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Team Knowledgentia participates in APAA 2023 in Singapore. Reuniting with our friends and colleagues, connecting with IP experts from different IP jurisdictions is truly a cherished memory. We hope and look forward towards driving positive and innovative change together with world IP community.

**DIRECT FOREIGN LISTING FOR
UNLISTED COMPANIES**

Ref: livemint.com, Wednesday, 01.11.2023



Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) has recently allowed certain unlisted companies to directly list on a foreign stock exchange with effect from 30th October. This provision has been introduced in Companies Amendment Act, 2020. This would open the doors to list certain classes of Indian public companies, which would be notified by the MCA, in

permitted foreign jurisdictions starting with the International Finance Service Centre (IFSC) in Gift City, Gujarat. MCA now has to notify the class of securities, which the public companies would be allowed to issue, along with the foreign jurisdictions and the class of public companies.

**SAMSUNG DISPLAY FILES
COMPLAINT ALLEGING TRADE
SECRET LEAK**

Ref: reuters.com, Thursday, 02.11.2023



A complaint has been filed by South Korea's Samsung Display against China's BOE Technology Group to the United States International Trade Commission about BOE misappropriating Samsung's trade secrets. BOE has been alleged to have violated a U.S. law covering "unfair methods of competition" including infringement of intellectual property such as trade secrets, in the field of organic light-emitting diode (OLED) display modules and components.

**MILESTONE IN PATENT FILING -
ANDHRA UNIVERSITY**

Ref: thehindu.com, Tuesday, 07.11.2023



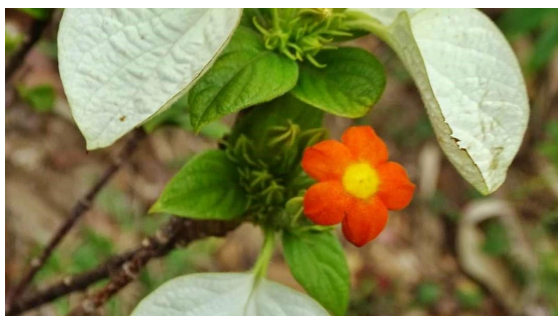
NAAC Committee has appreciated the initiatives of Andhra University with respect to

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filing and publishing of patents after establishment of DPIIT-IPR Chair Centre for Intellectual Property Rights. The University has filed nearly 100 patents and has licensed a patent from Biochemistry Department to establish a start up for the first time in its 98 years of history. This milestone underscores the university's vision for excellence in advancing knowledge and pushing the frontiers of research and innovation. The university administration has envisioned the importance of IPR in academia and initiated several innovative academic programmes like establishing Centre for IPR and teaching IPR as a mandatory value added credit course to about 10,000 students at UG and PG level and launching university IP policy.

**TWO NEW PLANT SPECIES ON THE
WESTERN GHATS**

Ref: thehindu.com, Friday, 17.11.2023



A team of scientists from the Botanical Survey of India (BSI) have reported the discovery of two new plant species from the evergreen forest patches in the southern end of the Western Ghats. The new species *Musseanda Conferta* was discovered in rocky areas of Kanyakumari Wildlife Sanctuary and is related to *Musseanda Hirutisima* family. It prefers the vicinity of rocks in high-altitude grassland ecosystems. It has attractive flowers, and the ornamental potential of this plant can be explored to a great extent. *Rungi Longistachya* on the other hand, belongs to the family of Acanthaceae. It was discovered in the moist places of Anamalai Region near Idukki dam site in Kerala. The plant is a herb and grows on margins of evergreen forests. This plant has a distinct, narrow, long-spike with a long slender peduncle and light pinkish-white flowers.

EUIPO LAUNCHES GI HUB

Ref: citma.org.uk, Tuesday, 21.11.2023



EUIPO has launched a new GI hub which offers a central location to access information and learning materials for professionals engaged with or interested in the possibility of IP protection through Geographical Indications. The Hub sets out a variety of resources intended to help producers engage with IP protection at their disposal. It offers insight on new CI regulations to help business owners take advantage of this new form of protection. It also offers users access to tools which can be used to explore the database of existing GIs. Further, it provides access to news and webinars on the topics of GIs and CIs to keep users up to date on the latest developments in this area and build confidence when engaging with the process of protecting their IP. A wide range of FAQs too are available to help business owners and product developers establish if GI/CI protection is the right path for them to take.

