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1. MSME Secretary inaugurates IP Facilitation Centre at Lucknow

Lucknow, Sept 2 (KNN) To encourage and nurture innovative activities in the MSME sector, an IPR Facilitation Centre for MSMEs was inaugurated here on Tuesday by Anup K Pujari, Secretary, Ministry of MSME.

IP FACILITATION CENTRE AT LUCKNOW

Speaking on the occasion, Pujari emphasised the role of innovation in a competitive world.

He mentioned that unless we take care to protect our intellectual properties like Copyright, Trademark and Geographical Indicator (GI), our competitors may exploit such IPs and cause injury to our business. [Read more](#)

2. IPA, Natco withdraw opposition to Gilead's drug

Indian Pharmaceutical Alliance (IPA) withdrew its opposition to the patent application for Gilead Pharmasset's Hepatitis C drug sofosbuvir, marketed as Sovaldi, after the latter entered into a voluntary licensing agreement with 11 companies to sell the generic version at a lower price.

Hyderabad-based Natco Pharma, which had filed a pre-grant opposition with the Indian Patent Office, also pulled out from the litigation after entering into a licensing agreement with Gilead.

IPA's position is that it would oppose patents that block access to medicine. In this case, the company offered an unconditional voluntary licence to 11 companies, which means the patent would not block access to medicine. [Read more](#)

PRE-GRANT OPPOSITION WITHDRAWN AFTER LICENSING DEAL

3. Spicy insight: Curcumin database to preclude false patent claims

WORLD'S FIRST COMPREHENSIVE OPEN DATABASE ON CURCUMIN

Kolkata: Indian scientists have created the world's first comprehensive open database on curcumin -- the star therapeutic component of the golden Indian spice turmeric and a hot favourite with researchers across the globe -- to foster innovation and generate public awareness.

The Curcumin Resource Database (CRDB) or portal is a collaborative effort of the Indian Institute of Technology-Guwahati (IIT-G), Institute of Advanced Study on Science and Technology (IASST) and the Central University of South Bihar (CUSB), Patna. [Read more](#)

4. 'Finally free': 'Happy Birthday' copyright ruled invalid, song moves into public domain

'HAPPY BIRTHDAY' COPYRIGHT RULED INVALID

U.S. judge on Tuesday ruled that Warner/Chappell Music does not own a valid copyright to one of the world's most recognizable songs, "Happy Birthday to You," a decision that brings the song into the public domain.

The highly-anticipated ruling comes in a putative class-action lawsuit filed by several artists against Warner/Chappell, the music publishing arm of Warner Music Group, over the song in 2013 seeking a return of the millions of dollars in fees the company has collected over the years. [Read more](#)

5. Bengal submits application for rosogolla GI tag

ROSOGOLLA GI BATTLE-

ODISHA

VS

WEST BENGAL

The syrupy, soft spongy balls of Indian cottage cheese, the rosogollas, have virtually unleashed a war between two Indian states. Both Odisha and West Bengal have entered the fray to stake their claim on the famed dessert.

The Odisha government recently decided to form three committees which will counter Bengal's claim as the birthplace of rosogolla.

But Chattopadhyay said the state government is not considering forming any such committees at the moment to counter the move. [Read more](#)

6. Samsung Electronics granted 836 US design Patents last year

SAMSUNG

TOPS

IN DESIGN PATENTS

According to data from the Intellectual Property Office (IPO) of the U.S. on Sept. 29, Samsung Electronics ranked top in the design sector of the U.S. design patent and trademark registration list last year, while LG Electronics ranked third in the trademark sector, said the Korean Intellectual Property Office.

Unlike South Korea, the U.S. protects designs as a patent. Samsung Electronics ranked first with 836 cases, followed by Microsoft with 329 cases, and LG Electronics with 307 cases. Apple came in fifth with 190 cases. Samsung Electronics has maintained its first top place in the design sector in the last three years. [Read more](#)