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Technology, Media & IP, Data Protection, Emerging Tech



April 2026

Standard Essential Patents (SEPs)

Legal Frameworks, Licensing Challenges, and Strategy Implications

Standard Essential Patents (SEPs) play a foundational role in the global digital economy by enabling interoperable technologies across telecommunications, consumer electronics, automotive systems, and emerging connected devices. SEPs are patents that protect technologies required to implement industry standards such as 4G, 5G, Wi-Fi, and video compression protocols.





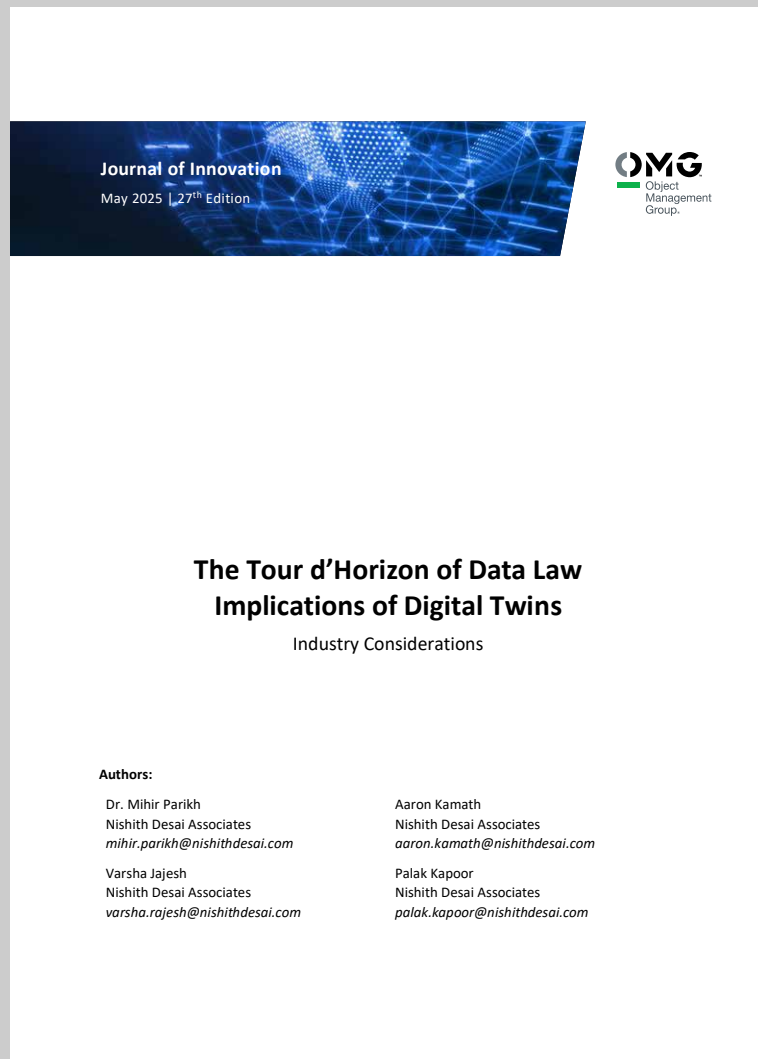
October 2025

Patent Blind Spots in India's Startup and MSME Landscape

Structural Barriers and Strategic Remedies

This paper examines why patent adoption among Indian startups and MSMEs remains low, outlining structural, financial and regulatory barriers and proposing reforms to strengthen IP awareness, filing, enforcement and commercialisation.



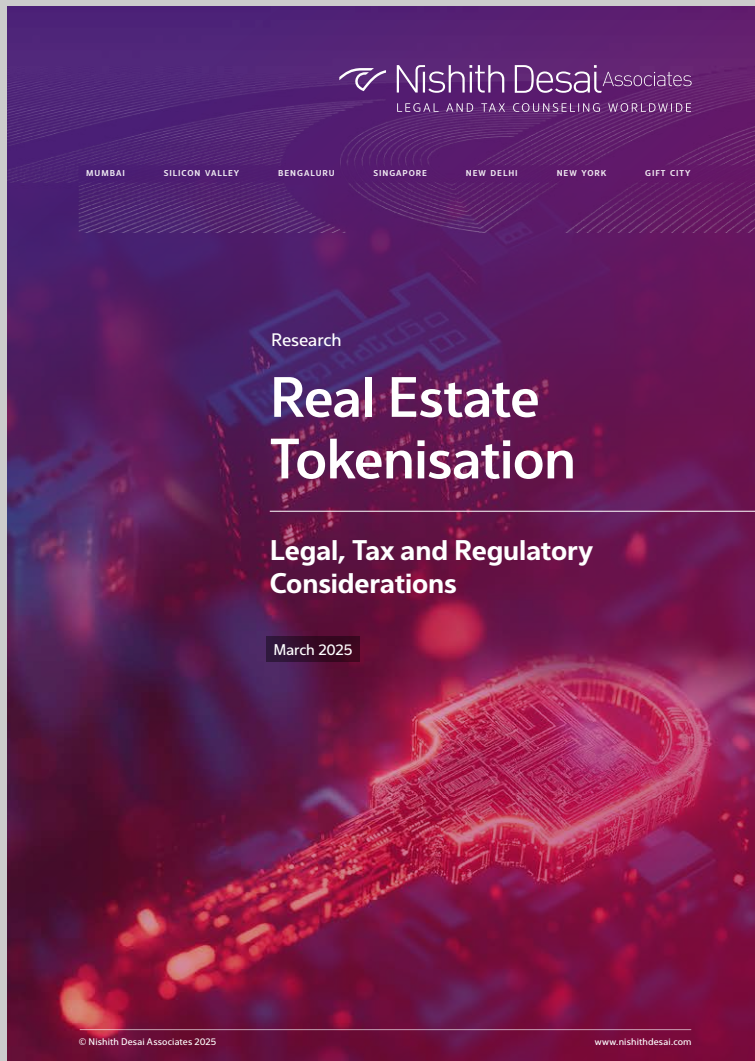


May 2025

The Tour d'Horizon of Data Law Implications of Digital Twins Industry Considerations



The article explores digital twins—virtual replicas of real-world systems—and their legal, privacy, and data protection challenges.



March 2025

Real Estate Tokenisation

Legal, Tax and Regulatory Considerations

The paper examines real estate tokenization, fractionalizing property ownership via digital tokens. It analyzes legal, tax, and regulatory challenges, especially in India, and outlines emerging frameworks, compliance requirements, and growth opportunities in markets like the U.S., UAE, Switzerland, and particularly GIFT City and Telangana in India.



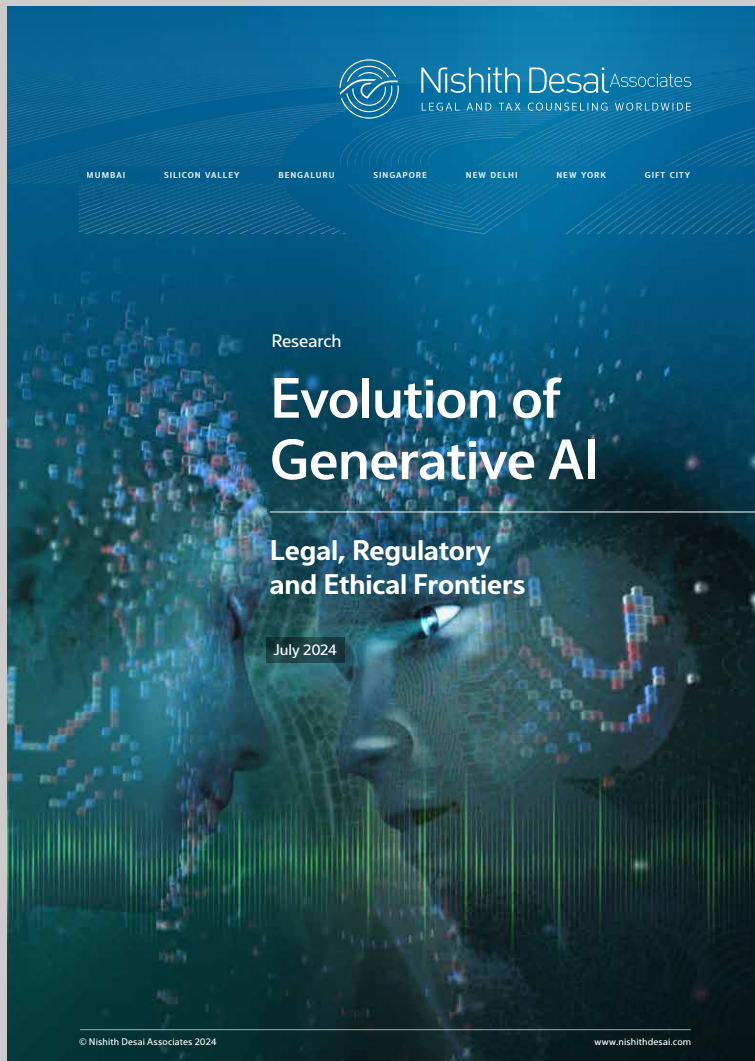


October 2024

Unmasking Deepfakes

Legal, Regulatory and Ethical Considerations

We delve into landscape of deepfake technology, exploring its potential for both positive applications and harmful misuse.



July 2024

Evolution of Generative AI

Legal, Regulatory and Ethical Frontiers

The rise of GAI technologies presents a multifaceted legal landscape that demands thorough exploration and regulation. Our research paper discusses the techniques behind generating various types of content through GAI models and lays forth a description of the training processes for these models.



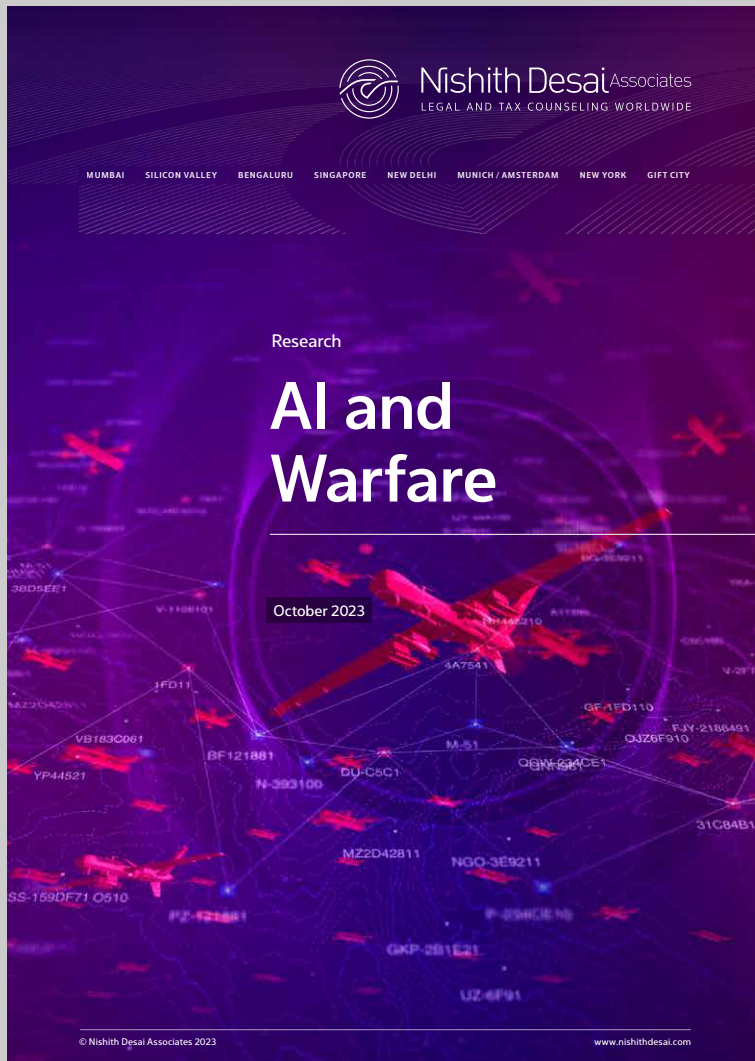


February 2024

Tracking NFTs from Code to Court Legal Considerations and Disputes

The paper explains NFTs, their features, uses, and legal risks. It explores how NFTs impact intellectual property, securities, Anti-Money Laundering, and foreign exchange laws globally and in India. It highlights disputes, fraud risks, and regulatory gaps while suggesting cautious regulation and due diligence to address ownership, authenticity, and money laundering concerns.





October 2023

AI and Warfare

The paper analyzes the rise of AI in warfare, focusing on autonomous weapon systems (AWS) and their legal, ethical, and humanitarian challenges.





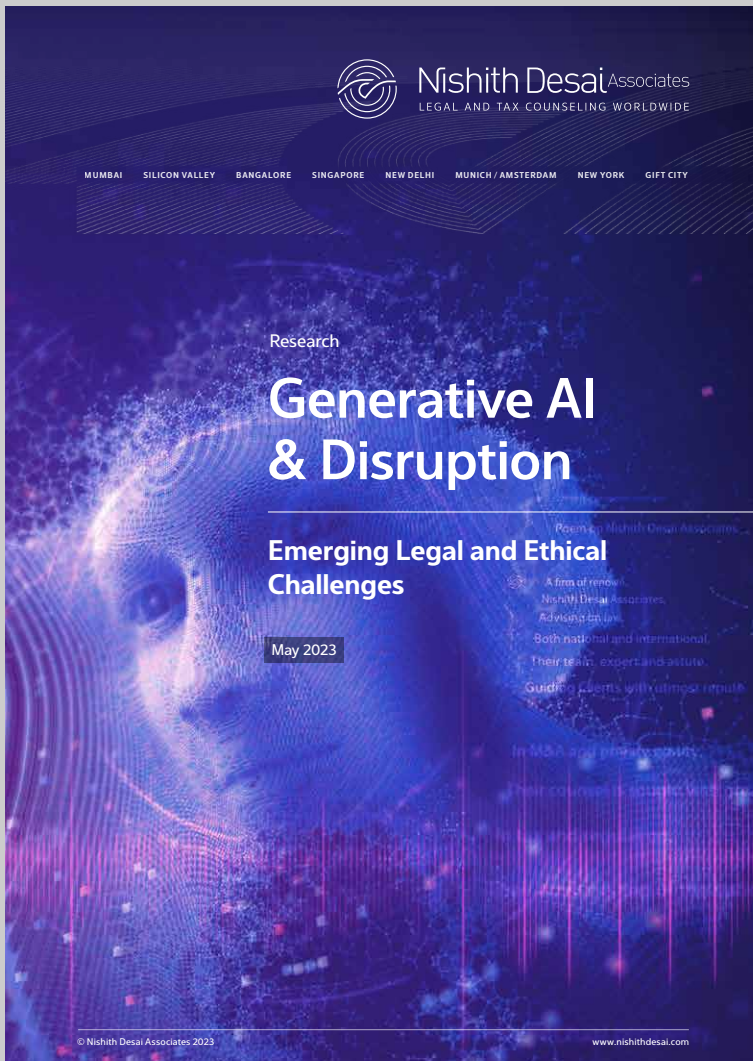
July 2023

Cybersecurity Law and Policy

Present Scenario and the Way Forward



Cybersecurity is critical amid rising digital threats, from ransomware to data breaches and insider risks. The paper explains global and Indian legal frameworks, enforcement, and best practices. It highlights risks to businesses, individuals, and national security, and recommends stronger laws, organizational vigilance, and robust reporting mechanisms to address evolving cyber risks.



May 2023

Generative AI & Disruption Emerging Legal and Ethical Challenges

Generative AI (GAI) continues to be the next big disruption not only for businesses but for human creativity as well. In this paper, we have looked into some of the key use cases of GAI, while examining these questions at length from a legal, regulatory, and policy perspective.





March 2023

Privacy, Data Protection and Cyber Security in India

Privacy and data protection in India have evolved significantly, with privacy now a constitutional right. The document reviews key laws, judicial decisions, proposed bills, and sectoral regulations shaping India's data governance, highlighting emerging challenges like surveillance, cross-border transfers, and the need for comprehensive, enforceable safeguards for personal and non-personal data.



