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**KNOWLEDGENTIA SPONSORS GAME
OF NOTES 2024 IN COLLABORATION
WITH CATHARSIS, THE WESTERN
MUSIC SOCIETY, SRCC**

Thursday, 15.02.2024



KC Team delivered an awareness session during Game of Notes event organized at SRCC to throw light on rights in musical compositions and sound recordings. Registering copyright in music and seeking timely protection for one's intellectual property is need of the hour. Interaction with young minds and exploring along with them the nitty gritty of IP will secure a better informed future for all.

**WINDRUSH CHARITY LOSES
TRADEMARK DISPUTE**

Ref: bbc.com, Sunday, 04.02.2024



The Foundation has three trademarks registered under the name and style- "Windrush Heritage, Windrush Pioneers and Windrush Foundation. Six more trademarks were filed in the year 2021 and 2022 under the name and style- Windrush, Windrush Monument, Windrush Memorial, Windrush Day, Windrush70 and Windrush75. Subsequently oppositions were filed against

these marks for applications being made in bad faith and without any intention to use the marks with respect of the services claimed. The oppositions were upheld and the Foundation has been ordered to pay £3,800 to the government as costs after losing the trademark dispute.

**BIS, AGMARK CERTIFICATION NO
LONGER A REQUIREMENT**

**Ref: business-standard.com, Monday,
05.02.2024**



FSSAI has recently decided to do away with need for Bureau of India Standards (BIS) or AGMARK certification for food products that have FSSAI license with them. This move will definitely go a long way in fostering ease of doing business in the food industry in the country as now separate certifications for quality standards will no longer be required. FSSAI comprises representatives from different ministries that include Commerce, Consumer Affairs, Law, Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, State and Industry Players. FSSAI has also decided to bring about standards for "Haleem" as part of standards for meat products. Haleem is a dish made of meat, pulses, grains, and other ingredients, which currently does not have any set standards. Other approvals by the FSSAI include standards of Mead (Honey wine) and Alcoholic Ready-to-Drink (RTD) beverages, revision of standards of milk fat products.

**RBI PROPOSES NEW
AUTHENTICATION METHODS FOR
DIGITAL PAYMENTS**

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Ref: timesofindia.indiatimes.com,
Thursday, 08.02.2024



RBI has recently announced a new way to verify digital payments. Instead of just using SMS-based OTP's they are introducing a principle based authentication framework. The reason behind this new change is the shift in the digital payment landscape within the country along with better security. When one initiates an online transaction, one receives an OTP which must be entered within a specified time frame in order to authenticate the transaction. According to new rules, RBI regulated entities will have flexibility to utilise alternative authentication methods which includes Time-based One Time Passwords generated through algorithms or other authentication techniques.

**APOLLO CANCER CENTRES
SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETES CAR –T
CELL THERAPY**

Ref: health.economictimes.indiatimes.com,
Friday, 09.02.2024



Apollo Cancer Centre has emerged as the first private hospital group in India to have successfully completed CAR-T cell program and to further augment it, the

group will provide access to “Made in India” CAR-T cell Therapy beginning with NexCAR19(Actalycabtagene autoleucel), for the treatment of B-Cell lymphomas and B-acute lymphoblastic leukaemia in patients aged 15 years and above. This milestone signifies a new chapter in our fight against cancer, offering renewed hope and possibilities to those battling this cancer.

**DJIBOUTI JOINS GENEVA ACT OF
WIPO’S LISBON AGREEMENT**

Ref: wipo.int, Wednesday, 14.02.2024



In the month of February, Government of Djibouti has deposited its instrument of accession to the Geneva Act of the Lisbon Agreement on Appellations of Origin and Geographical Indication. With this accession, the Geneva Act now offers protection in 22 Contracting Parties covering up to 58 countries, while the Lisbon System covers up to 73 countries in total. The Geneva Act helps producers of quality products, linked to origin, to protect the distinctive designations of their products in multiple jurisdictions, either as appellations of origin or geographical indications, through a single application filed with WIPO, and the payment of one set of fees. The Lisbon System provides protection for names that identify the geographic origin of products such as coffee, tea, fruits, cheese, wine, pottery, glass and cloth. This accession will enable producers and other interested stakeholders of Djibouti to quickly and easily secure international protection of the distinctive designations of their origin products – such as the *Sel du Lac Assal* (Salt from Lake Assal), but also the renowned

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incense and spices from Djibouti, to name only a few.

