

## MEMORY LOSS VACCINATION

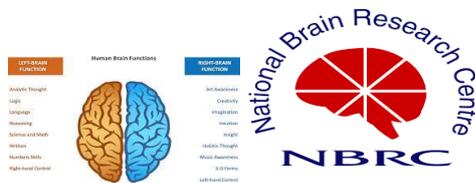
**Ref: The Times of India, Wednesday, 01.01.2020**



Scientists have recently tested Vaccine for dementia in animals and has paved the way for clinical trials of the experimental treatment. This advancement and breakthrough in science will lead to development of effective immunotherapy and this new vaccine intends to remove the protein aggregates linked to Alzheimer's disease. Major challenges include the lack of effective treatments, reliable biomarkers, or preventive strategies for ensuring the ailment is prevented.

## BRAHMA BRAIN TEMP DEVELOPED

**Ref: Mint, Friday, 03.01.2020**



National Brain Research Center (NBRC), in Manesar, Haryana, has developed a brain template, Brahma, which will show intrinsic details about the anatomy of the Indian brain. Brahma will be a crucial guide for Indian scientists as doctors have so far relied solely on US and Canadian brain templates for surgery and treatment of Indian one. It will be immensely important to conduct multimodal brain study to understand psychiatric disorders such as depression, schizophrenia and bipolar disorders. The development of the Indian brain template will be helpful to achieve more accurate and precise allocation of brain regions in neurosurgery

## TATA SWACH LOSES PATENT

**Ref: The Times of India, Monday, 06.01.2020**



Patent Office has recently rejected an application by Tata Chemicals for its water purifier Swash on grounds of it being "obvious" and "lacking in inventive step". The plea was on a pre-grant opposition filed a decade ago by HUL, which owns the Pureit brand leading to a huge uproar in the sector. Recently, the litigation battles have witnessed a great surge. Inventive step simply means a feature of the invention that involves technical advance over what is known, and not something obvious to a person skilled in that art (field), according to the Patent Act. This is imperative as it's a precedent for non-obvious patents which want to thwart competitors also.

## PERSONAL LAWS V/S GENDER JUSTICE

**Ref: The Economic Times, Wednesday, 08.01.2020**



Constitutional courts have traditionally examined at various occasions if a practice was essential to a religion and whether it could be protected as a practice of a separate sect but this very move has landed the courts in trouble as it warrants an enquiry into theological aspects of religions. The bench's verdict will not only impact a review filed in the Sabarimala case against a top court ruling. The reference to a larger bench of all these matters will be crucial as it would impact the manner in which the state is required to ensure gender justice across religions.

## CCI PROBE ECOM UNFAIR PRACTICES

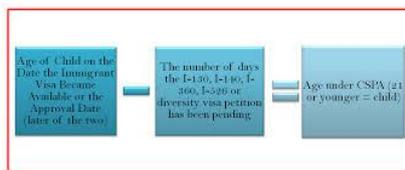
**Ref: The Times of India, Thursday,  
09.01.2020**



Competition Commission of India (CCI) has taken its stance to intervene – case-by-case for monitoring the alleged unfair practices by online players by investigating issues such as deep discounts, exclusive agreements between platforms and suppliers, business terms and platform neutrality. The CCI report has come after e-commerce companies like Walmart-owned Flipkart and Amazon have been under government scrutiny following complaints of unfair practices by smaller online sellers and offline retailers.

**AGED OUT CHILDREN SEEK PROTECTION**

**Ref: The Times of India, Thursday,  
09.01.2020**



Recently, parents have assailed the notification for protecting the rights of Indian-origin children who have 'aged out' while their families were in queue for a green card (or lawful permanent residence). Aging Out is a process where after turning 21, children can no longer continue with their existing H-4 VISA, that is for dependent's only. At this juncture, most of the children are still studying. Five Indian families have filed a lawsuit on behalf of themselves and all persons similarly placed. The petition seeks to ensure that the provisions of the Child Status Protection Act are applied equally to all children regardless of the nation of origin of their parents. In simple terms, CSPA permits some individuals to remain classified as 'children' beyond their 21<sup>st</sup> birthday. This classification is simply based on a computation formula.

**DISCLOSURE RULES TO CURB INSIDER TRADING**

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09.01.2020**



Mandating top managers to disclose personal financial dealings is turning out to be a great hassle for many, with senior corporate executives exerting to shield themselves from unintended consequences. The new disclosure directives from SEBI on 'material financial relationships' require company insiders to divulge details of all financial transactions – such as those where the executive has paid money to a family member or relative – that amount to more than 25% of the individual's annual income. The move is aimed at curbing insider trading. A lot of advocates have shared that many such transactions are personal and executives are wary of sharing these details with their employers.

**WOMAN JOURNALIST WINS EQUAL PAY CLAIM**

**Ref: The Times of India, Saturday,  
11.01.2020**



BBC journalist who was paid a fraction of the fee received by a male colleague doing a similar job has won a sex-discrimination lawsuit against the British broadcaster. Both of them presented similar programmes that dealt with audience comments and complaints about BBC programmes. Tribunal judges held that the work involved was "the same or, if not the same, very similar" and the BBC had failed to prove that the pay gap was "because of a material factor which did not involve subjecting the claimant to sex discrimination."

**TURMERIC-BASED TECH TO KILL CANCER CELLS GETS US PATENT**

**Ref: The Times of India, Tuesday,  
14.01.2020**



A potentially breakthrough cancer-fighting technology involving a molecule extracted from turmeric has been granted a patent in United States of America. Turmeric has proven anti-cancer properties and cur-cumin, a molecule extracted from it, is easily absorbed by the body and aids blood clotting. Human albumin, or rich proteins present in the fibrin clot produced from heavy bleeding, binds albumin receptors to cancer cells, thereby permitting its entry into the cells. Simultaneously, the fibrin clot is removed by the body's natural clot break-down mechanism without any adverse effect. This new development shall definitely add value to the innovation and IP industry across the globe.

**DECEPTIVE DRUG ADVERTS**

**Ref: The Economic Times, Tuesday,  
14.01.2020**



Proposed amendments to Drugs and Magic Remedies (Objectionable Advertisements) Act, 1954 include severe punishments for offences involving deceptive and misleading advertisement regarding results produced by their drugs. Pharmaceutical companies can now end up paying a fine of Rs 10 lakh and also attract imprisonment that could be up to two years in case of a first conviction. In case of a subsequent conviction, the fine could go up to Rs 50 lakh and the jail term to five years. According to the proposed amendment, "advertisement would mean any audio or visual publicity, representation, endorsement, pronouncement made by means of light, sound, smoke, gas, print,

electronic media, Internet or website and includes any notice, circular, label, wrapper, invoice, banner, poster or any such other documents". The amendment also includes a clause to protect actions taken in good faith from legal proceedings.

**CAMPUS RESTRAINED BY PUMA**

**Ref: The Economic Times, Thursday,  
23.01.2020**



Delhi High Court has restrained Delhi based company, Campus Active wear from selling its Discovery range of shoes, on a complaint by German sportswear giant Puma that accused the Indian company of copying the sole of one of its latest shoes. The case was filed by Puma and both the parties are trying to settle the matter as per the reports. Campus Active wear is part of the Synergy Action group that sells 100,000 pairs of shoes every day through more than 50,000, mostly third-party, outlets.

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