

Invisibilised Inventors, Hidden Geniuses, and the Patently Unfortunate!
(Break 'to-read' Fact Sheet from [IP Reveries - Class 2](#))

- The actual first inventor of the 'wireless'? Inventor of radio signal detector, crucially important for [wireless communications](#) even today - Jagdish Chandra Bose (SpicyIP covered [here](#));
- The first demonstrator of the transmission of images over a bundle of optic fibers, which paved the way for high-speed broadband internet- [Dr. Narinder Singh Kapany](#);
- The inventor of discrete cosine transform (DCT) (the technology behind all your video calls during the pandemic!) - [Prof. Nasir Ahmed](#);
- The 'missing' person behind the discovery of the double helix (the structure of the DNA which shaped understanding of the human DNA) - [Rosalind Franklin](#);
- The first person to demonstrate the ability of atmospheric water vapor and carbon dioxide (later described as Earth's greenhouse effect) - [Eunice Newton Foote](#);
- The major contributor to the discovery of a type of subatomic particle known as the 'meson' (the heavier sibling of the electron) - [Bibha Chowdhuri](#);
- Inventor the 'Cotton Harvester' to ease the harvesting of an especially troublesome variety of cotton [Nattubhai Vader](#) and [other grassroot innovators](#);
- Invisibilisation of people can lead to invisibilisation of problems! We have the technology for a mission (Mangalyaan) to Mars but no technology to solve manual scavenging? Hopefully soon though, with technology like ['Bandicoot'](#)
- [Henry Boyd](#) (who invented a special bedstead) and [Ned](#) (who invented the cotton scraper) were denied patents because then USA patent laws did not allow slaves to have patents;
- John Stuart Mill's [autobiography](#) and many of his other works are said to have been substantial contribution from his wife, [Harriet Taylor Mill](#);
- The USA, was once a [piracy celebrator](#) (for its national interest!) and has now become a piracy castigator (again for its national interests!). (Note - India is again its is ['Special'](#) 301 list)
- [Continental Europe](#) which only recognised process patents owing to its benefits for the national interest, later, adopted 'product' patenting (for its interests!) and (forcefully?) helped others do the same, even those (i.e. India) who were specifically recommended to not have it (again for its national (industrial!) interests). Similarly, The Netherlands, a country that [once repealed](#) the patent law (in 1869) has now, after reaching the dome of dominance, become the IP's pious protector.

These are all only 'patent'ly unfortunate examples. There are plenty of other examples from India (including [SN Bose](#), [GN Ramchandran](#)) and abroad (such as [Hedy Lamarr](#), [Margaret Keane](#)), Or you could also begin further investigations with [Forgotten Artists of Florence](#)).