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In recent times, there has been a resurgence in the discussions surrounding patent law with wide-ranging impact. Sample these two questions:

Q1. Is it time to reconsider patents for vaccines or the working requirement associated with patents?

The COVID-19 pandemic yet again brought into focus the prevailing unease when it comes to pharmaceutical patents. India spearheaded the ongoing tussle to waive IP rights under the TRIPS Agreement but the debate is as polarized as ever. Interestingly, India has pushed for such a waiver despite having unique provisions compelling patentees to ‘work’ patents in India, subjecting them to compulsory licenses to serve the large public interest, apart from having special safeguards to prevent ever greening in the pharmaceutical field. The push towards a complete waiver at the global level suggests that even these safeguards are considered to have their limits. On the other hand, the question is raised whether the industry would have displayed such vigour and efficiency in developing vaccines and other solutions had there not been some guarantee of protection.

Q2. Can Artificial Intelligence Be Granted A ‘Patent’ For Inventions?

In a [recent landmark decision](#), an Australian court has set a groundbreaking precedent, deciding artificial intelligence (AI) systems can be legally recognized as an inventor in patent applications. The Court made the historic finding that "the inventor can be non-human".



Peculiarly, this judgment has been pronounced just days after South Africa became the first country to defy the status quo and award a patent recognizing DABUS (an AI machine who is an "artificial neural system") as an inventor for *"a food container based on fractal geometry"*. Corresponding DABUS applications sparked months of deliberation in intellectual property offices and courtrooms around the world, where similar attempts claiming AI as "inventors" have been rejected in the UK, US and EU. Particularly w.r.t the Indian landscape, the Indian Patent Office or Courts have not yet had an occasion to address this issue. The Indian law suggests that a 'person' who is the true and first inventor or the assignee/legal representative may seek a patent. "Person" has been defined to include the Government, and in its ordinary sense would cover non-natural entities also. Thereby, there is some doubt in interpretation as to whether or not AI machines can be granted patents in India as "true and first inventors".

Against this intriguing backdrop, **Taxsutra Neurons** is delighted to bring to you an exclusive 15 hours Master-Class Series on **"Decoding Indian Patent Law"** by Best Selling Author and Intellectual Property Laws Expert, **Advocate Adarsh Ramanujan**.



DETAILED COURSE OUTLINE –

Sr. No	Topic	Mins	Day	Date	Mode of Delivery	Live Session Timings
1	Introduction to Patent Law	75	Friday	November 26th	Live Session (Complimentary)	4:30 to 5:45 PM +15 Min Q&A
2	Patentability - Novelty & Capability of Industrial Application	75	N/A	N/A	Pre-Recorded Session	N/A
3	Patentability - Inventive Step	75				
4	Patentability - Enablement, Fair Basing and Clarity	75				
5	Patent prosecution process in India: Overview and some key issues	75	Friday	December 3rd	Live Session	4:30 to 5:45 PM +15 Min Q&A
6	Infringement & Defences	75	N/A	N/A	Pre-Recorded Session	N/A
7	Remedies	45				
8 -11	Non-patentable subject matter (4 Parts)	4 Parts of 75 Mins Each				
12	Compulsory licenses	75	Friday	December 10th	Live Session	4:30 to 5:45 PM + 30 Min Live Query Solving Session
13	Live Query Solving Session for Pre-Recorded Sessions	30				



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