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Q14

India's Traditional Knowledge Digital Library (TKDL) which has a database containing formatted information on more than 2 million medicinal formulations is proving a powerful weapon in country's fight against erroneous patents. Discuss the pro and cons of making the database available publicly available under open source licensing.

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2015 · GS III · 12 marks · Indian Economy

Indian Economy and issues relating to planning, mobilization of resources, growth, development and employment.

Facts & figures for this PYQ only.

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TKDL

Traditional Knowledge Digital Library, a CSIR-AYUSH database of formatted Indian medicinal and yoga knowledge for patent search.

Trigger cases

Contested foreign patents on turmeric, neem, and basmati showed that Indian prior art was not visible to examiners.

Defensive publication

TKDL's main use is to block erroneous patents, not to grant new monopolies on old knowledge.

Biological Diversity Act

Indian law on access to biological resources and associated knowledge, including benefit-sharing expectations.

Patent office access

TKDL has been shared with major patent offices under agreements so examiners can search without a public bulk dump.

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