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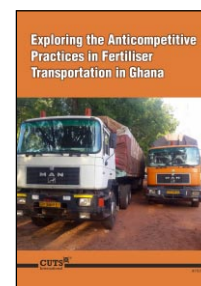


REPORTS

Exploring the Anticompetitive Practices in Fertiliser Transportation in Ghana

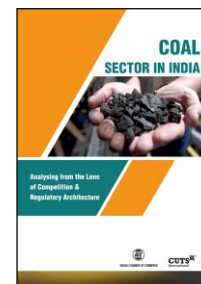
This report was undertaken with the aim of exploring possible causes of high prices of subsidised fertilisers in the country. The study was carried out with the sole aim to investigate if any anticompetitive practices are prevailing at the port handling and inland transportation of fertilisers as well as to determine the possible effects of such anticompetitive practices on the retail cost of fertilisers in Ghana.

www.cuts-ccier.org/CREW/pdf/Exploring_the_Anticompetitive_Practices_in_Fertiliser_Transportation_in_Ghana.pdf

**Coal Sector in India: Analysing from the Lens of Competition & Regulatory Architecture**

Coal is a sector where 80 percent of reserves are controlled by government owned companies, which are responsible for 90 percent of domestic production. Due to sub-optimal competition and regulatory regime, the sector is not able to fulfill its true potential and will continue to affect consumers. The paper highlights issues related to competition 'within' the sector with focus on monopolistic behaviour of government controlled companies and the discrepancies in allocation of coal blocks. The paper also raises the need for appropriate regulatory architecture 'for' the sector.

http://cuts-ccier.org/pdf/Background_Paper-Coal_Sector_Reform_in_India.pdf

**Impact of GST Law on Mobile Phone Manufacturing in India**

The report provides an overview of current growth and value chain of mobile phone manufacturing activities in India, along with highlighting the employment status, government schemes and taxation incentives currently applied to the sector. It also assesses the impact of Goods and Services Tax (GST) regime on the sector, along with recommendations on a financial incentive model for incentivising enhanced manufacturing in India.

<http://compip.circ.in/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/Impact-of-GST-Law-on-Mobile-Phone-Manufacturing-in-India.pdf>

**Digital Payments: Level the Playing Field to Leverage the Potential — Competing with case in retail payments**

Competition and level playing field among market players is necessary for growth of digital payments. This report makes several recommendations to ensure level playing field in digital retail payments sector in order to leverage the potential of digital payments. These recommendations broadly segregated in three levels: payments services, payments platform and payments regulation. Entities responsible to ensure implementation and time frames within which implementation is expected have also been highlighted.

http://www.cuts-ccier.org/Payments-Infrastructure/pdf/Draft_Research_Report-Competition_assessment_of_payments_infra_in_India.pdf

**Sustainability of Business vs. Sanctity of Contract – The Classical Debate**

In order to provide common platform for discussion of upholding sanctity of contract at the cost of sustainability of business in light of recent decisions of Supreme Court in the electricity sector, CUTS International ran an online debate on its email forum on the theme. The core of the theme was whether to preserve sanctity of contract (and allow business to suffer) or uphold sustainability of business (and allow contract to be reneged). Subsequent to the online debate, a roundtable discussion was organised. These initiatives witnessed rich participation from stakeholders having diverse perspectives. This publication compiles and summarises views expressed on the subject during the online debate, roundtable discussion, and noteworthy opinion pieces published in credible publications.

www.cuts-ccier.org/pdf/E-book-Sustainability_of_Business_vs_Sanctity_of_Contract.pdf



BRIEFS

Ease of Doing Business in Uttarakhand

The State Government of Uttarakhand has excelled in bringing in the Ease of Doing Business Reforms (EoDB), based on the Action Plan provided by the Central Government. This Paper delves into the EoDB Reforms undertaken by Uttarakhand to improve its business climate. The Paper also highlights various challenges and corresponding recommendations for the State to improve furthermore.



[www.cuts-ccier.org/STATE-COMP/pdf/](http://www.cuts-ccier.org/STATE-COMP/pdf/Ease_of_Doing_Business_Uttarakhand_Briefing_Paper.pdf)

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Consumer Broadband Labels: Information towards Empowerment

The purpose of this paper is twofold – highlight the need and urgency of adopting disclosure practices within the broadband industry in India; and to look at other countries experiences and practices, plus how those practices are evolving there. Another primary contribution is to initiate the debate regarding how best the broadband users can evaluate their internet service provider's plans and do they think the initiatives being used overseas would be useful in India to make broadband speed claims more clear to consumers?



www.cuts-ccier.org/broadbandlabel/pdf/Briefing_Paper-Consumer_Broadband_Labels-For_Greater_Transparency_Informed_Consumers.pdf

Ease of Doing Business in Rajasthan

Rajasthan offers immense potential for economic growth and investment in various sectors such as infrastructure, Information Technology, renewable energy, agriculture, tourism, minerals & ceramics etc. This Briefing Paper makes an attempt to summarise the key reforms undertaken by Rajasthan in the area of EoDB and seeks to highlight major challenges and suggests the way forward through some recommendations.