**DRDO INKS TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER
IN ELECTRONICS, LASER TECH,
COMBAT VEHICLES, NAVAL SYSTEMS
& AERONAUTICS**

**Ref: thehindubusinessline.com, Monday,
26.02.2024**



The Defence Research and Development Organisation has handed over 23 Licensing Agreements for Transfer of Technology to about 22 industries in the domains including but not limited to electronics, laser technology, combat vehicles, naval systems and aeronautics. The agreements are usually for manufacture of Carbon/Carbon Aircraft brakes for Light Combat Aircraft Tejas, the 100 m Infantry Foot Bridge Floating, 40 mm high Explosive Anti-Personnel Grenade for UBGL and the Full Trailer of a 70t Tank Transporter for the MBT Arjun Mk- 1A. SAMAR (System for Advance Manufacturing Assessment and Rating) assessment certificates have also been handed over to 9 industry partners. All these efforts will make the country self reliant in defence technologies and provide opportunities to industries in defence manufacturing sector.

**CABINET APPROVES RS 75,000 CRORE
ROOFTOP SOLAR SCHEME**

**Ref:business-standard.com,
Thursday,29.02.2024**



Union Cabinet has recently approved a scheme to install rooftop solar power in homes. The scheme provides a CFA of 60 % of system cost for 2 to 3kw capacity and 40 % of additional system cost for systems between 2 to 3 kw capacity. The CFA will be capped at 3kw. Households can apply for subsidy at a national portal where they can select a vendor for installing rooftop solar. The portal will assist households in their decision by providing information such as system sizes, benefits calculator and vendor rating. The Cabinet also approved setting up model villages in all districts of the country for the adoption of rooftop solar. The scheme will serve people who consume less than 300 units of electricity, typically lower and lower-middle-class households in urban areas.

**RESEARCHERS DISCOVER A NEW
PLANT SPECIES**

Ref: phys.org, Thursday, 29.02.2024



A new species has been discovered in Japan which is tiny glass-like white plant that feeds on fungi. Fairy lanterns or Thismiaceae are very unusual plants found in tropical, subtropical and temperate regions. Since they are not green, they do not engage in photosynthesis and feed on fungal mycelia in

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the ground. They are often hidden under fallen leaves and produce above-ground flowers that look like glasswork for a brief period. The Japanese name for *Thismia* is “Tanuki-no-shokudai” which means “raccoon dog candleholder” and refers both to their shape and underground lifestyle. The last discovery of a new vascular plant concurrently identified as a separate genus was the discovery of *Japonolirion* in 1930, almost 100 years ago.

**GI CERTIFICATES HANDED TO
INDIGENOUS PRODUCTS OF
ARUNACHAL PRADESH**

**Ref: arunachaltimes.in, Thursday,
29.02.2024**



During the inaugural season of the state folk music and dance festival this year, 18 GI certificates have been conferred on 18 unique products of Arunachal Pradesh epitomising dedication and talent of local community. The 18 products include: Khaw Tai (Khamti rice), Apatani textile, Yak churpi, Tangsa textile, Monpa textile, Adi Kekir (ginger), handmade carpet, Monpa handmade paper, Nyishi textile products, Wancho wooden craft, Adi textile, Galo textile, Singpho Phalap (Singpho Tea), Adi apong, Arunachal Pradesh Dao (sword), Annyat millet, Marua apo (Marua millet beverage) and Khamti handloom textile. Unique traditions, skills and natural resources of Arunachal Pradesh being passed down from one generation to another have contributed to rural activities within the state on a magnificent scale.



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