**SAFFRON OF KISHTWAR DISTRICT
RECEIVES GI TAG**

Ref: newsonair.gov.in, Wednesday,
22.11.2023



The Saffron of the mountainous Kishtwar district, in Jammu & Kashmir, which is cultivated and harvested in the higher reaches, has been given the Geographical Indication (GI) tag by the Geographical Indications Registry. The spice is grown in some parts of the Kishtwar region of Jammu, along with parts

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of Kashmir. The legendary most expensive harvest of saffron, popularly known as Kumkum, is also a key cash crop in Jammu's isolated mountainous district of Kishtwar. Saffron cultivation is a cultural heritage that represents freshness and purity. Kishtwar's saffron production area is called locally as Mandal.

**HUAWEI AND SHARP SIGN PATENT
CROSS-LICENSING AGREEMENT**
Ref: Huawei.com, Monday, 27.11.2023



Huawei and Sharp have announced signing of a new long-term patent cross-licensing agreement, which covers Cellular Standard Essential Patents, including 4G and 5G. The license represents mutual recognition of intellectual property of two standard contributors, which promotes standardization collaboration. Advanced technical standards enhance user experience, promote competition and reduce device and service cost. This global patent cross-licensing agreement with Huawei has been made under fair, reasonable, and non-discriminatory conditions. This agreement reflects that both parties respect the high value of each intellectual property.

**INTERIM RELIEF TO SUN PHARMA IN
“ABZORB” TRADEMARK CASE**
Ref: livemint.com, Tuesday, 28.11.2023



Delhi High Court in the case titled, Sun Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd. v. Protriton Products LLP, 2023 SCC OnLine Del 7467 has

held that prime facie, defendants' mark ABBZORB was deceptively similar to plaintiff's mark ABZORB, even if mark ABBZORB was seen as a device mark, rather than a word mark. The Court restrained defendants from manufacturing, selling, offering for sale, advertising, directly or indirectly dealing in dietary/health supplements, nutraceuticals, apple cider vinegar and promotional material such as t-shirt, shaker, bags, face mask or any other goods under the marks ABBZORB, ABBZORB NUTRITION, and or any other trade mark as might be deceptively similar to plaintiff's trade mark ABZORB. The Court opined that the aspect of infringement had to be determined, under Section 29 of the Trademarks Act, on a mark-to-mark comparison and if, mark compared to mark, there was likelihood of confusion or deception, or a presumption of association, there was infringement. The Court also opined that “the possibility of likelihood of confusion had to be assessed from the consumer’s point of view of average intelligence and imperfect recollection who seeks the marks at different points of time. The test had to be applied at the initial interest stage, meaning, when defendant’s mark was initially seen by the consumer and if, on viewing it, he, having earlier seen plaintiff’s mark, was placed in a state of wonderment as to whether the two marks were the same, or associated, there was infringement”.

WIPO AND WTO TEAM UP
Ref: wipo.int, Thursday, 30.11.2023



Twenty-seven IP teachers from top universities around the world took part in the 19th edition of the WIPO-WTO Colloquium. The

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Colloquium brings together teachers of IP from least-developed countries, developing countries, and countries in transition to strengthen the ability of universities to develop national expertise in IP and shape future IP policymakers. The objectives of the Colloquium are to update participants on new developments taking place at WIPO and the WTO, to share experiences and challenges, and learn more about IP teaching methodologies and research. Every year, the program is updated to reflect new developments in the two organizations and build on comments received from previous Colloquia. Some of the most interesting topics covered include, IP and emerging technologies, technology transfer, management and the enforcement of IP. The Colloquium served as an invaluable networking platform among participants who shared a passion for intellectual property and with WIPO and WTO experts and officials. This jointly organized training was an excellent example of a successful collaboration between international institutions to promote IP protection and education.



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