The Union Cabinet chaired by Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved Promulgation of the Daman and Diu Civil Courts (Amendment) Regulation, 2019 and the Dadra and Nagar Haveli (Civil Courts and Miscellaneous Provisions)Amendment Regulation, 2019 under Article 240 of the Constitution.

Benefits: The move will be helpful in bringing uniformity in Judicial Service. It will also help overcome the difficulties being faced by the litigants in travelling to Mumbai for filing appeals due to existing limited pecuniary jurisdiction. Enhanced pecuniary jurisdiction will accelerate the justice delivery system, besides making access easier for litigants without having to travel outside the Union Territory.

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