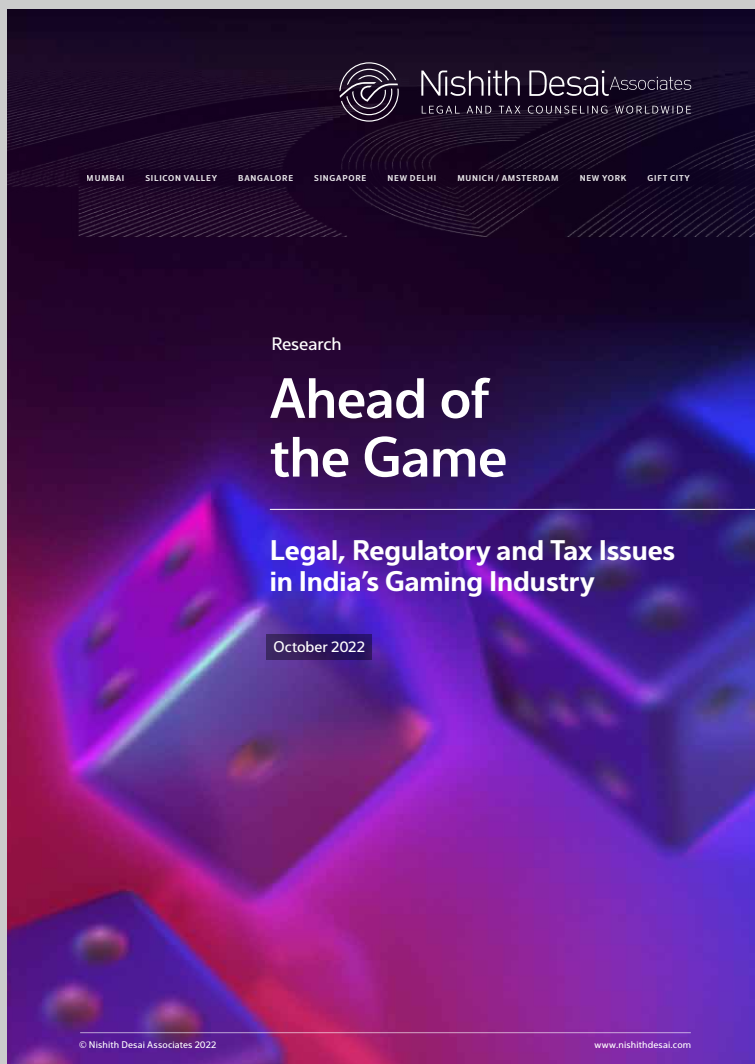


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India's Tryst with Space Exploration Legal and Regulatory Overview

In this paper, we discuss India's tryst with developing the space exploration sector along with considerable anticipated underlying issues including dual-use technology, foreign direct investment, and intellectual property.





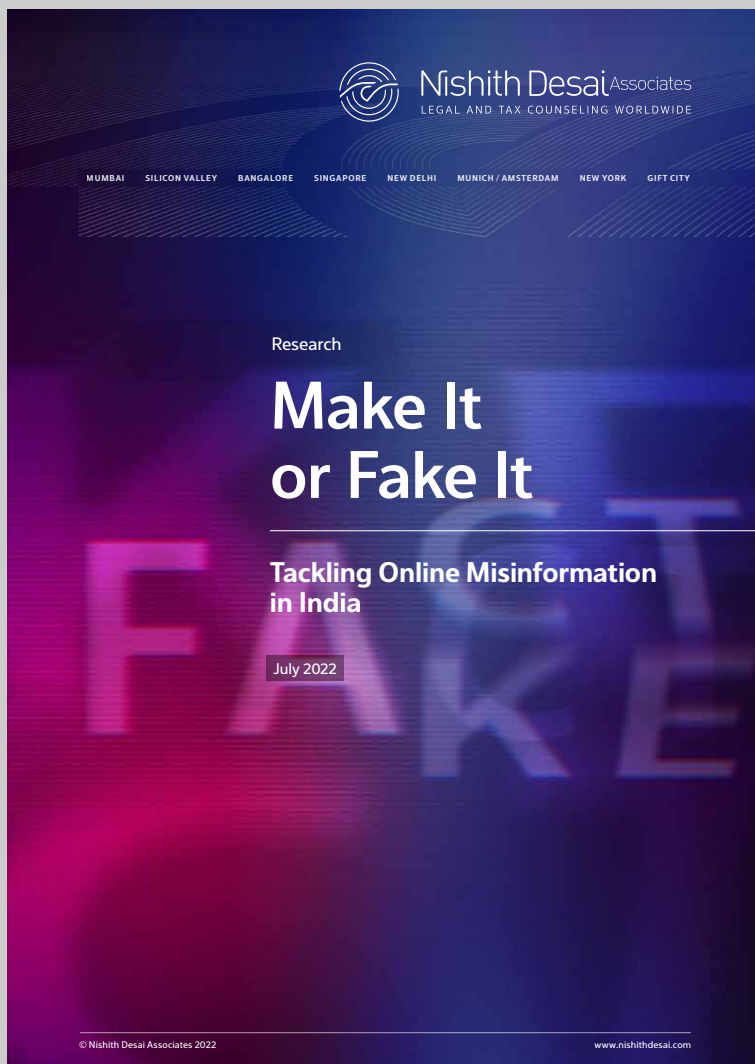
October 2022

Ahead of the Game

Legal, Regulatory and Tax Issues in India's Gaming Industry

The online gaming industry in India is one of the fastest growing sunrise industries. In this paper, we will discuss the laws applicable to gaming businesses in India, interpretation of the laws by the Indian courts, as well as reflect on policy changes which may shape future regulation.





July 2022

Make It or Fake It

Tackling Online Misinformation in India

This paper lays out the existing legal and regulatory framework for tackling online misinformation in India. It discusses the way forward and a comparative analysis with the framework in other jurisdictions.





July 2022

Crypto & Blockchain

2021-22 Publications



This paper lays out the legal, regulatory and tax regime for the Crypto and Blockchain industry. There is specific focus on the recent legal developments for virtual digital assets and virtual currency.



July 2022

Metaverse: A New Universe

Legal, Regulatory and Tax Issues

This paper analyzes the existing and potential legal and regulatory frameworks which will need to evolve to accommodate the advancements of the Metaverse. It also introduces concepts relating to convergence in the Metaverse and its impact on some industries.





May 2022

Key Issues & Considerations for IP Centric Transactions

Each IP based transaction has its own set of complexities and nuances. However, there are certain concepts and issues which are common to most of IP transactions. In this such issues are discussed in detail in the Indian context.





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ADVANCING THE DIGITAL ECONOMY

Shaping the E-Commerce Regulatory Landscape

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Advancing the Digital Economy

Shaping the E-Commerce Regulatory Landscape

E-commerce in India is growing rapidly, but outdated, overbroad, and inconsistent regulations hinder innovation and raise compliance burdens. The paper argues for clear definitions, proportionate obligations based on business models, streamlined laws, stakeholder consultation, and light-touch regulation to foster competition, consumer trust, and ease of doing business in the digital economy.





February 2022

Social Finance

Leveraging Crypto Assets in India

Social finance in India is exploring crypto assets to improve transparency, efficiency, and funding in philanthropic work. Global case studies show how blockchain and crypto donations lower costs, increase traceability, and widen access. Legal uncertainty and policy challenges persist, but innovative use of technology promises significant social impact if supported.





October 2020

5G Technology in India

Strategic, Legal and Regulatory Considerations

This paper provides a primer on 5G technology in non-technical terms. It gives an overview of extended 5G applications for various sectors, the regulatory landscape for 5G in India. Various important strategic, policy, regulatory, technical and behavioral considerations are also outlined in this paper.





April 2020

3D Printing: Ctrl+P the Future

A Multi-Industry Strategic, Legal, Tax & Ethical Analysis

The paper discusses how the regulation of 3D printing is a challenge that lawmakers, and regulators across sectors will have to contend with. The paper also discusses how the regulation should be comprehensive enough to apply in different instances while still having room for evolving with the technology.



M&A, Private Equity, Venture Capital and Startups



June 2025

Mergers & Acquisitions

An Indian Legal, Regulatory and Tax Perspective

Mergers and acquisitions in India are gaining momentum, driven by sectors like renewable energy, technology, and manufacturing. The document explains legal, regulatory, and tax aspects of M&A, covering corporate, securities, competition, exchange control, and tax laws. It highlights different transaction structures, compliance requirements, and practical challenges for domestic and cross-border deals.





February 2025

M&A In The Indian Technology Sector

Key Trends 2025



The Indian technology sector's M&A activity is accelerating, driven by rapid fintech, AI, space, and deep tech growth. Major drivers include investment inflows, policy reforms, stricter competition laws, and digital market regulation. Notable trends include record deal values, regulatory scrutiny, and the rise of acquisitions in emerging tech fields.



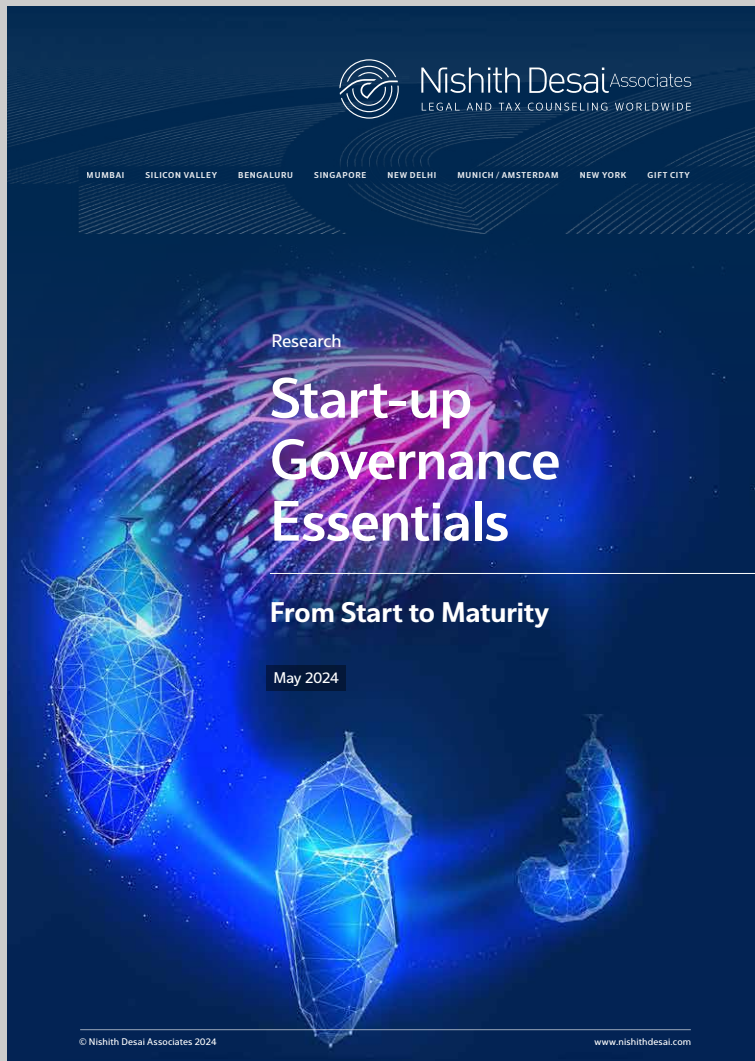
January 2025

Private Investments in India

A Comprehensive Guide to Equity, Debt, and Dispute Resolutions

India's private investment framework allows foreign inflows mainly through FDI, venture capital, portfolio investment, and alternative funds. Most sectors are liberalized, but a few key sectors have specific FDI caps or require approvals. The regulatory landscape is dynamic, with constant policy updates to clarify and expand investment opportunities.





May 2024

Start-up Governance Essentials

From Start to Maturity

Start-up governance is crucial for Indian founders and leaders and goes beyond just following rules. Strong governance supports transparency, risk management, funding, and sustainable growth. This guide highlights practical steps and best practices—covering self-regulation, leadership, IP protection, and social responsibility—to help start-ups thrive through every stage.





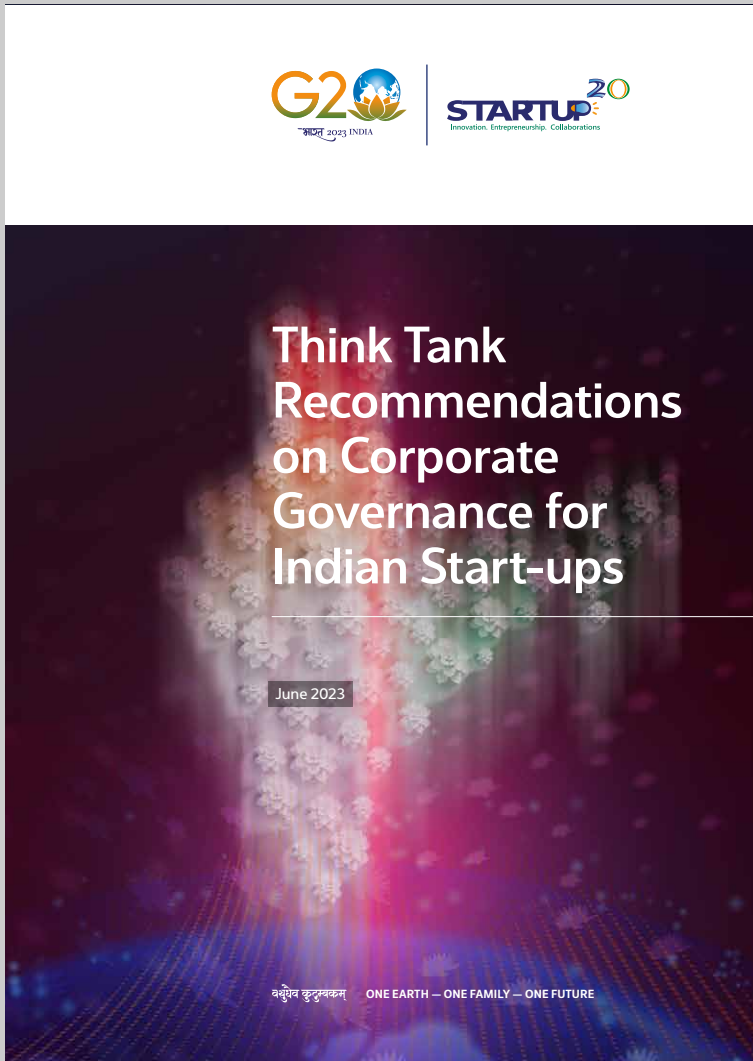
August 2023

Business Transfer

Why, How and When?

In the context of M&A transactions, how you acquire is as important as what you acquire. This paper examines, the basic structure of a 'business transfer', how it differs from other modes of asset sale and the merits and demerits over other modes of acquisition.



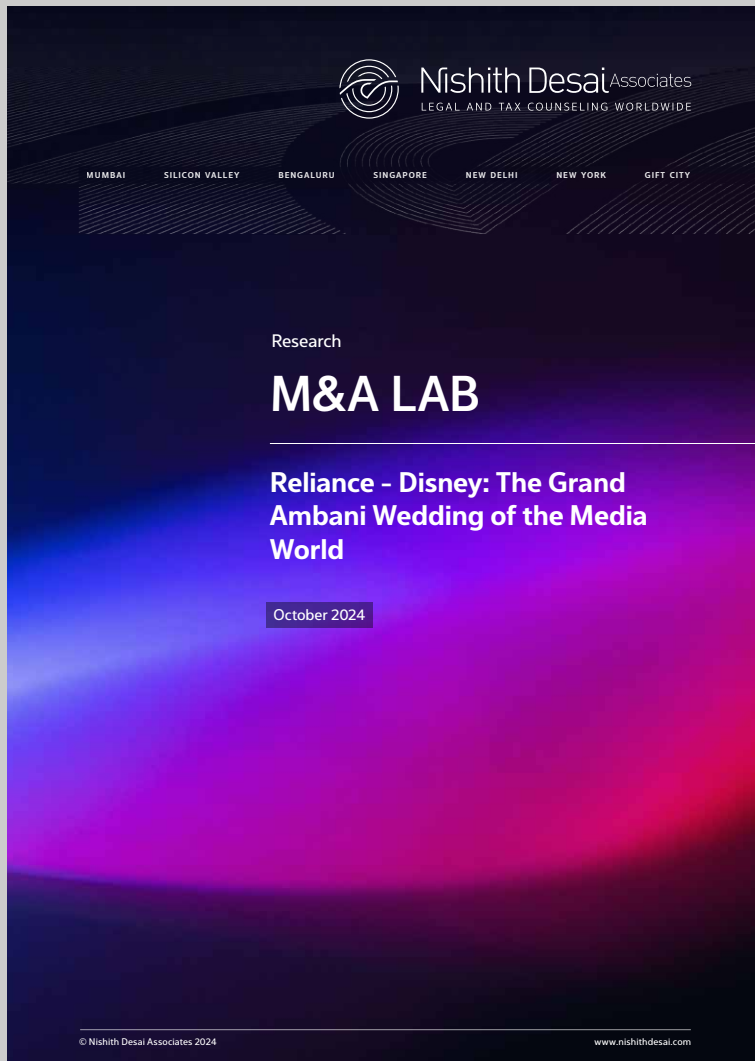


June 2023

Think Tank Recommendations on Corporate Governance for Indian Start-ups

A comprehensive guide that offers a clear approach to establish effective governance practices in a company.





