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MEDIA AND ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

1. **Scarlett Johansson, Disney settle Black Widow lawsuit: 'Happy to have resolved our differences'**

Scarlett Johansson and the Walt Disney Co. on Thursday settled her lawsuit over the streaming release of Black Widow, bringing a swift end to what had begun as the first major fight between a studio and star over recent changes in rollout plans for films.

Johansson filed the lawsuit in Los Angeles Superior Court two months ago, saying the streaming release of the Marvel movie breached her contract and deprived her of potential earnings.

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2. **INVESCO approaches NCLT Mumbai for directions to Zee Entertainment to hold EGM**

The National Company Law Tribunal at Mumbai directed Zee Entertainment to consider the requisition put by INVESCO Developing Markets Fund, the largest shareholder in Zee, to hold an extra-ordinary general meeting of shareholders (EGM) [INVESCO Developing Markets Fund v. Zee Entertainment Enterprises Ltd & Ors.]

INVESCO had put a requisition on September 11, 2021, to the Zee Board of Directors to hold an EGM on the grounds that they felt that the company was not running as smoothly as they wanted it to and required certain new directors to come on the board in order to safeguard their interest.

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3. **Bombay High Court refuses to stay single-judge order restraining Kamaal R Khan in defamation suit by Vashu Bhagnani**

A Division Bench of Bombay High Court refused to interfere with a single judge order restraining Kamaal R Khan from publishing, circulating, or repeating defamatory tweets and making false and misleading allegations against Bollywood producer Vashu Bhagnani, his family members and his business.

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4. **Delhi High Court Summons Filmmaker Hansal Mehta & Others Over Release of Movie 'Faraaz': The Delhi High Court has issued**

summons in a suit filed against Bollywood Filmmaker Hansal Mehta and others for restraining the release of their film 'Faraaz'.

The movie is based on the terrorist attack that happened on 1st July 2016 in Holey Artisan, Dhaka, Bangladesh.

The suit has been filed by a family that had lost their daughters in the attack. They fear that their daughters may be shown in a bad light and hence, prayed for a permanent and mandatory injunction in their favour. The film was alleged to be violative of their right to Privacy and right to Fair Trial under Article 14 and 21 of the Constitution of India.

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5. **Bollywood stars, Indian cricketers launch NFTs amid global craze.**

Bollywood celebrities and Indian cricketers are increasingly launching digital memorabilia through non-fungible tokens (NFT), hoping to rake in thousands of dollars by cashing in on growing interest in such assets.

Bollywood superstars such as Amitabh Bachchan and Salman Khan are planning to launch NFTs soon. While Bachchan's NFTs will include autographed posters of his movies, Khan has been building excitement on his Twitter account by telling his 43 million followers about the planned NFT launch.

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6. **Bombay HC temporarily bars Invesco from calling Zee EGM**

The Bombay High Court on Tuesday temporarily restrained Zee Entertainment Enterprises Limited's biggest shareholder Invesco from calling an Emergency General Meeting (EGM) - a crucial win for Zee and its founder Subhash Chandra.

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7. **Invesco challenges Bombay High Court order in ZEE matter**

Invesco, the largest shareholder in Zee Entertainment Enterprises, has approached a division bench of the Bombay High Court, challenging the injunction order passed by a single-judge

bench in a petition filed by the entertainment company against the investor. The October 26 injunction order had restrained the overseas investor from taking any action or step with regards to its requisition notice to ZEE, including

call calling or holding an extraordinary general meeting (EGM) for the removal of managing director and chief executive Punit Goenka.

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TECHNOLOGY LAW

8. **YouTube expands COVID move to block all anti-vaccine content**

YouTube will block all anti-vaccine content, moving beyond its ban on false information about COVID-19 vaccines to include material that contains misinformation about other approved vaccines, the social media giant has announced.

YouTube said the expanded policy will apply to “currently administered vaccines that are approved and confirmed to be safe and effective by local health authorities and the WHO (World Health Organization).”

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9. **Whistleblower says Facebook put profit before reining in hate speech**

A Facebook Inc whistle-blower accused the social media giant of repeatedly prioritizing profit over clamping down on hate speech and misinformation and said her lawyers have filed at least eight complaints with the U.S. securities regulator.

Facebook has been under fire after the Wall Street Journal reported internal documents showed that the social media company was aware that Instagram harmed the mental health of young users.

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10. **Facebook blames ‘faulty configuration change’ for nearly six-hour outage**

Facebook Inc blamed a “faulty configuration change” for a nearly six-hour outage on Monday that prevented the company’s 3.5 billion users from accessing its social media and messaging services such as WhatsApp, Instagram, and Messenger.

The company in a late Monday blog post did not specify who executed the configuration change and whether it was planned.

Several Facebook employees who declined to be named had told Reuters earlier that they believed that the outage was caused by an internal mistake in how internet traffic is routed to its systems.

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11. **Tesla escalates EV trade secrets suit against Rivian:**

Tesla has accused rival Rivian Automotive of stealing next-generation battery technology and continuing to poach its employees in an ongoing trade secret battle between the two electric automakers.

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12. **Nothing remains in plea alleging non-compliance of IT Rules by Twitter after Centre is satisfied: HC**

The Delhi High Court closed proceedings in a petition alleging non-compliance of new IT Rules by Twitter, saying that “nothing remained” in view of the Central government being satisfied with the micro-blogging platform appointing a Chief Compliance Officer (CCO), Resident Grievance Officer (RGO) and Nodal Contact Person. Justice Rekha Palli further noted that Twitter has already dealt with the complaint raised by the petitioner -- lawyer Amit Acharya -- with regards to certain objection.

