

CCI Watch

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The role of the Competition Commission of India is very crucial for effective competition amongst the market players. Since 2009, CCI has been very active in investigating anti-competitive practices. Thus, it is hard to find a day when CCI is not covered by the newspapers. Therefore, the objective behind CCI Watch as prepared by CUTS is to review and highlight the performance of CCI through the lens of media.

Sr. No.	Date	News	Comments
July			
1.	04/07/14	<p>CCI approves M&M seed potato biz stake sale to HZPC Holland The Competition Commission has cleared Mahindra and Mahindra's proposed 40 percent stake sale in its seed potato business to Dutch group HZPC Holland, saying the deal does not raise concerns of unfair trade practices.</p> <p>http://www.moneycontrol.com/news/business/cci-nod-for-mm-seed-potato-biz-stake-sale-to-hzpc-holland-1119636.html</p>	☺
2.	04/07/14	<p>CCI rejects charges against real estate firm BPTP and its subsidiary A complaint by an individual had alleged BPTP Ltd and Countrywide Promoters of imposing an unfair terms and conditions in the 'Builder Buyer Agreement'.</p> <p>http://articles.economictimes.indiatimes.com/2014-07-04/news/51076322_1_cci-order-dominant-market-position-land-bank</p>	☺
3.	07/07/14	<p>CCI clears stake buy of Uttam Galva by UD Industrial The Competition Commission has approved the proposed additional stake buy in Uttam Galva Metallics Ltd by Singapore-based investment firm UD Industrial Holding, saying the deal will not raise any anti-competition concerns in India.</p> <p>http://www.business-standard.com/article/pti-stories/cci-clears-stake-buy-of-uttam-galva-by-ud-industrial-114070700602_1.html</p>	☺
4.	17/07/14	<p>Fair trade regulator clears Warburg Pincus-Laurus Labs deal The deal involves Mauritius-based Bluewater Investment Ltd, an investment holding company belonging to Warburg Pincus, acquiring 32.29 per cent stake in Laurus.</p> <p>http://www.vccircle.com/news/pharmaceuticals/2014/07/17/warburg-pincus-gets-cci-nod-pick-323-laurus-labs</p>	☺
5.	19/07/14	<p>CCI slams health ministry for favouring MNCs The Competition Commission of India has pulled up the Union health ministry, accusing it of "limiting the competition to multi-nationals" after the ministry recently changed the criteria of buying meningococcal meningitis vaccine required for the Haj pilgrims</p> <p>http://www.deccanchronicle.com/140719/nation-current-affairs/article/cci-raps-health-ministry-shortfall-haj-vaccines</p>	☺
6.	28/07/14	<p>CCI clears InterGlobe Aviation-Caelum merger The Competition Commission of India has approved the proposed merger of US-based Caelum Investment into InterGlobe Aviation, the holding company of budget airline Indigo. The CCI said that the "proposed combination is not likely to have an appreciable adverse effect on competition in India".</p> <p>http://www.livemint.com/Companies/dFij3Bmzrm8appZxWVnf5M/CCI-clears-InterGlobe-AviationCaelum-merger.html</p>	☺
7.	30/07/14	<p>CCI clears amalgamation of Aarti Industries & promoter firms</p>	☺

		The Competition Commission has approved an amalgamation involving Aarti Industries and four promoter group firms, saying the deal will not raise anti-competition concerns. http://www.thestatesman.co.in/news/68291-CCI-clears-amalgamation-of-Aarti-Industries---promoter-firms.html	
August			
1.	03/08/14	CCI to scan drug patent settlements The cases which the Competition Commission of India is likely to review include the patent deal between Swiss drug maker F Hoffmann-La Roche Ltd and Cipla Ltd on lung cancer drug erlotinib, and the one between US-drug multinational Merck Sharp and Dohme Corp. (MSD) and India's Glenmark Pharmaceuticals Ltd on a new diabetes drug called sitagliptin. http://www.firstwordpharma.com/node/1228223#axzz3EgKcbrlu	☺
2.	05/08/14	CCI gives green signal to InterGlobe Aviation-Caelum merger The Competition Commission has approved the proposed merger of US-based Caelum Investment into InterGlobe Aviation, the holding company of budget airlines Indigo saying that the "proposed combination is not likely to have an appreciable adverse effect on competition in India". http://articles.economictimes.indiatimes.com/2014-08-05/news/52471013_1_competition-commission-proposed-combination-appreciable-adverse-effect	☺
3.	06/08/14	CCI orders probe against Maharashtra state discom Following complaints that MSEB and its three subsidiaries were abusing their dominant position in the market for distribution of electricity in the state of Maharashtra, CCI said in an order that a "prima facie case" of contravention of certain section the Competition Act is made out against Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Company. http://www.business-standard.com/article/pti-stories/cci-orders-probe-against-maharashtra-state-discom-114080601129_1.html	☺
4.	09/08/14	CCI slaps Rs.1.41 cr penalty on chemist association Ferozepur for anti-competitive practices The Competition Commission of India (CCI) has imposed a fine of Rs.1.41 crore against Chemists and Druggists Association, Ferozepur (CDAF), Punjab alleging inter alia contravention of the provisions of sections 3 and 4 of the Competition Act. http://www.pharmabiz.com/NewsDetails.aspx?aid=83444&sid=1	☺
5.	20/08/14	CCI approves Deepak Fertilizers deal to buy additional stake in MCFL The Competition Commission has approved Deepak Fertilizers' proposed additional stake buy in Vijay Mallya group firm Mangalore Chemicals and Fertilizers. http://articles.economictimes.indiatimes.com/2014-08-19/news/52983613_1_deepak-fertilizers-mcfl-mangalore-chemicals	☺
6.	24/08/14	CCI probes alleged cartelisation in tyre industry In order to response to a complaint from the All India Tyre Dealers' Federation (AITDF) in 2013, The Competition Commission of India (CCI) has ordered a probe by the director general-investigations into alleged cartelisation by the country's top five tyre makers. http://www.thehindubusinessline.com/companies/cartelisation-in-tyre-industry/article6347288.ece?utm_source=RSS_Feed&utm_medium=RSS&utm_campaign=RSS_Syndication	☺
7.	28/08/14	CCI extends Sun Pharma-Ranbaxy probe to new stage This is the first time the Competition Commission of India has decided on a second-stage inquiry, which follows a preliminary investigation of a deal, and raised such an objection. The watchdog will deliver a final ruling after hearing from the companies again and seeking public feedback on the transaction. http://www.livemint.com/Companies/pVjNNf1I30k1rZg00rq3U0/SunRanbaxy-CCI-probe-in-new-	☺