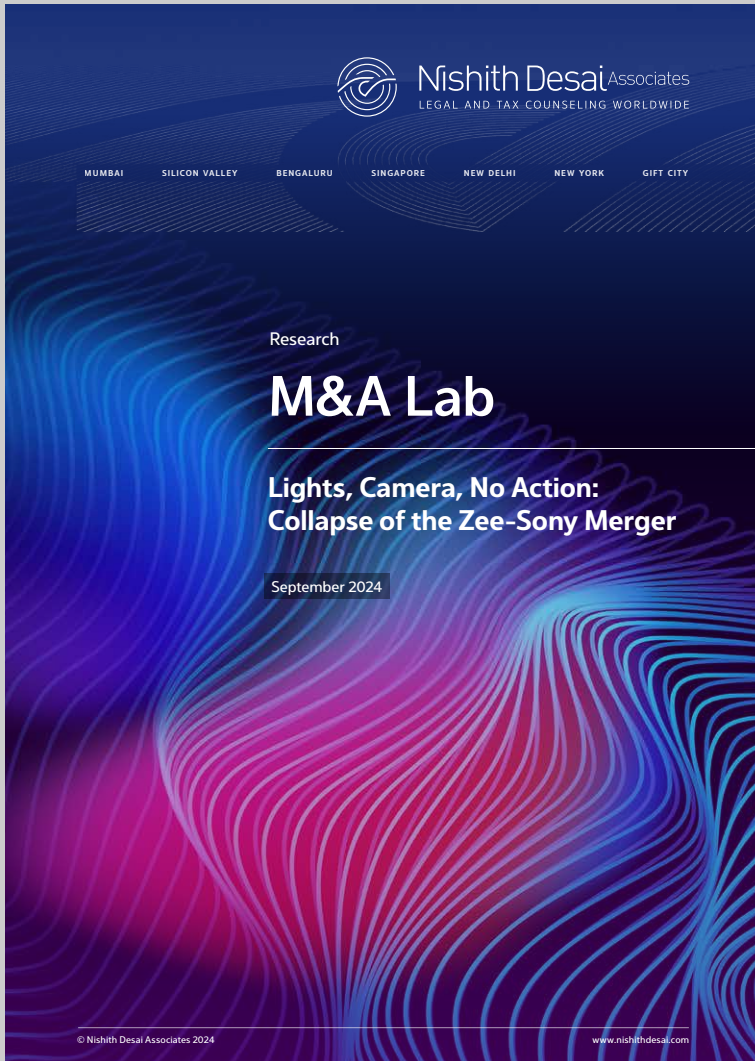
October 2024

M&A LAB

Reliance - Disney: The Grand Ambani Wedding of the Media World

Reliance Industries and Disney's Indian media assets are merging in a landmark deal valued at over ₹711.37 billion (USD 8.5 billion). This creates a media powerhouse in India, combining 120 channels and streaming services like JioCinema and Disney+ Hotstar, with RIL, Viacom18, and Disney as major stakeholders.



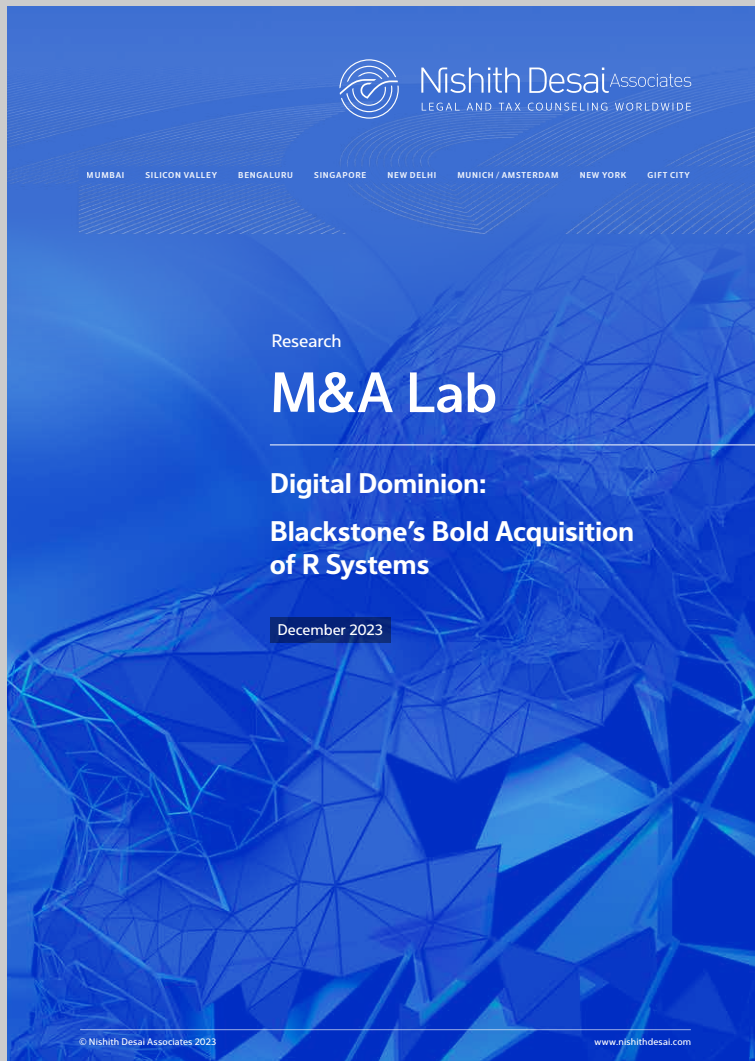


September 2024

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Lights, Camera, No Action: Collapse of the Zee-Sony Merger

The report details the legal and regulatory hurdles, and the circumstances that led to the termination of the deal, which would have created a media giant in India.



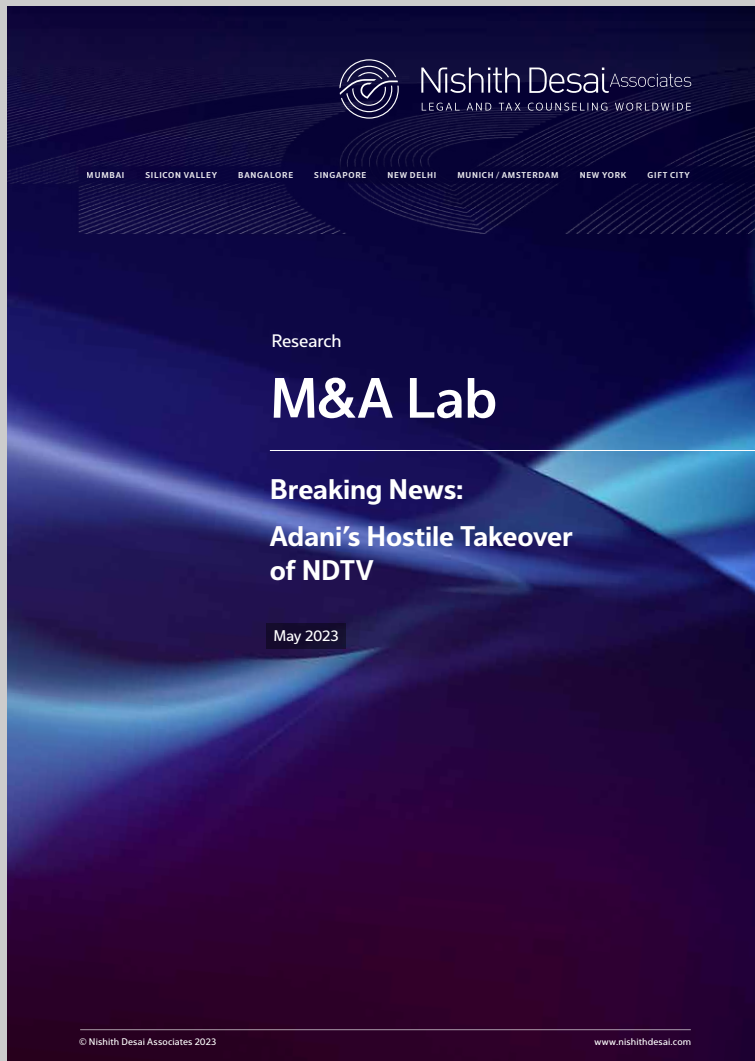
December 2023

M&A LAB

Digital Dominion: Blackstone's Bold Acquisition of R Systems

The paper give details about the acquisition of the Indian IT services company R Systems by the global investment firm Blackstone. The report examines the strategic rationale, deal structure, and legal and regulatory aspects of the transaction





May 2023

M&A LAB

Breaking News: Adani's Hostile Takeover of NDTV

The Adani-NDTV acquisition has changed the landscape of the entertainment and media industry.

The dramatic saga of the acquisition had everything - a mysterious lender, a loan with no interest, a change of control, a hostile takeover, SEBI orders, an open offer below market price and a surprising sale of shares, which resulted in the Adani Group becoming the majority shareholder of NDTV. In this M&A Lab, we delve into each of these aspects in detail and analyse the legal, regulatory, tax, financing and other commercial considerations of this Deal.



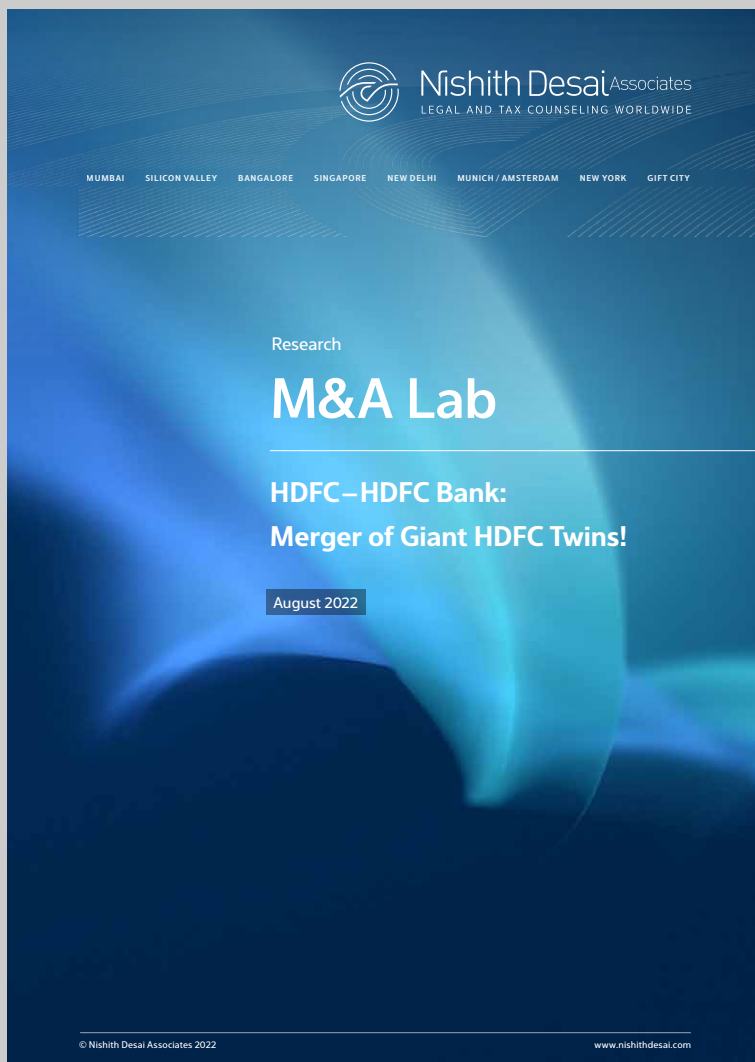
August 2022

M&A LAB

ADANI – HOLCIM: Cementing the Future!

In this M&A Lab, we probe deeper into the multibillion-dollar deal that is bound to revamp the Indian cement industry and stimulate unprecedented growth in the industry with the stellar entry of Adani Group.

We will analyse the legal, regulatory, tax, financing and other commercial dimensions of this intricate Deal.



August 2022

M&A LAB

HDFC – HDFC Bank: Merger of Giant HDFC Twins!

This mega-merger is being touted as the mother of all M&A deals owing to its colossal valuation of approximately USD 40 Billion and created a stir not only in the banking sector, but also in other financial services.

Given the size of the mega-merger with wide-reaching implications on the banking and housing finance sector in India, we have made an attempt to analyze the legal, regulatory, commercial and tax considerations of the Merger in this M&A Lab.





August 2022

M&A LAB

PVR – INOX: Biggest Blockbuster at Box Office!

The merger of PVR Limited with INOX Leisure Limited marks the latest merger in the Indian theatrical exhibition industry. The two entities will merge to form the largest multiplex chain in India.

In this M&A Lab, we examine this Merger from a commercial, legal, regulatory and tax perspective and aim to answer various questions surrounding the deal, including why and how the companies sought to merge both entities.



Investment Fund & International Tax



April 2026

India's \$12 Billion Deep Tech Bet

A Legal and Strategic Guide to the Research, Development and Innovation Scheme

India occupies a rare and uncomfortable paradox: a nation that ranks among the world's top five in 45 critical technology domains yet invests just 0.65% of its GDP in R&D. The Research, Development and Innovation Scheme, launched in November 2025 with a ₹1 Lakh Crore (approximately USD 12 billion) corpus, is the Government of India's most ambitious response to this gap.

Our research paper, India's \$12 Billion Deep Tech Bet, offers a comprehensive legal and strategic guide to this landmark scheme for its two principal constituencies: fund managers evaluating the Second Level Fund Manager opportunity, and deep tech companies assessing whether and how RDIF capital is accessible to them.





February 2026

AI & Deep Tech Investments Landscape

A report from India Deep Tech Alliance (IDTA)

Launched by Indian Deep Tech Alliance (IDTA) during the India AI Impact Summit 2026, this paper presents a comprehensive analysis of the investment landscape, detailing the capital flows, sector-specific growth patterns, and the emerging cohort of deep-tech champions defining these categories.



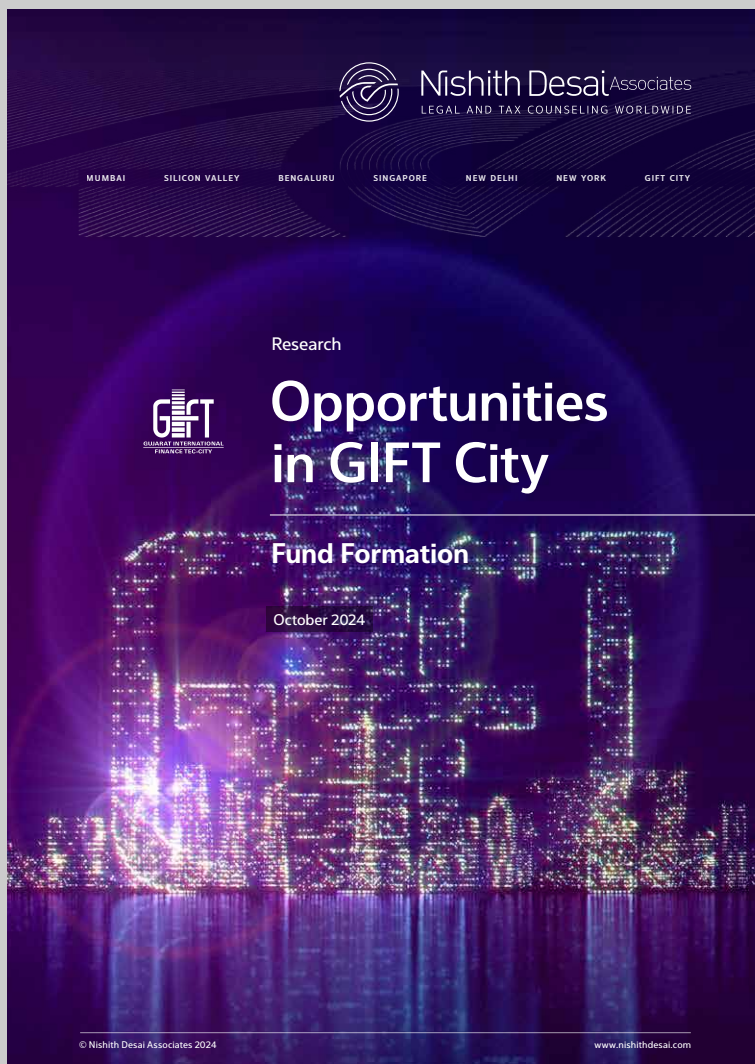


February 2025

Taxing Offshore Indirect Transfers in India

This document analyzes the legal, regulatory, and tax implications of indirect transfers in India. It delves into the provisions of the Indian Income Tax Act, the impact of the Vodafone case, and discusses various exemptions and issues related to indirect transfer taxation, including dispute resolution mechanisms.