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13. **Ola completes acquisition of geospoc, to develop real-time satellite imagery for maps:**

Ola on Tuesday said it has acquired geospatial services provider GeoSpoc, a move that will help the ride-hailing platform develop technologies to make mobility accessible and convenient across shared and personal vehicles.

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14. **Amazon’s Twitch hit by massive data breach**

An anonymous hacker claimed to have leaked Twitch data, including information related to the company’s source code, clients, and unreleased games.

Amazon.com Inc’s live streaming e-sports platform Twitch on Wednesday blamed “an error”

in server configuration change for a data breach and said it was still assessing the impact.

An anonymous hacker claimed to have leaked Twitch data, including information related to the company's source code, clients, and unreleased games, according to Video Games Chronicle, which first reported the news.

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15. Google wins picture frame dispute in jury trial

Google wins picture frame dispute in jury trial: Google's smart home system Nest does not infringe Profectus Technology's digital picture frame patent, a Texas jury has ruled.

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16. UMG seeks \$82m from YouTube stream-rippers

Universal Media Group (UMG) has secured a default judgment against two YouTube video-ripping services and is seeking more than \$82 million in damages, according to documents published by a Virginia federal court.

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17. Federal Circuit sides with Samsung in NDA – IPR challenge

A non-disclosure agreement containing a forum selection clause does not prevent Samsung from challenging the validity of the other party's patents in inter parties review (IPR) proceedings, according to a decision delivered by the US Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.

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18. Google, Facebook, and Netflix to pay a minimum global tax at 15%

Representatives from 136 nations, including India have finalised a global tax deal which will ensure large digital players--Google, Facebook, Netflix, and Microsoft-- pay a minimum tax rate of 15 per cent, wherever they operate, said the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) on Friday. The tax deal to come into effect from 2023.

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19. Industry body ADIF moves CCI against Google's upcoming PlayStore policy for in-app purchases

Industry body Alliance of Digital India Foundation (ADIF) has moved the Competition Commission of India (CCI) seeking interim relief against Google's upcoming PlayStore policy changes. In October 2020, Google had said it was delaying its new policy that would force app developers to only use the Google Billing System (GBS).

The policy comes into effect from March 2022, and it will mean that app developers will be dependent on Google's systems. It would also mean that the 30 percent commission will apply for all transactions on the Google Play Store.

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20. Centre starts talks for new IT law, looks at stalking to social media

Months after its new rules for social media intermediaries under the IT Act, 2000 triggered a faceoff with tech giants Facebook and Twitter, the Centre has started a fresh round of consultations for a completely new IT law "to deal with present and future circumstances".

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21. Amazon Reportedly Copied Products and Manipulated Search Results to Benefit Its Own Products In India

Amazon's India division allegedly leveraged data to "systematically" copy products and tinkered search results to benefit its private label products, Reuters reported, which goes against Amazon's policies.

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22. Removal Of Quran & Bible Apps in China Reveals Apple's Double Standards

China's well-documented crackdown on unregulated technology and Islam is now peaking. This week, Apple bent to China's will by removing one of the world's most popular Quran applications in the country.

Known as "Quran Majeed", the application is available globally on the Apple App Store, clocking in more than 150,000 reviews. But there's no room for religion in China, a reality more pronounced for Muslims than any other religious group in the country.

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23. Facebook plans to change its name: The Verge

Social media giant Facebook Inc. is planning to rebrand the company with a new name next week, the Verge reported on October 19, citing a source with direct knowledge of the matter.

Facebook Chief Executive Officer Mark Zuckerberg plans to talk about the name change at the company's annual Connect conference on October 28, but it could be unveiled sooner, the Verge report said.

The rebrand would likely position Facebook's social media app as one of many products under a parent company, which will also oversee groups like Instagram, WhatsApp, Oculus and more, the report added.

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24. Netflix, Disney, Hulu targeted in streaming suits

Netflix, Disney, Hulu, and others have come under fire from a New Jersey company alleging

that their video-on-demand services infringe video streaming patents.

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25. Facebook fined \$70 million in UK over Giphy merger breach

The U.K.'s competition regulator fined Facebook Inc. 50.5 million British pounds, equivalent to \$69.6 million, alleging it breached reporting requirements during a continuing review of its proposed takeover of Giphy, a provider of animated images for use in social media.

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26. Govt notifies framework for traffic management of drones in lower airspace.

The Civil Aviation Ministry has notified a traffic management framework for drones under which public and private third-party service providers will manage their movement in the airspace under 1,000 feet.

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TELECOMMUNICATION LAW

27. DoT asks Vi, Airtel to pay Rs 3,050 crore in 3 weeks: Report

Telecom companies (telcos) Bharti Airtel and Vodafone Idea (Vi) have received notices from the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) for the payment of cumulative penalties of Rs 3,050 crore, The Economic Times reported. A source told the paper the penalties are due in three weeks.

The penalty is for "flouting licence conditions by denying Reliance Jio Infocomm adequate points of connection (PoIs) in 2016, which affected quality of services", the report added.

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28. Sharp and Oppo end litigation with patent licensing deal

Telecommunications rivals Sharp and Oppo have cemented an agreement covering global

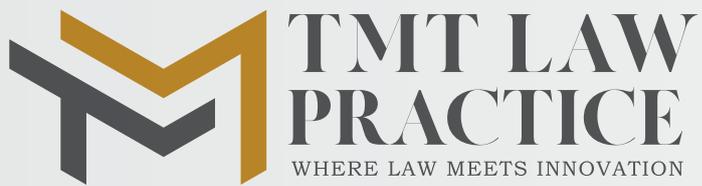
cross-patent licences for communications technologies, ending all ongoing litigation between the two companies.

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29. DoT released fresh guidelines for Sharing of Access Spectrum, in supersession of the Guidelines for sharing of Access Spectrum by Access Service Providers dated September 24, 2015.

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