

# PATENTING PROFITS

## THE NEWS

CSIR plans to transfer its inventory of nearly 3,000 patents into an independent, professionally managed holding company. This company can spin off subsidiary joint venture firms that will be free to list, based on the underlying patent inventory.

## THE BACKGROUND

CSIR spends more maintaining and filing patents than earning revenues from them.

## THE IMPLICATIONS

CSIR's decisions to invest money and research manpower in specific areas could be increasingly influenced by profit margins. CSIR, being a publicly funded body, also has a social objective of using technology to improve the standard of living of the poor.