October 2024

Opportunities in GIFT City Fund Formation



We explore the latest Indian legal, tax, and regulatory considerations pertinent to establishing and structuring fund management entities within GIFT City. We commence with an overview of GIFT City's origins and its principal regulator, the International Financial Services Centers Authority. Subsequently, we delve into the legal and tax frameworks governing various activities within GIFT City, including those concerning private funds. Our analysis extends to the legal, tax, and regulatory structures applicable to Authorized Fund Management Entities, Registered Fund Management Entities (Non-Retail), and family offices in GIFT City.



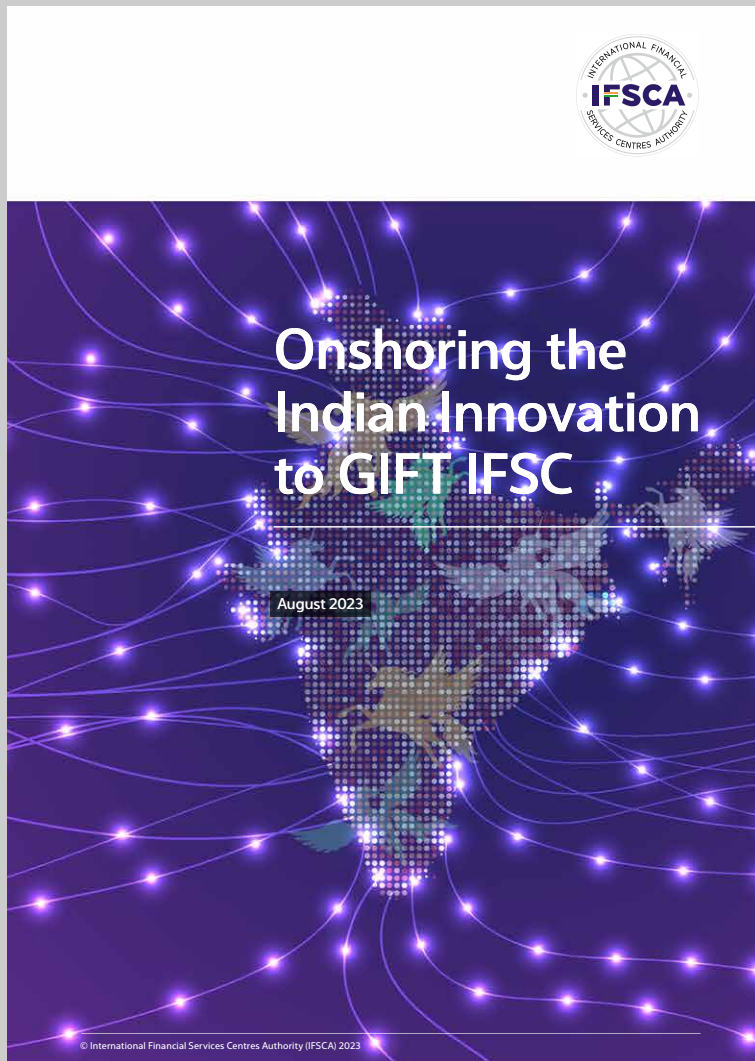
February 2024

Fund Formation: Attracting Global Investors

Global, Regulatory and Tax Environment Impacting India Focused Funds

Extensive research around jurisdictions and structures for setting up an India-focused fund including structuring of AIFs to be registered with SEBI, the ever-rising importance of GIFT City, emerging global trends in private equity, and international tax considerations. We also focus on the documentation required to set up and govern an AIF in India, aspects of fund governance prevalent in Indian funds, and recent regulatory environment.





August 2023

Onshoring the Indian Innovation to GIFT IFSC



This paper discusses India's startup ecosystem and the trend of Indian startups "flipping" to overseas jurisdictions. It proposes making the GIFT IFSC an attractive destination for these startups to "onshore" or return to India, offering various incentives and a supportive regulatory environment.

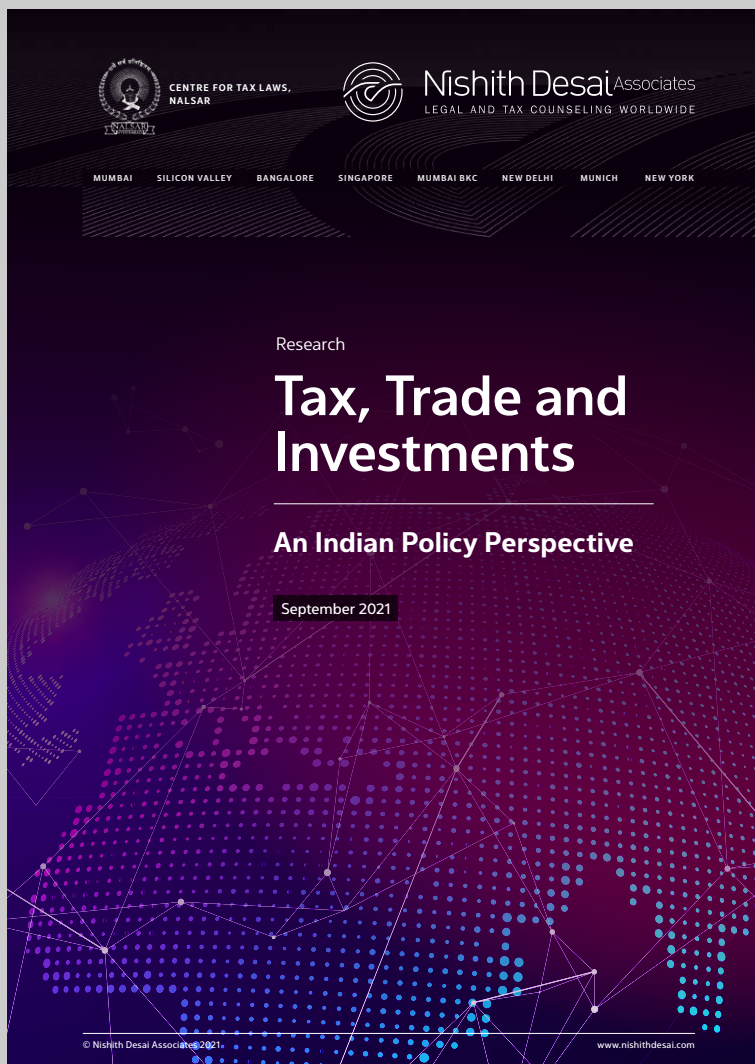


May 2022

Tax Issues in M&A Transactions

Our research paper on Tax Issues in M&A Transactions is a comprehensive summary of the various ways (merger, demerger, slump sale, asset sale etc.) of undertaking an M&A transactions and potential tax (direct and indirect), stamp duty implications of such transactions. This paper also discusses frequently litigated issues in both domestic and international M&A transactions, implications of cross border merger regulations, indirect transfer provisions, taxation of non-compete payments and ESOPs etc.





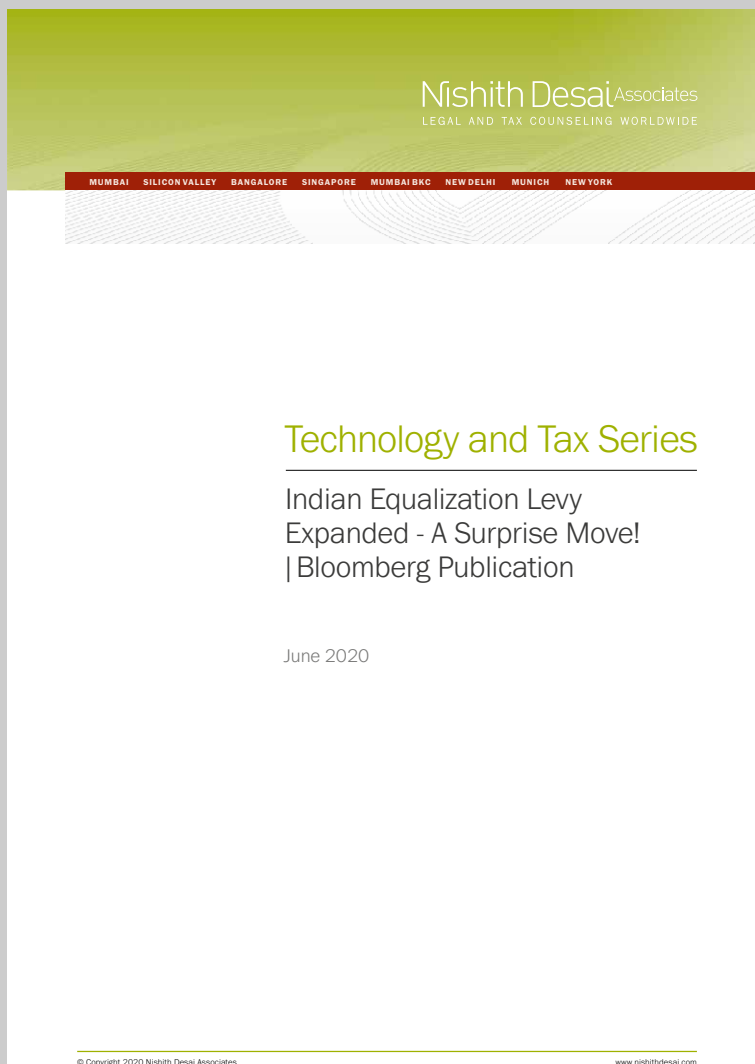
September 2021

Tax, Trade and Investments

An Indian Policy Perspective



This paper sets out different considerations for a cohesive tax, trade and investment policy from an Indian perspective. It also discusses India's international trade relationship with major economies around the world, India's trade plans amidst COVID-19 while considering the government's tax policy objectives and foreign investment goals.



July 2020

Technology and Tax Series

Indian Equalization Levy Expanded - A Surprise Move! Bloomberg Publication

This paper discusses the several issues and open points related to the provisions of the E-com EL. The practicable and workable situations for E-com EL are also examined.



International Disputes & Investigations



August 2024

Interim Reliefs in Arbitral Proceedings Powerplay between Courts and Tribunals



The arbitral process is normally accompanied by certain procedural safeguards such as interlocutory or interim measures that safeguard parties during the pendency of the proceedings. With the changes introduced by various amendments to the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 and wider powers vested with arbitral tribunals, interim reliefs are made easy and accessible to parties to secure the ultimate arbitral award.

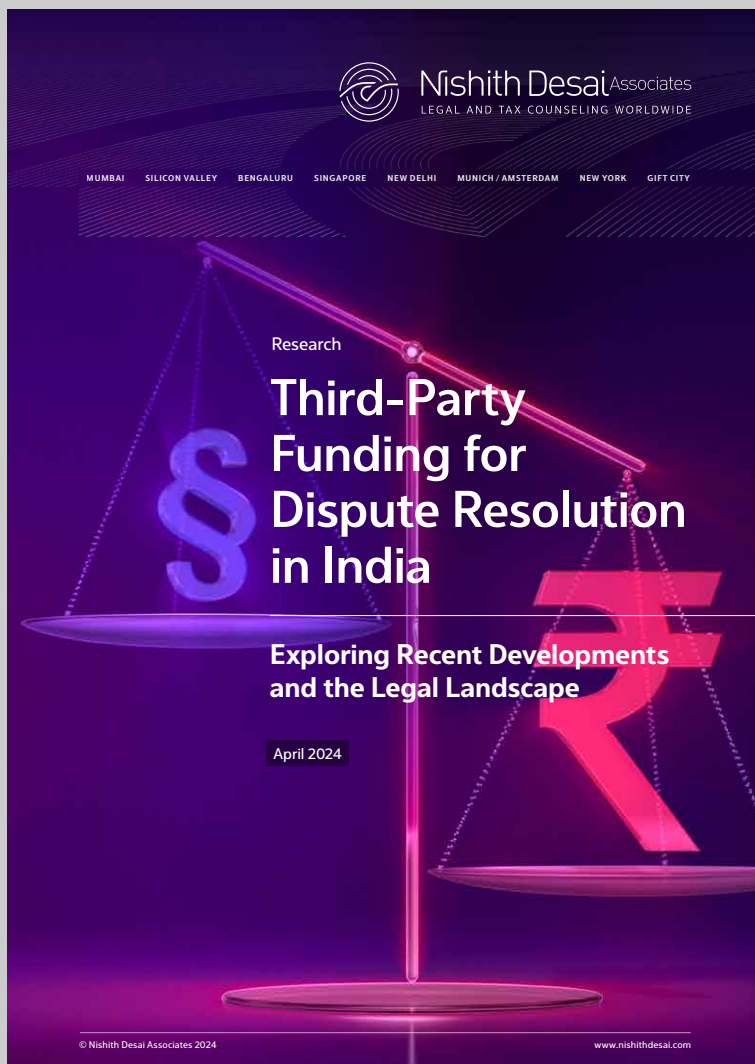


July 2024

Mediating Commercial Disputes in India

Mediation has emerged as one of the most preferred mode of alternative dispute resolution and potentially even more so with the enactment of the Mediation Act, 2023. Written in collaboration with Singapore International Mediation Centre and International Arbitration and Mediation Centre, we explore the mediation evolution and jurisprudence.



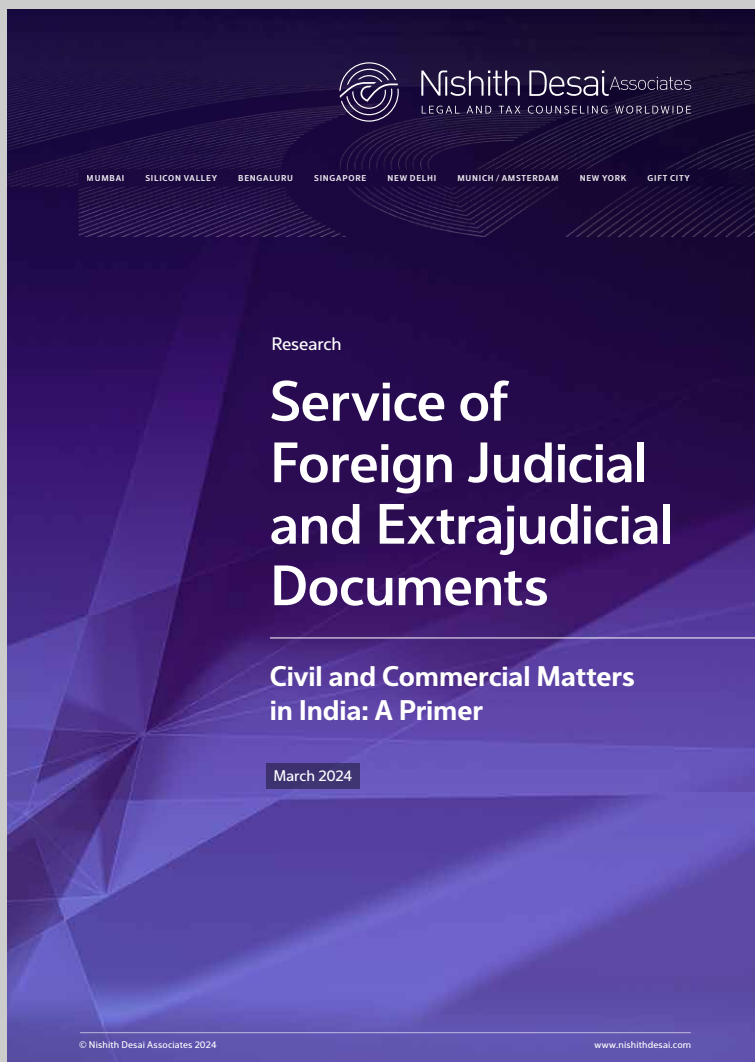


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Third-Party Funding for Dispute Resolution in India

Exploring Recent Developments and the Legal Landscape

Third-Party Funding (TPF) has been gaining traction globally for enabling access to justice for litigants. It is now increasingly used to equip litigants to pursue claims against deep-pocketed defendants through TPF Agreements or other similar products. This paper analyses the legal position regarding TPF in jurisdictions like England, Singapore, Hong Kong and India. It explores the enforceability and structure of TPF Agreements, principles governing third-party financiers' exposure to costs, TPF vis-à-vis the insolvency process, exchange control law and tax law considerations, and various contemporary developments taking place in this space.



March 2024

Service of Foreign Judicial and Extrajudicial Documents

Civil and Commercial Matters in India: A Primer

This paper discusses the crucial role of service of process in initiating legal proceedings, ensuring fairness in trials by providing parties with notice of pending actions. It explores how increasing globalization has prompted the adoption of the Hague Convention on the Service Abroad of Judicial and Extrajudicial Documents, facilitating cross-border litigations. With around 82 states, including India, as signatories, the convention establishes a framework for efficient document service between jurisdictions. The paper delves into the process, central authorities' roles, and implications for service between signatory and non-signatory states.