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8.	30/08/14	<p>CCI clears Wipro GE and GE India technology deal</p> <p>While clearing the deal Fair trade regulator said that "The proposed combination would facilitate vertical integration of the businesses of Wipro GE. It would enable it to sell equipment as well as provide related research and other support services in biotech and lifescience areas. Accordingly, it is observed that there is no horizontal overlap between the businesses of Wipro GE and GE India Technology Center".</p> <p>http://firstbiz.firstpost.com/biztech/cci-clears-wipro-ge-healthcares-proposal-buy-ge-india-technology-96303.html</p>	☺
September			
1.	02/09/14	<p>CCI penalised Rs 2,545 crore penalty on 14 car makers</p> <p>The Competition Commission slapped a penalty of Rs 2,545 crore on 14 car makers, including Maruti Suzuki and Tata Motors, for violating trade norms in the spare parts and after services market.</p> <p>http://www.mondaq.com/india/x/337658/Trade+Regulation+Practices/CCI+penalizes+14+car+makers+for+market+abuse+and+vertical+restraints</p>	☺
2.	03/09/14	<p>CCI clears L&T-CPP investment deal</p> <p>The Competition Commission has cleared the proposed acquisition of Larsen & Toubro Infrastructure Development Projects' securities by foreign venture capital investor CPP Investment Board Singaporean Holdings.</p> <p>http://articles.economictimes.indiatimes.com/2014-09-03/news/53522926_1_competition-commission-competition-concern-lt-idpl</p>	☺
3.	04/09/14	<p>CCI gives green signal to Daido stake buy in Sunflag Iron and Steel</p> <p>The Competition Commission of India has approved Japan-based Daido Steel's proposed 10 per cent stake purchase in Sunflag Iron and Steel Company. Further, CCI said that "the proposed combination is not likely to have an appreciable adverse effect on competition in India".</p> <p>http://www.thehindubusinessline.com/companies/cci-clears-daido-stake-buy-in-sunflag-iron-and-steel/article6379887.ece</p>	☺
4.	06/09/14	<p>CCI probes public sector general insurance companies</p> <p>The Competition Commission has started a probe against various public sector general insurers, including New India Assurance, for alleged unfair business practices with regard to third party administrators (TPAs).</p> <p>http://www.business-standard.com/article/pti-stories/cci-probes-public-sector-general-insurance-companies-114090500754_1.html</p>	☺
5.	12/09/14	<p>CCI closes case against Urban Development Ministry, DMRC</p> <p>A complaint filed with the CCI had alleged that the entities were abusing their dominant position by incorporating unfair and discriminatory conditions in a qualification criterion for a tender related to design, manufacture, supply, testing, commissioning and training of standard gauge cars for the Kochi metro.</p> <p>http://www.business-standard.com/article/pti-stories/cci-closes-case-against-urban-development-ministry-dmrc-114091101068_1.html</p>	☺
6.	16/09/14	<p>CCI clears Temasek's 10.16% stake buy in Intas</p> <p>According to the fair trade watchdog, "the proposed combination is not likely to have an appreciable adverse effort on competition in India".</p> <p>http://www.moneycontrol.com/news/business/cci-clears-temaseks-1016-stake-buyintas-1180322.html?utm_source=ref_article</p>	☺
7.	17/09/14	<p>CCI closes case against BEST Undertaking</p> <p>The case relates to an individual seeking to change the electricity supplier from BEST, a local government body, to Tata Power. However, the latter responded by saying that the request could not be acceded since the rules for changing electricity suppliers was not applicable to BEST.</p>	☺

		http://articles.economictimes.indiatimes.com/2014-09-12/news/53851317_1_kochi-metro-rail-ltd-dominant-position-dmrc	
8.	17/09/14	<p>CCI rejects complaint against United Telecoms and BBNL</p> <p>The Competition Commission has rejected charges that United Telecoms and Bharat Broadband Network Ltd had abused their dominant position in the market for broadband equipment.</p> <p>http://articles.economictimes.indiatimes.com/2014-09-17/news/54024820_1_competition-commission-united-telecoms-dominant-position</p>	☺
9.	29/09/14	<p>Indian firms more reluctant to comply with competition laws: Ashok Chawla</p> <p>In an interview to Business Standard, CCI Chairman Ashok Chawla tells why Indian companies need to do more to comply with competition laws. Also, pointed out that Competition Commission of India has been in the spotlight, ever since it gave a spate of orders penalising companies across real estate, cement, automobiles, etc, for anti-competitive practices.</p> <p>http://www.business-standard.com/article/economy-policy/indian-firms-more-reluctant-to-comply-with-competition-laws-ashok-chawla-114092900030_1.html</p>	☹