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VIEWPOINT PAPER

Analysis of Competition Cases Against UBER Across the Globe

Uber has been under the radar of traditional taxi providers, drivers as well as consumers who have filed complaints/lawsuits against the company levying allegations of anticompetitive behaviour. In the continuing divergence of legal opinions and decisions across jurisdictions, this viewpoint paper gives a brief analysis of decided and ongoing competition/antitrust lawsuits against Uber in major jurisdictions across the globe.



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DISCUSSION PAPER

Is there a Bright Future Ahead for India's Pharmaceutical Market?: An Overhaul of Policies Vs a Mere Facelift

This paper analyses the underlying discourses in India's on-going public policy reforms and debates in the pharmaceutical sector. It identifies the dominant discourse and discusses its impact on consumers in the context of India's contemporary epidemiological and demographic transition, political agenda, economic ambitions, market dynamics and legal framework.



[www.cuts-ccier.org/pdf/](http://www.cuts-ccier.org/pdf/Is_there_a_Bright_Future_Ahead_for_Indias_Pharmaceutical_Market.pdf)

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NEWSLETTERS/E-NEWSLETTERS

ReguLetter

This is a quarterly flagship newsletter published by CUTS CCIER. The objective is to create awareness among stakeholders, particularly CSOs, who in turn lobby at national, regional and international level, on the issues related to competition and consumer welfare. It focuses on news, views and policies related to corporate restructuring, regulations of utilities and finances, corporate governance etc. of different countries, with focus on developing nations.



www.cuts-ccier.org/reguletter.htm

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PolicyWatch

This is a quarterly newsletter published by CUTS CCIER. The objective is to report on policy and regulatory developments in India with the objective of informing people. It covers developments on policy responses, implementation and distortions. Special dedicated sections raise several interesting and relevant issues drawing attention towards their implications and impact.



www.cuts-ccier.org/pw-index.htm

CUTS CCIER Activity Report

This quarterly report summarises major activities undertaken by the Centre during the period. It provides a quick overview of various operations of the Centre and corresponding outputs.



www.cuts-ccier.org/CCIER_Activities.htm

DOSSIERS

Analysis of Competition Cases in India

Through this publication, CUTS intends to undertake independent examination of relevant competition cases in India. The objective is to provide a brief factual background of the facts of relevant cases, followed by an analysis of the predominant issues, therein. This publication will expectantly help readers to better comprehend the evolving jurisprudence of competition law in India.



www.cuts-ccier.org/Publications.htm

Information and Communications Technology

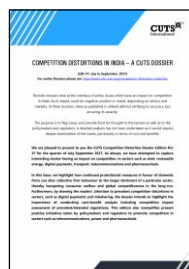
CUTS has launched this quarterly dossier which envisages capturing relevant news to trigger an informed debate on key issues on Information and Communication Technologies. It will focus on four verticals, namely; IPR and Competition Laws; Innovation and Disruption; Connectivity; and Privacy and Data Ownership.



www.cuts-ccier.org/pdf/Information_and_Communication_Technology_Dossier.pdf

Competition Distortions in India

This quarterly dossier looks at the interface of policy issues which have an impact on competition in India and which can be both negative and positive. The purpose is to flag issues to the layman as well as to the policymakers and regulators, rather than being judgmental.



www.cuts-ccier.org/Competition_Distortions_India.htm

Future of Jobs in India

CUTS has launched this quarterly dossier to provide readers important information and trends on the topic through carefully selected news reports, articles, op-eds, reports and other relevant content. The need for this dossier has risen in the wake of challenges in jobless growth and imminent threat of increased automation and digitisation on job creation. Therefore, it is imperative for us to not only take stock of the situation but also act accordingly.

CCI Watch

The role of the Competition Commission of India is very crucial for effective competition amongst the market players. CCI's imposition of heavy penalties and probe into sectors such as real estate, entertainment, cement, petroleum, steel, travel industry, healthcare, education, etc. have kept CCI in the limelight since past three years. The aim of CCI Watch is to review and highlight the performance of CCI through the lens of media.



www.cuts-ccier.org/CCI_Watch.htm

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