February 2024

Enforcement of Arbitral Awards and Decrees in India Domestic and Foreign

The growth of international commerce has necessitated the creation of efficient methods of resolution of disputes. In certain cases, securing an award or a final judgment from the courts may only be a battle half won; this is especially true in the Indian context. The stage of enforcement of an award or decree warrants a high degree of caution. We analyse the jurisprudence and offer practical insight into enforcement of awards and decrees in India.





June 2023

Time for Evolution of Sport Adjudication in India Is Sports Arbitration the Way Forward?

In this paper, we gauge the viability of sports arbitration in India, global sports arbitration regime ranging from the nature of disputes adjudicated by the CAS to the jurisprudence adopted courts globally.



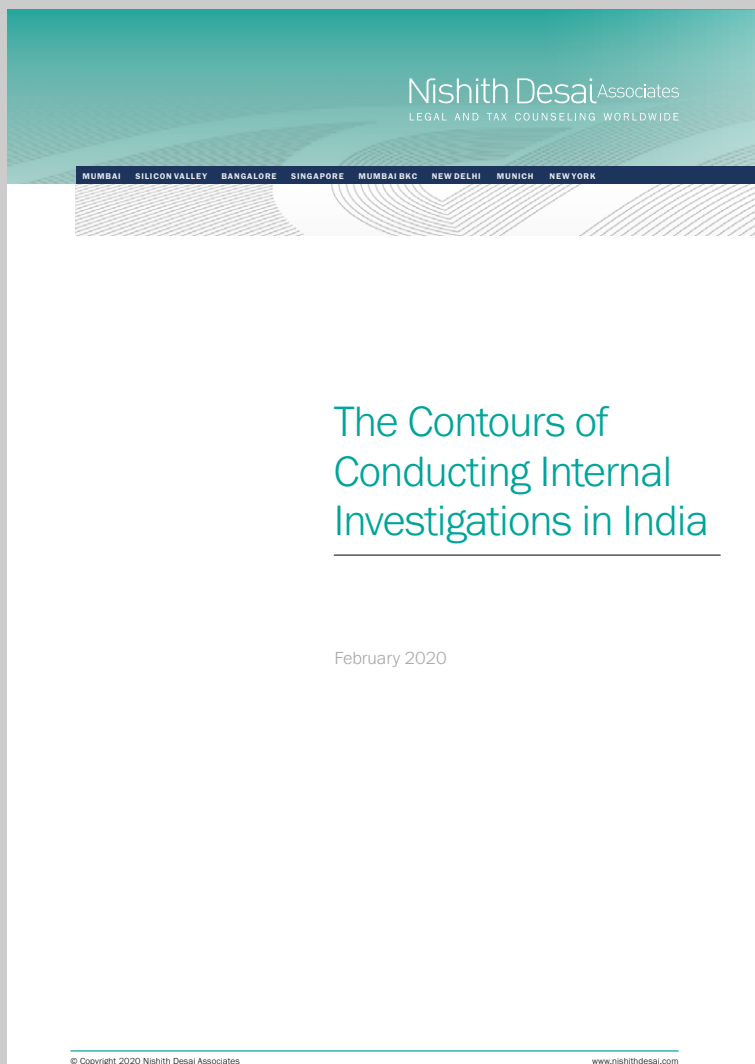
January 2023

Resolving Disputes Between Foreign Investors & The Indian State / State Entities

With Practical Solutions for managing Disputes and Enforcing Outcomes

India, despite the effect of the COVID-19 pandemic, remains one of the top destinations for investments globally. In this paper, written in partnership with SIAC and a chapter from ICSID, we discuss all that foreign investors need to know when they anticipate a dispute with the Indian State (or State entities).





February 2020

The Contours of Conducting Internal Investigations in India

This document outlines the process and considerations for conducting internal investigations in India. It delves into the legal framework, focusing on aspects such as professional communications privilege and the steps companies need to take for effective preparation and execution of investigations. It also touches upon the importance of data security and confidentiality.



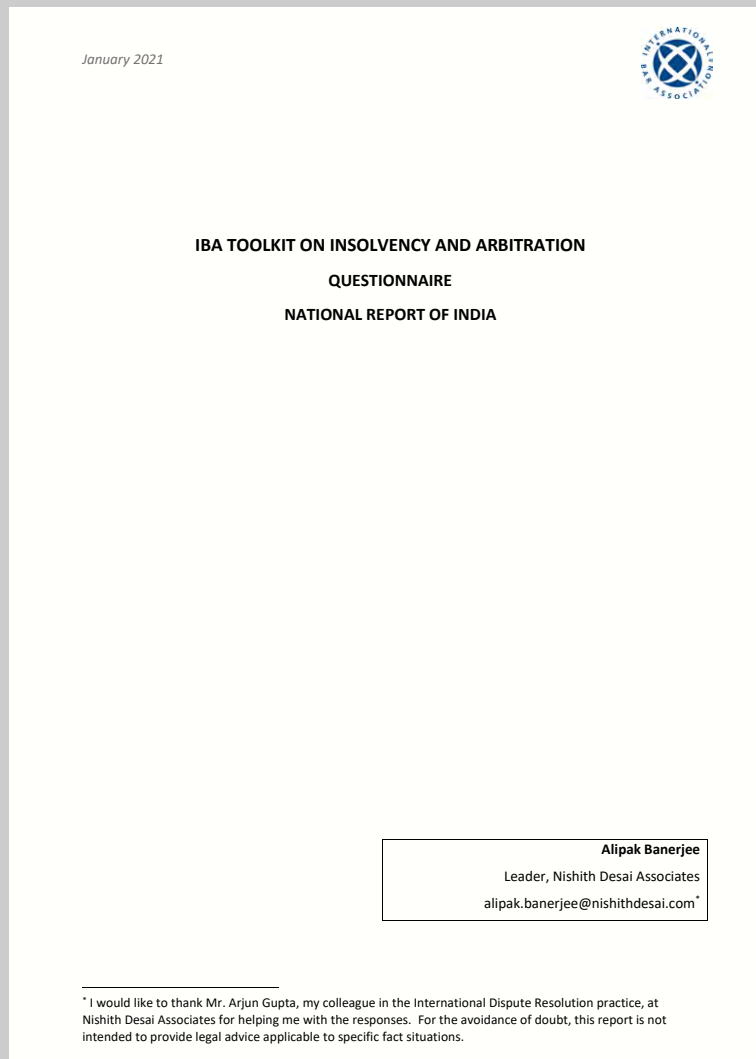


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International Commercial Arbitration Law and Recent Developments in India



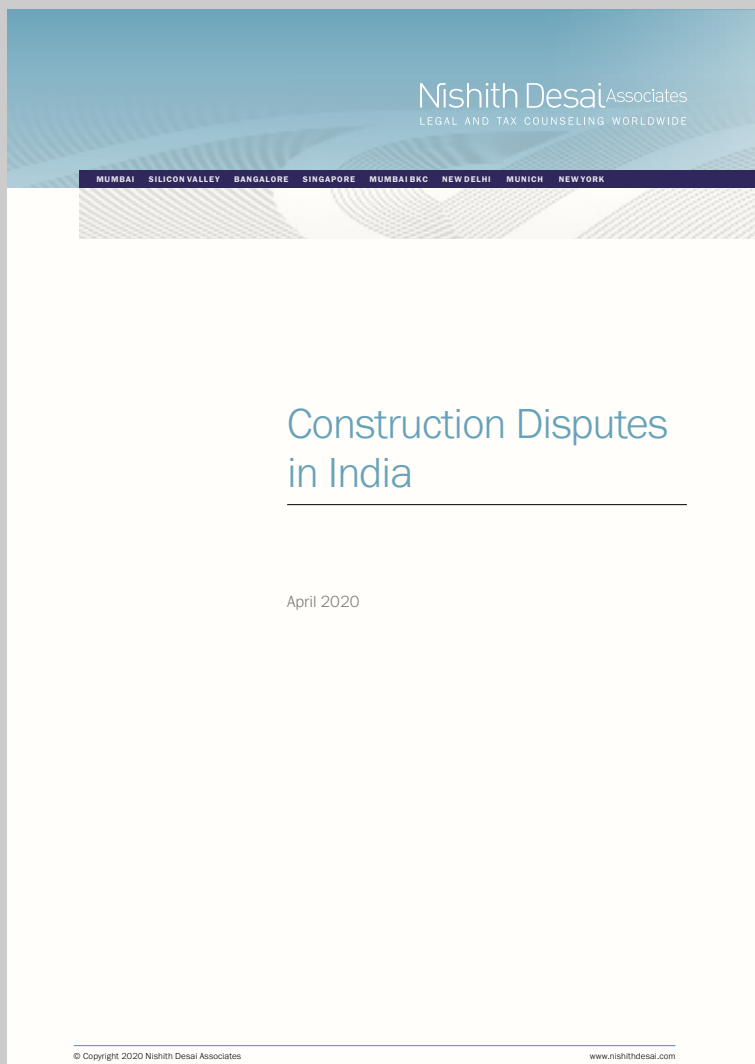
An increase in international trade and investment is accompanied by growth in cross-border commercial disputes and international arbitration has emerged as a preferred option for resolution. This paper discusses the regime for international commercial arbitration in India and emerging issues.



January 2021

IBA Toolkit on Insolvency and Arbitration Questionnaire National Report of India

This Research Paper discusses the questions related to the effects that insolvency proceedings initiated in India produce on arbitration commitments (foreign as well as national/local) involving the insolvent party.



April 2020

Construction Disputes in India

The paper discusses the remedies for breach in Construction Projects in India. It also discusses the various dispute resolution mechanisms.



Pharmaceutical Lifesciences & Healthcare



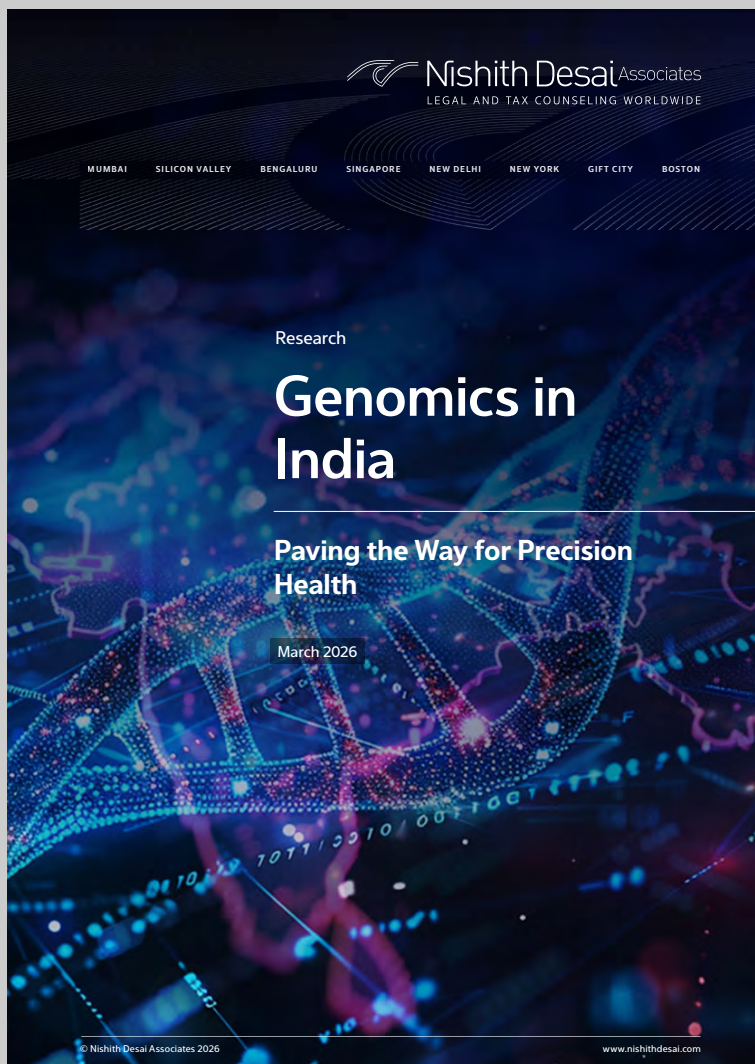
April 2026

Healing Beyond Borders: Advantage India Philosophical, Business, Legal and Ethical Discourse

This research paper examines India's emergence as a leading global destination for medical value travel, driven by its ability to offer high-quality healthcare at comparatively affordable costs across a wide range of specialties, supported by strong clinical expertise, internationally accredited institutions, and the integration of modern medicine with traditional systems such as AYUSH.

It analyses the evolving legal and regulatory landscape governing medical tourism in India, including frameworks relating to drugs and medical devices, clinical establishments, medical and AYUSH visa regimes, accreditation standards, patient protection, and data privacy.





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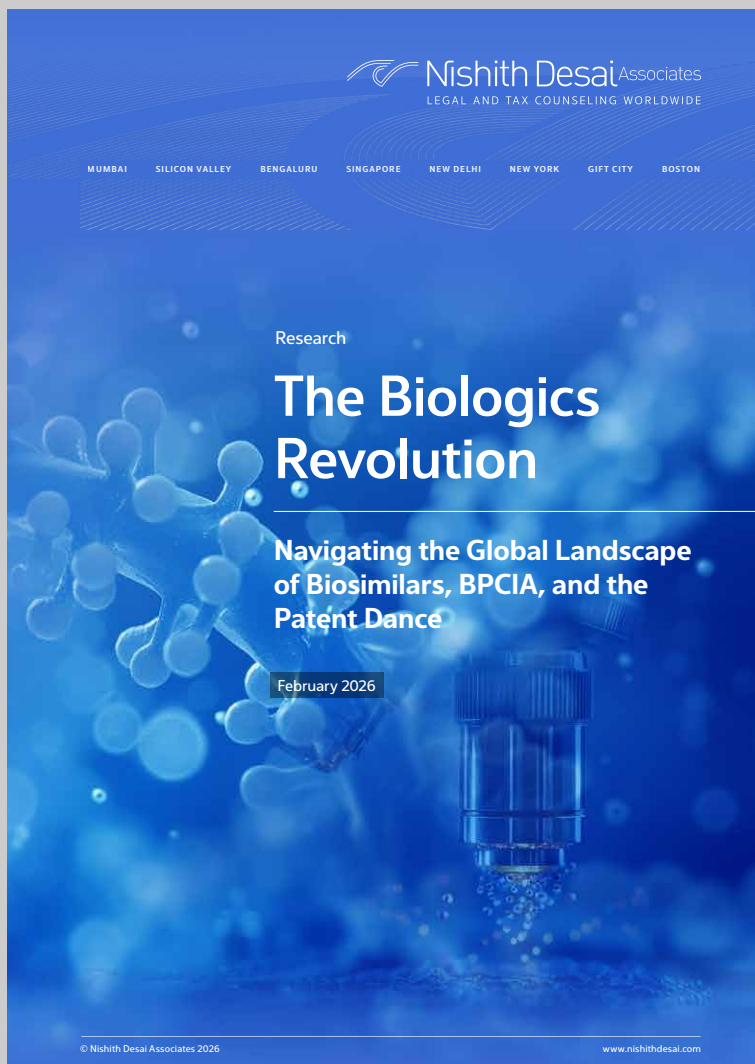
Genomics in India

Paving the Way for Precision Health

This research paper examines the growing role of genomics in transforming healthcare, particularly through applications such as personalized medicine, predictive diagnostics, pharmacogenomics, and gene therapy. It also highlights how advances in genome sequencing and biomedical research are enabling more targeted therapies and improving clinical outcomes.

It analyses the evolving legal and regulatory landscape governing genomics in India, including frameworks relating to gene therapy regulation, biosafety, genetic testing, data protection, and IP.





February 2026

The Biologics Revolution

Navigating the Global Landscape of Biosimilars, BPCIA, and the Patent Dance

As biologics continue to dominate global pharma revenues, the tension between patent exclusivity and affordable biosimilar access has become the industry's most critical balancing act.

The intersection of litigation outcomes, the 'biosimilar void,' and originator-follower collaborations is redefining the market, creating a high-growth roadmap for the Indian Pharmaceutical Sector over the next decade.





June 2025

Life Sciences 2025

The paper provides an overview of the legal and practice aspects of life sciences in India. It covers the regulatory framework for pharmaceuticals and medical devices, including legislation, challenges in enforcing regulations, and different categories of products. The document also touches upon clinical trials and marketing authorizations in the Indian context.





April 2025

Medical Device Industry in India Regulatory, Legal and Tax Issues

It focuses on the medical device industry in India, detailing its regulatory, legal, and tax issues. It provides an overview of the current landscape, key challenges, and opportunities within the sector. The paper covers aspects like manufacturing, import, pricing, and intellectual property rights relevant to medical devices in India.





April 2025

Clinical Trials and Biomedical Research in India Legal and Regulatory Framework



The paper discusses about the legal and regulatory framework surrounding clinical trials and biomedical research in India. It covers the procedures for obtaining authorization, ethical considerations, patient compensation, and the role of various regulatory bodies. The paper emphasizes the need for a robust framework to ensure patient safety and data integrity in research.

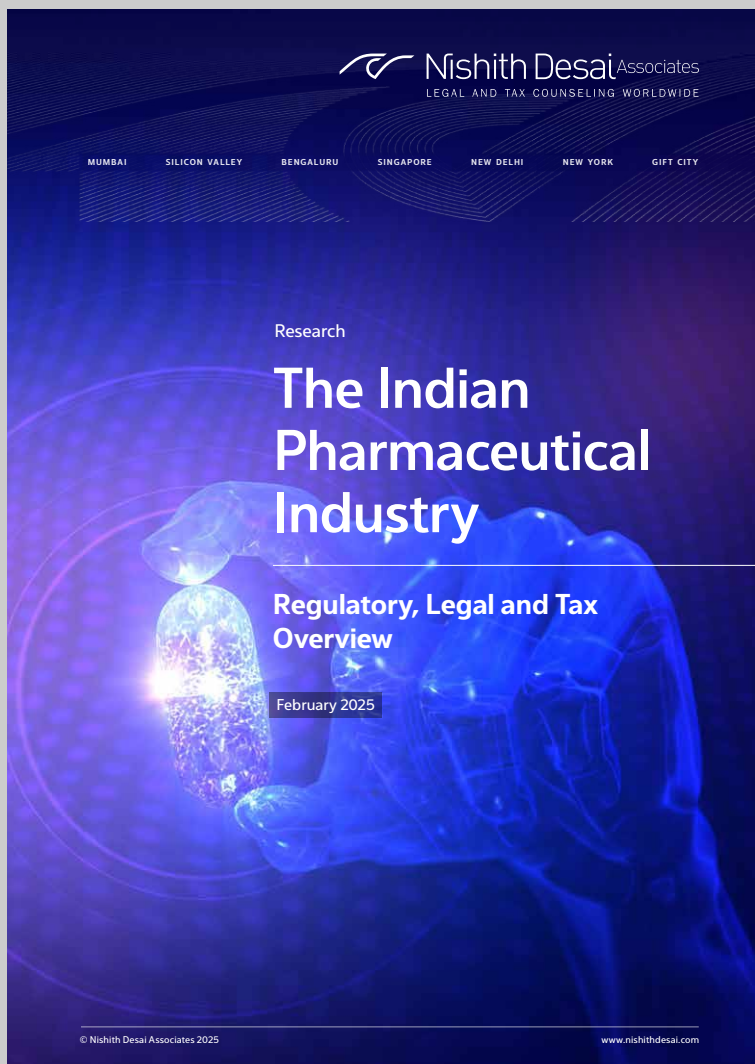


March 2025

Artificial Intelligence in Healthcare Navigating Regulatory Frontiers in India

The research paper discusses about the regulatory frontiers of artificial intelligence in healthcare in India. It covers various applications of AI such as predictive modeling, robotic surgery, and virtual health assistants. The paper also addresses the legal implications of AI in healthcare, including data quality, safety standards, and potential liabilities.





February 2025

The Indian Pharmaceutical Industry Regulatory, Legal and Tax Overview

It provides an overview of the Indian pharmaceutical industry, covering its regulatory, legal, and tax landscape. It discusses drug pricing control, intellectual property rights, and various government policies impacting the sector. The paper also touches on aspects like drug manufacturing, marketing, and the overall business environment for pharmaceuticals in India.





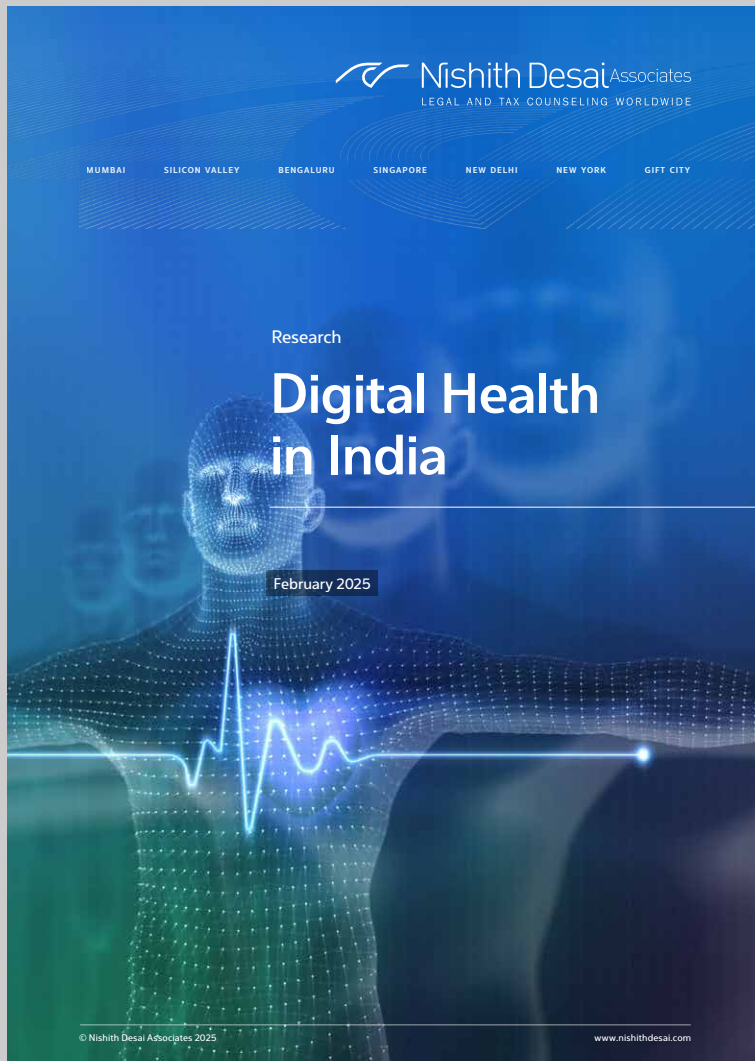
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Telemedicine in India

The Future of Medical Practice

The paper examines telemedicine in India and its future in medical practice. It describes various business models, including consultations over messaging platforms and the regulatory aspects governing them. The paper highlights how technology is transforming healthcare delivery and the legal framework supporting telemedicine services.



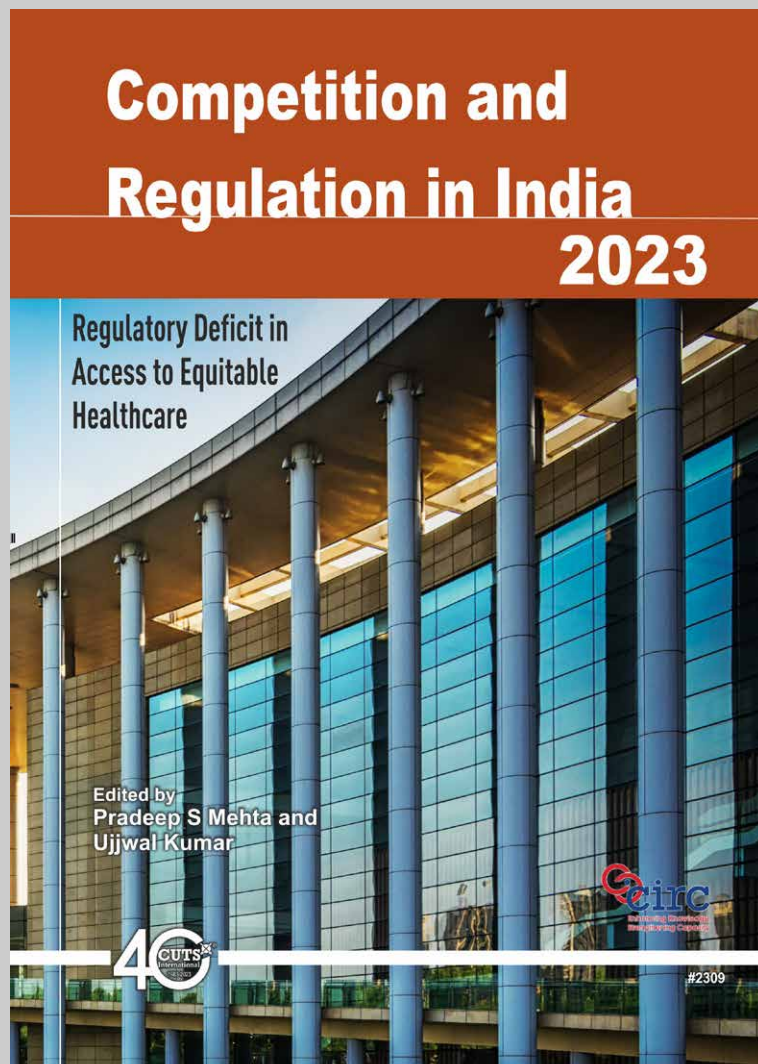


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Digital Health in India

It explores digital health in India, covering its legal and regulatory dimensions. It discusses the digitization of health facilities, data protection, and the role of various digital health applications. The paper highlights the evolving landscape of digital healthcare services and the associated legal and regulatory compliance requirements.





January 2024

Pricing and Availability of Medical Devices

It discusses competition and regulation in India, specifically highlighting the regulatory deficit in access to equitable healthcare. It includes a chapter on the pricing and availability of medical devices, emphasizing the government's approach to making healthcare accessible and affordable through price control measures and various related laws.



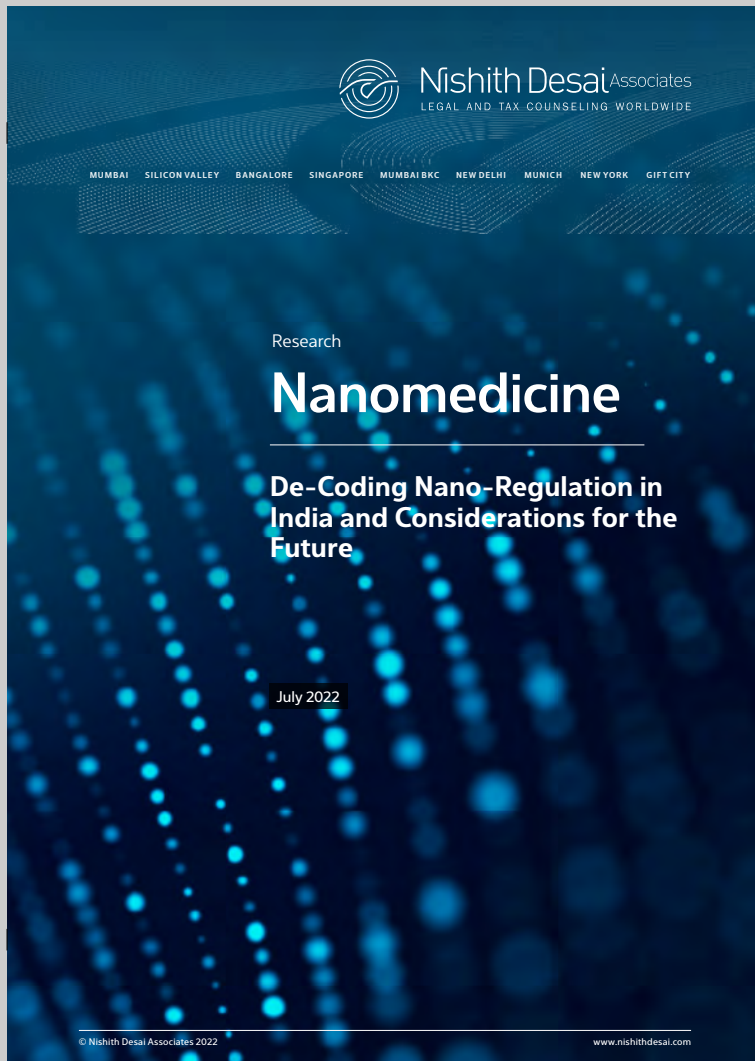


January 2021

Killer Acquisitions in Indian Pharma

Emerging Trends

The paper discusses how killer acquisitions are a topical issue in the pharmaceutical and life sciences sector in India and provides an insight into the competition regulations surrounding killer acquisitions in India.



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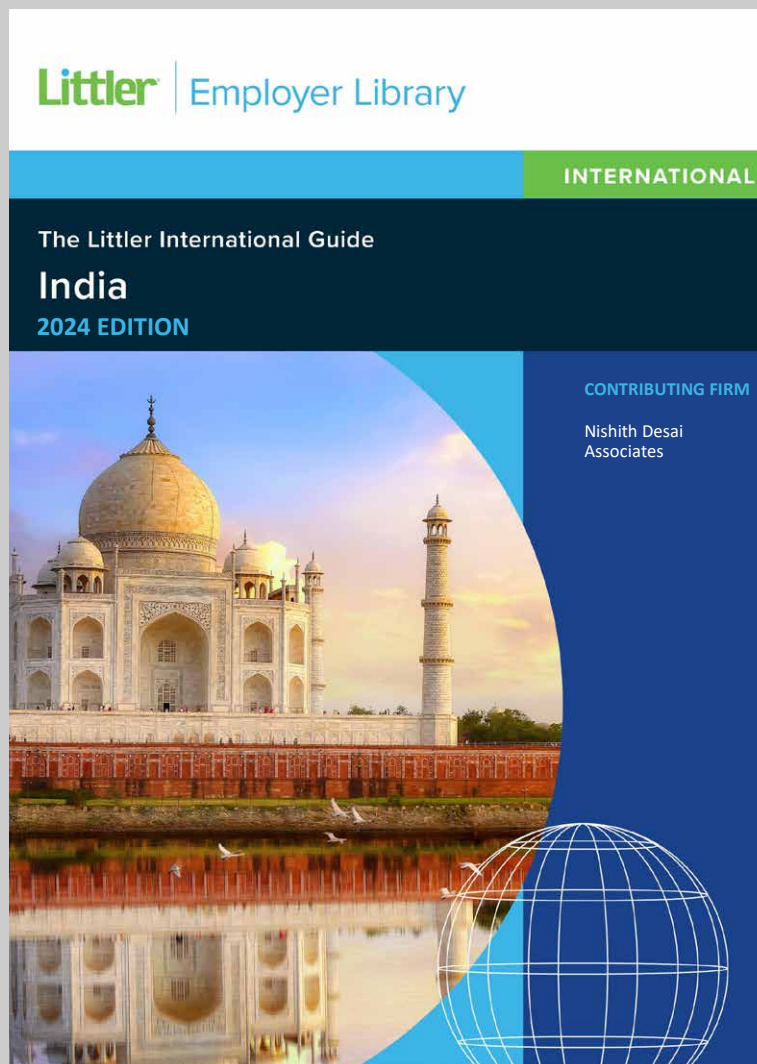
Nanomedicine

De-Coding Nano-Regulation in India and Considerations for the Future

This paper is a first of its kind where we have analysed numerous international legislations governing or seeking to govern nanomedicine to understand the possible approach that may be adopted in regulating nanomedicine in India based on their proposed use.



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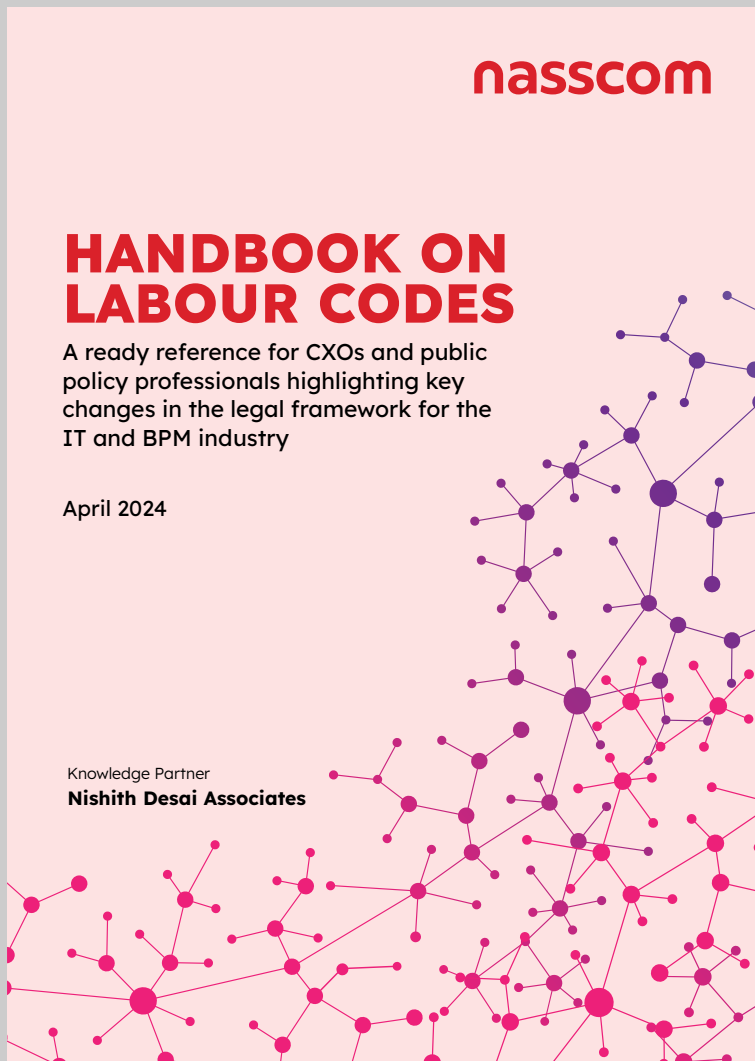


November 2024

Littler International Guide (India) 2024

Comprehensive analysis of workplace laws and regulations in India. The Guide helps multinational corporations respond to the needs of the changing global workplace.





April 2024

Handbook on New Labour Codes

NDA in collaboration with NASSCOM, has developed a Handbook on Labour Codes to serve as a reference for technology industry experts. This guide focuses specifically on the changes affecting the Information Technology and Business Process Management (IT-BPM) sectors and outlines the major reforms introduced by these codes.

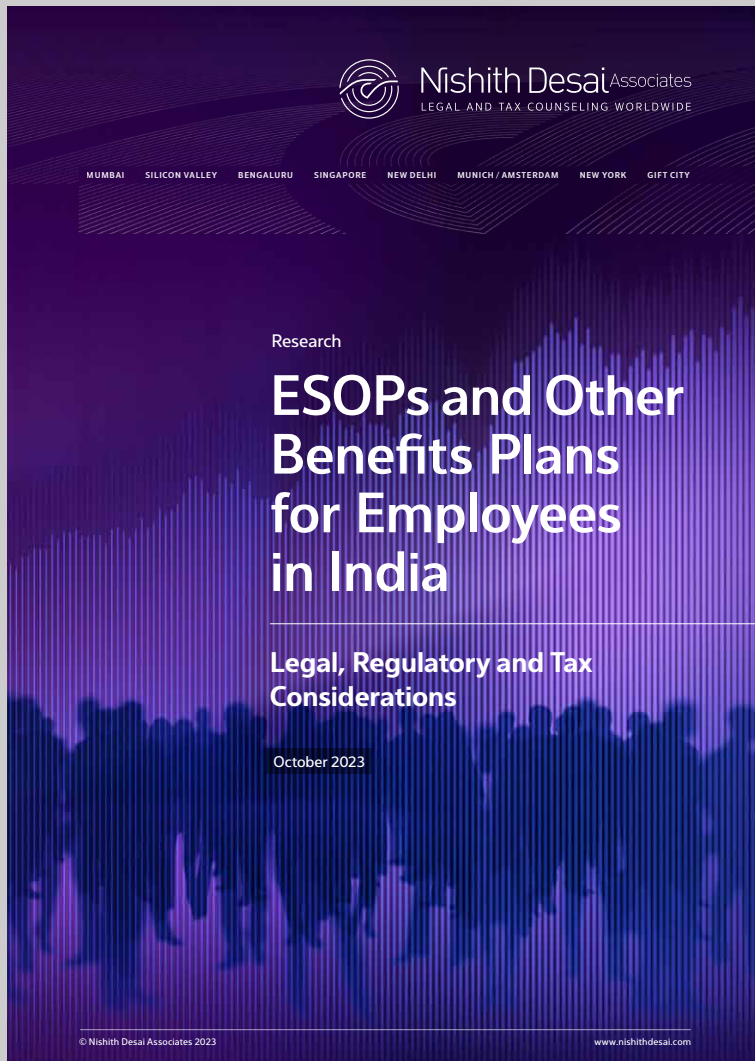




April 2024

Prevention of Sexual Harassment at the Workplace (POSH) India Legal & HR Considerations

2023 marks the 10th anniversary of India's first legislation specifically addressing the issue of workplace sexual harassment, the POSH Act. Workplace sexual harassment not only creates an insecure and hostile working environment for women but also impedes their ability to deliver in today's competitive world. The last decade has witnessed a progressive body of jurisprudence on POSH Act.



October 2023

ESOPs and Other Benefits Plans for Employees in India

Legal, Regulatory and Tax Considerations

One of the most popular employee reward and retention strategies used by global employers for decades has been Employee Stock Option Plans (ESOPs). We discuss legal, tax and regulatory considerations with respect to stock options and other benefits plans that are introduced in favour of employees by the employers. The paper also deals with legal framework governing the award of sweat equity to the employees of an entity.





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Ninth Annual Global Report

National regulatory trends in human resources law



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Our research paper on “Annual Global Report” which is an annual report prepared by the IBA Global Employment Institute (GEI) highlights specific general international trends in human resources law. This is the ninth AGR and is based on responses from lawyers in 50 countries.



February 2022

New Ways of Working

The paper examines India's evolving legal framework around remote working, including draft standing orders, data-protection risks, employer monitoring limits, lack of reimbursement obligations, and compliance considerations in cross-border arrangements.



Doing Business in India and Key Sectors



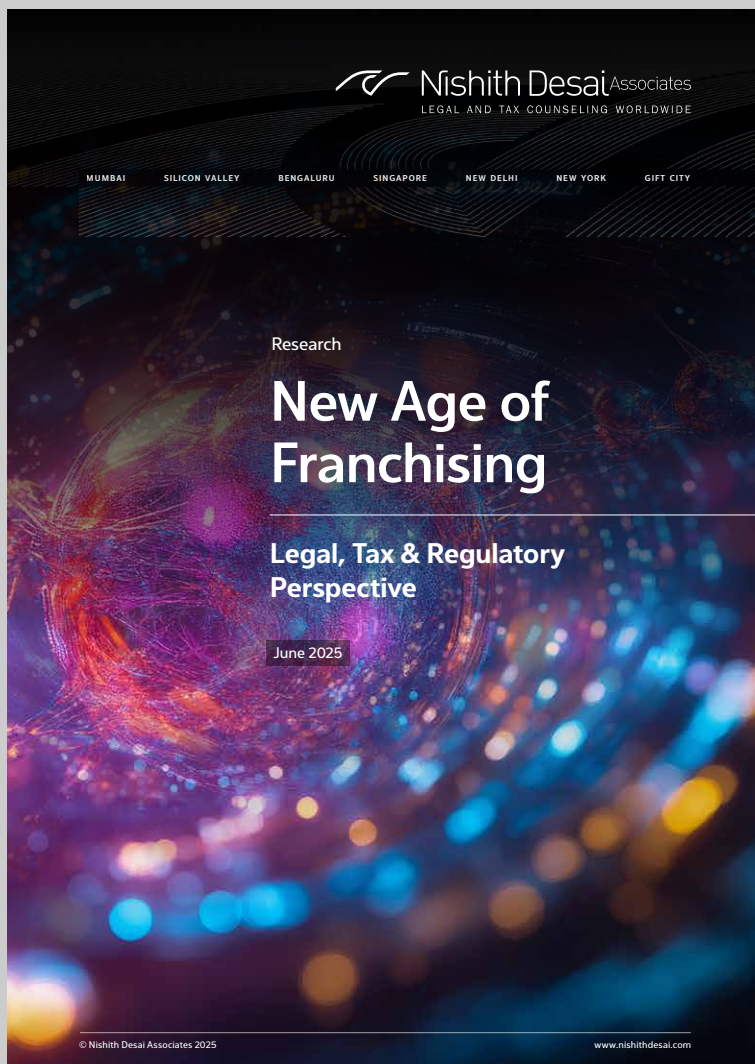
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The Indian Semiconductor Ecosystem

Legal, Tax and Regulatory Pathways to Global Leadership

This paper analyses India's semiconductor ambitions from a global-value-chain perspective, covering technical foundations, global demand/supply dynamics, and a detailed review of India's legal, tax, environmental, real estate, and regulatory frameworks.





June 2025

New Age of Franchising

Legal, Tax & Regulatory Perspective

This document offers a comprehensive overview of AI and its legal and regulatory landscape in India. It covers the evolution of AI, its applications across various sectors, and the emerging legal and ethical challenges, providing a guide for navigating the AI ecosystem in India.





May 2025

Global Capability Centers

Legal, Regulatory and Tax Issues



This report examines the evolving legal and regulatory landscape for digital markets in India. It discusses the proposed Digital Competition Bill and amendments to consumer protection laws, analyzing their potential impact on businesses and consumers.

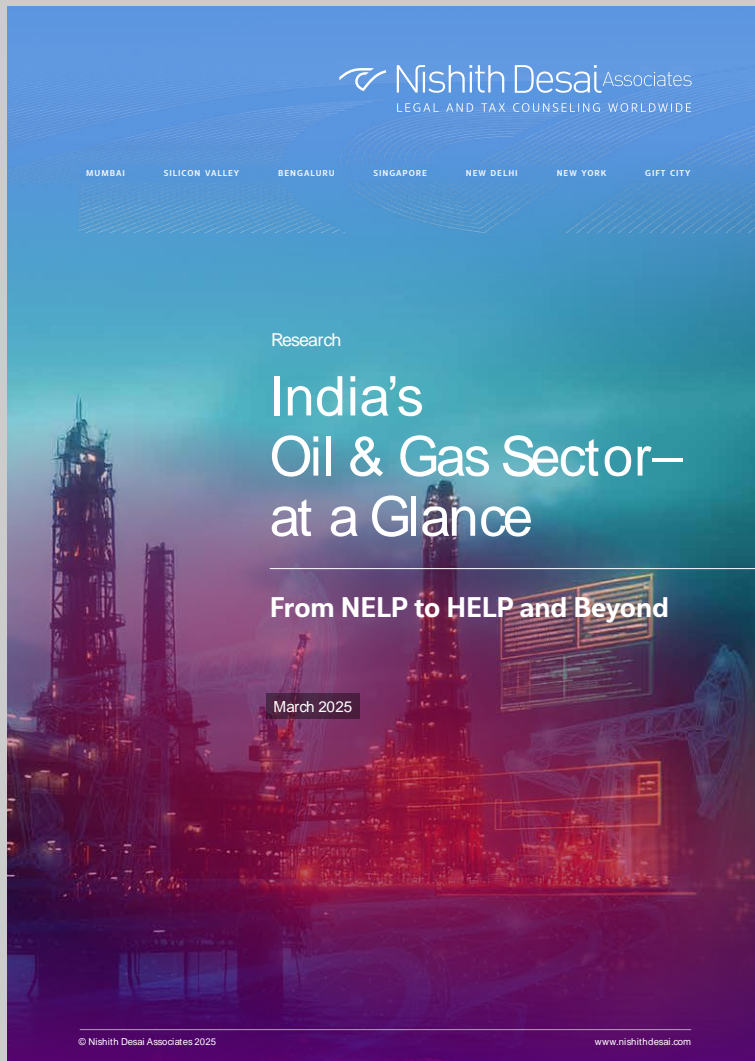


March 2025

Structuring Platform Investments in India For Foreign Investors Legal, Regulatory and Tax Considerations



This paper examines the innovative platform structure for private equity investments in India. It outlines the benefits, types, governance, and exit strategies for such platforms, addressing key legal, regulatory, and tax considerations for foreign investors pooling capital into Indian targets.

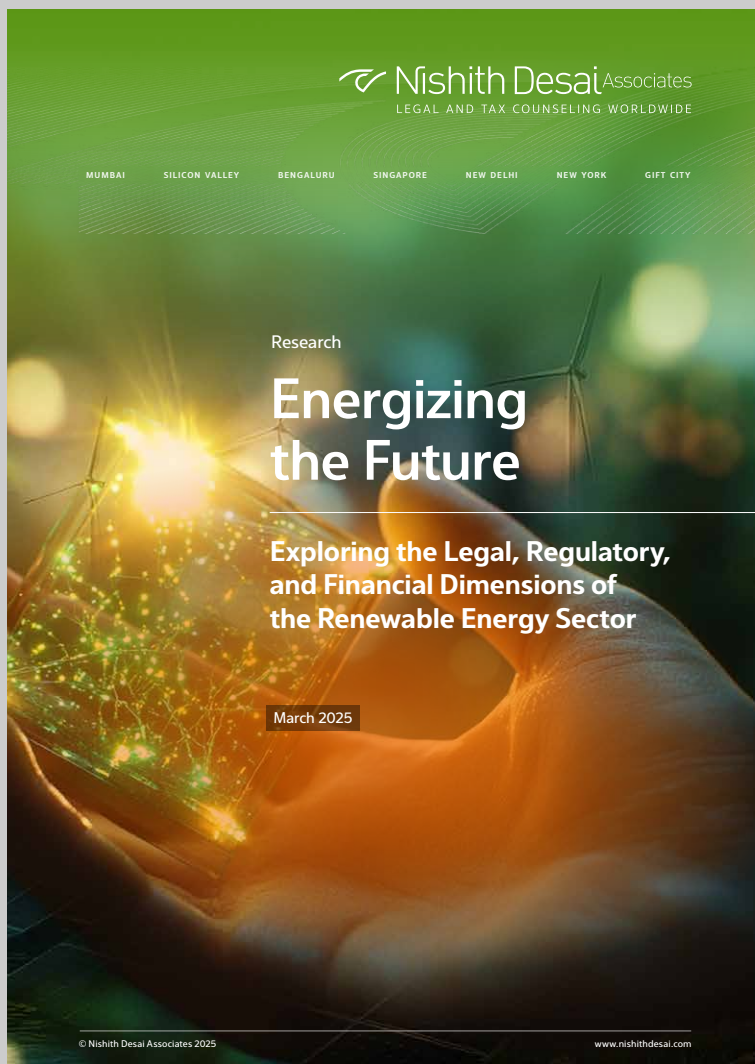


March 2025

India's Oil & Gas Sector— at a Glance

From NELP to HELP and Beyond

Titled "Decoding the Digital Personal Data Protection Act, 2023," this document provides a detailed analysis of India's new data privacy law. It explains the key provisions of the Act, its implications for data fiduciaries and data principals, and the compliance requirements for organizations operating in India.



March 2025

Energizing the Future

Exploring the Legal, Regulatory, and Financial Dimensions of the Renewable Energy Sector

It discusses India's evolving energy sector, emphasizing renewable energy. It covers the Electricity Act of 2003, various government initiatives, and the challenges and opportunities within the renewable energy landscape, including different types of renewable energy sources.





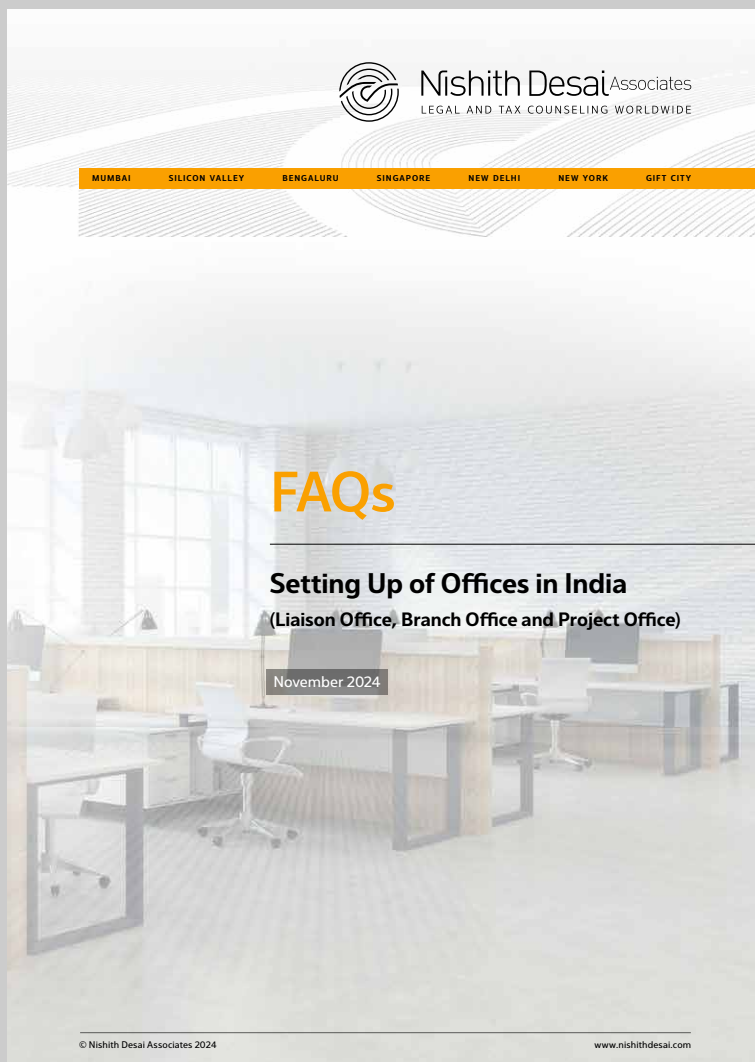
February 2025

Unlocking Capital

The Role of Sovereign Wealth and Pension Funds in India's Growth

This document explores how Sovereign Wealth Funds (SWFs) and Pension Funds (PFs) are pivotal in India's development. It details the legal, regulatory, and tax frameworks for these investments, highlighting India's attractiveness as an investment destination and the shift towards direct investments by SWFs and PFs.





November 2024

FAQs

Setting Up of Offices in India (Liaison Office, Branch Office and Project Office)

This document is a guide on setting up different types of offices in India, namely Liaison Offices, Branch Offices, and Project Offices. It answers frequently asked questions about the legal and regulatory requirements, procedures, and tax implications for foreign entities looking to establish a presence in India.





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Downstream Investment

This document provides a detailed overview of downstream investments in India. It covers the legal framework, regulatory approvals, and tax implications associated with such investments. The report is intended to be a guide for foreign investors looking to invest in Indian companies through a subsidiary or joint venture.





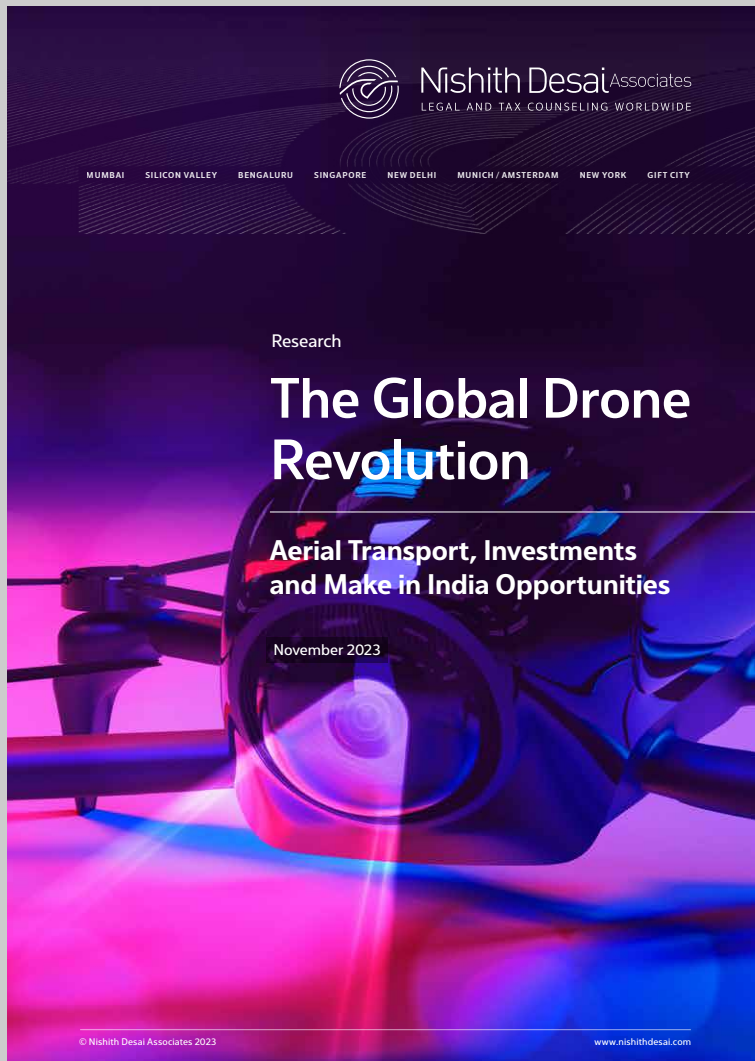
June 2024

From Capital to Impact: Role of Blended Finance

Legal and Regulatory Framework

This paper explores the concept of blended finance, which combines concessional and commercial capital to fund development projects. The report examines the legal and regulatory framework for blended finance in India, its potential to address social and environmental challenges, and provides case studies.





November 2023

The Global Drone Revolution

Aerial Transport, Investments and Make in India Opportunities

This examines the growing drone industry, with a focus on aerial transport, investment opportunities, and the “Make in India” initiative. It discusses global developments in drone usage, including counter-drone technology, and analyzes the Indian drone market.





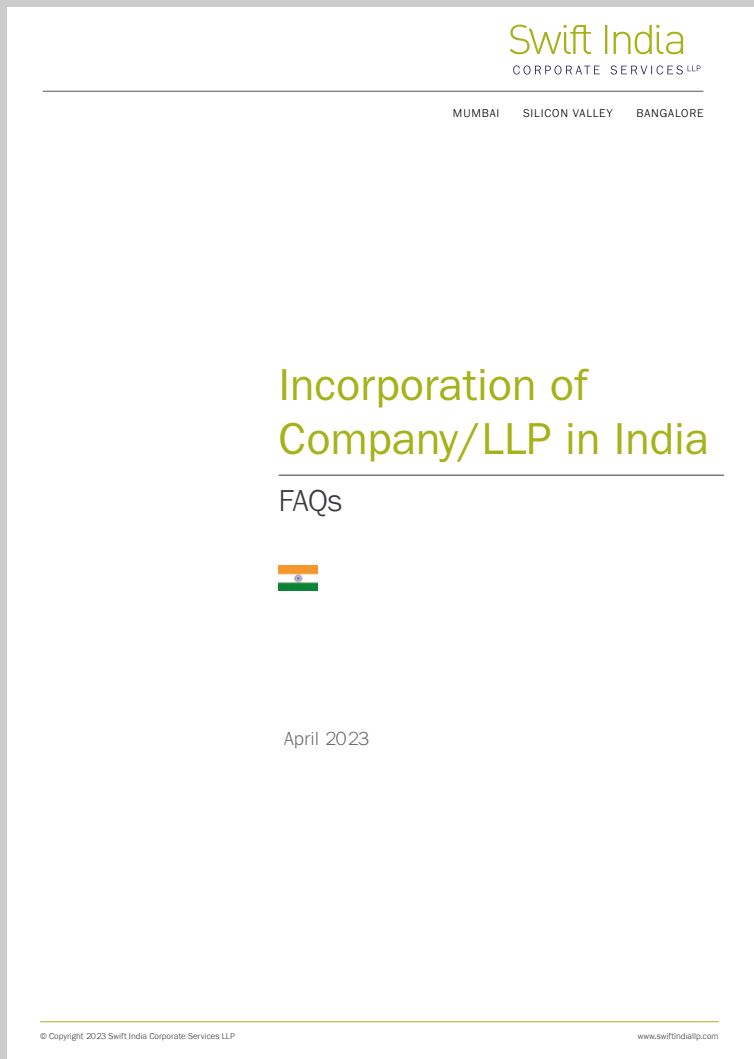
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Make in India

Progressing Towards an Interdependent, yet 'Self Reliant' Nation

We discuss the impact of the Make In India initiative on the manufacturing sector, policy reforms and complementary schemes adopted to support the implementation of the initiative, development of linked eco-systems, mechanisms for setting up businesses in India, discussion on some key sectors and the adoption of the initiative in such sectors.





April 2023

Incorporation of Company/LLP in India FAQs



This document is a guide to the incorporation of a company or a Limited Liability Partnership (LLP) in India. It provides answers to frequently asked questions on the process, legal requirements, and necessary documentation for setting up these business structures.



April 2023

Higher Education

Opportunities for Foreign Educational Institutions in India

It analyzes the strategic, legal, and tax issues for foreign universities and colleges looking to establish a presence in India. It explores the regulatory landscape, collaboration models, and tax implications for foreign educational institutions.





January 2023

Doing Business in India

The Guide for US Businesses and Organizations Entering and Expanding into India

This guide is for US businesses and organizations that are entering or expanding into the Indian market. It covers various aspects of doing business in India, including the legal system, human resources, intellectual property, data protection, and dispute resolution. The guide also makes special reference to tax treaties between India, Mauritius, Singapore, and the USA.



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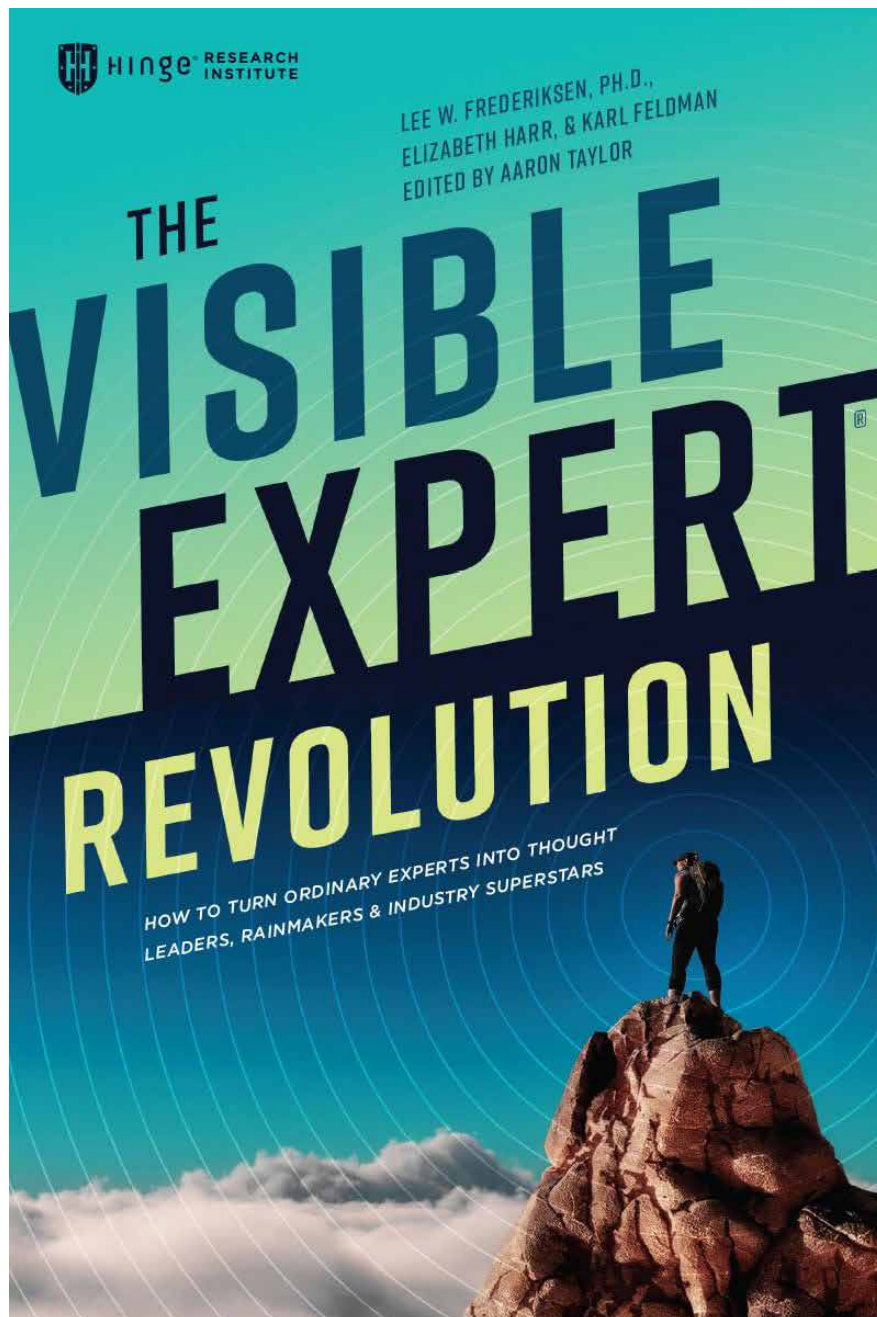
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The book covers our founder, Nishith Desai’s journey who took the bold step of establishing Nishith Desai Associates back in 1989. Despite the unconventional move of barristers opening law firms, Nishith saw this as an opportunity to develop and train the next generation of socially conscious lawyers. He studied and interviewed over 100 managing partners and professional services firms, with a dream to develop a distinctly different law firm having the right balance of expertise and culture.

The book cites him stating “Every new technology, every new business model, every new social, political or economic development creates a new strategic, legal, tax or ethical issue.” Nishith’s approach evolved into a philosophy centered around anticipating new trends, especially where technology and social change meet the law and prepare for the future well in advance.

Nishith understood that being an expert was only a part of the equation and to be distinctly different, visibility plays a key role. He endeavoured to make his team evolve from resident to global experts and encouraged each lawyer to develop their micro monopolies. By nurturing a culture of continuous learning, research and specialisation, today NDA has transformed into a globally recognised firm of visible experts. This visibility strategy is underpinned by the halo effect, a psychological principle that suggests if clients have positive feelings about a person, they are likely to believe that the person’s firm is pretty wonderful as well.

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At Nishith Desai Associates, we have earned the reputation of being Asia's most Innovative Law Firm — and the go-to specialists for companies around the world, looking to conduct businesses in India and for Indian companies considering business expansion abroad. In fact, we have conceptualized and created a state-of-the-art Blue Sky Thinking and Research Campus, Imaginarium Aligunjan, an international institution dedicated to designing a premeditated future with an embedded strategic foresight capability.

We are a research and strategy driven international law firm with Indian offices in Mumbai, New Delhi, Bangalore and GIFT City and foreign offices in New York, Palo Alto (Silicon Valley) and Singapore. Our team comprises of specialists who provide strategic advice on legal, regulatory, and tax related matters in an integrated manner basis key insights carefully culled from the allied industries.

As an active participant in shaping India's regulatory environment, we at NDA, have the expertise and more importantly — the VISION — to navigate its complexities. Our ongoing endeavors in conducting and facilitating original research in emerging areas of law has helped us develop unparalleled proficiency to anticipate legal obstacles, mitigate potential risks and identify new opportunities for our clients on a global scale. Simply put, for conglomerates looking to conduct business in the subcontinent, NDA takes the uncertainty out of new frontiers.

As a firm of doyens, we pride ourselves in working with select clients within select verticals on complex matters. Our forte lies in providing innovative and strategic advice in futuristic areas of law such as those relating to Blockchain and virtual currencies, Internet of Things (IOT), Aviation, Artificial Intelligence, Privatization of Outer Space, Drones, Robotics, Virtual Reality, Ed-Tech, Med-Tech and Medical Devices and Nanotechnology with our key clientele comprising of marquee Fortune 500 corporations.

The firm has been consistently ranked as one of the Most Innovative Law Firms, across the globe. In fact, NDA has been the proud recipient of the Financial Times–RSG award 4 times in a row, (2014-2017) as the Most Innovative Indian Law Firm.

We are a trust based, non-hierarchical, democratic organization that leverages research and knowledge to deliver extraordinary value to our clients. Datum, our unique employer proposition has been developed into a global case study, aptly titled '**Management by Trust in a Democratic Enterprise,**' published by John Wiley & Sons, USA.

Management by Trust in a Democratic Enterprise: A Law Firm Shapes Organizational Behavior to Create Competitive Advantage

The founder of Nishith Desai Associates (NDA) had to face the challenge of a non-hierarchical, democratic organization that leverages research and knowledge to deliver extraordinary value to our clients. This was the mission of NDA's founder and its organization and other stakeholders. He made the firm's philosophy of trust, which includes the belief in the power of trust and the power of trust, the foundation of NDA's success. He made the firm's philosophy of trust, which includes the belief in the power of trust and the power of trust, the foundation of NDA's success.

Now, add to that the long-held tradition of trust and a competitive law firm. Nishith Desai Associates (NDA) has been recognized for its success in building people from within, in being more people. This, when you add to that a mission of research, innovation, and leadership for all. The firm's success, however, cannot be fully understood until you understand a law firm's perspective. And what's more, this is not the typical law firm perspective in the world.

Consequently, during the traditional law firm era, it was not until the late 1990s that NDA's approach for creating a culture of trust, which includes the belief in the power of trust and the power of trust, the foundation of NDA's success.

Think of a profession that, by its very nature and culture, tends to ignore such attributes as law, trust, discipline, and discipline, when the personal and professional approach are concerned. This is the organization's goal. Chances are that the high performers will be the top of the line. If you are a leader, you should not be afraid to be a leader. I have no question making this statement.

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