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		April 2013	
1.	1/4/13	<p><u>CCI probe backs HT Media complaint against T-Series</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - According to the office of the director general (investigation) of the Competition Commission of India (CCI), which investigated the case, SCIL, a dominant enterprise in the relevant market of sale of rights of Bollywood music to private FM radio channels, was “abusing its dominance” by imposing excessive, unfair and discriminatory conditions in the supply of its music in relevant markets — a breach of section 4 of the Competition Act. <p>http://www.business-standard.com/article/companies/cci-probe-backs-ht-media-plaint-against-t-series-113033100182_1.html</p>	☺
2.	1/4/13	<p><u>FSLRC for greater competition commission of India oversight</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Financial Sector Legislative Reforms Commission (FSLRC) has suggested that the Competition Commission of India (CCI) should be empowered to monitor the impact of regulatory actions taken by the financial regulators on competition. <p>http://www.indianexpress.com/news/fslrc-for-greater-cci-oversight/1095769/</p>	☺
3.	1/4/13	<p><u>Competition panel nod for Denso-Pricol merger</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Japanese auto component maker Denso Corporation’s proposed joint venture with Pricol has been cleared by the Competition Commission of India. - As per the agreement, upon the transfer, Denso will acquire 51 per cent stake in PCL. <p>http://www.thehindubusinessline.com/companies/competition-panel-nod-for-densopricol-merger/article4558830.ece</p>	☺
4.	5/4/13	<p><u>Competition tribunal dismisses JSPL's appeal against CCI order</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - “We are of the clear opinion that both the appeals must be dismissed as not tenable. We hold accordingly and dispose both the appeals,” said the COMPAT bench headed by its chairman Justice V S Sirpurkar. <p>http://articles.economictimes.indiatimes.com/2013-04-05/news/38306803_1_indian-railways-the-competition-appellate-tribunal-exclusive-supply-agreement</p>	☺
5.	5/4/13	<p><u>Berkshire, 3G Fund's buyout of food company Heinz gets CCI nod</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In India, the company operates through Heinz India Pvt Ltd, which predominantly focuses on manufacture and sale of ketchup, chilli sauce, health and energy drink powder, prickly heat powder and edible oil. <p>http://www.financialexpress.com/news/berkshire-3g-funds-buyout-of-food-company-heinz-gets-cci-nod/1098243</p>	☺
6.	5/4/13	<p><u>CCI approves Titan International-Titan Europe deal</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CCI has slapped a fine of Rs 1 crore on Titan International for delay in seeking approval after finalisation of the deal <p>http://www.indianradios.com/cci-approves-titan-international-titan-europe-deal/</p>	☺

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7.	5/4/13	<p>Competition panel eases combination regulations for intra-group entities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Competition commission of India (CCI) has eased combination regulations to simplify filing requirements in case of transactions between intra-group entities that are unlikely to raise adverse competition concerns. <p>http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/business/india-business/Competition-panel-eases-combination-regulations-for-intra-group-entities/articleshow/19401454.cms</p>	☺
8.	8/4/13	<p>Power cos can't take fuel risk; full marks to CCI: Montek</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Reiterating his faith in competition commission of India (CCI), Singh said it is an extremely important initiative at this stage. Admitting that fuel supply remains a problem for the power sector, Singh said it would be unfair to expect power companies to undertake fuel risks.</i> <p>http://www.moneycontrol.com/news/business/power-cos-cant-take-fuel-risk-full-marks-to-cci-montek-848595.html</p>	☺
9.	8/4/13	<p>CCI impose penalty of Rs 3400 crore on Maruti Suzuki</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - As per the report from the Director General (investigations), Maruti Suzuki's exclusive contracts with their original equipment suppliers prevents sale of spare parts to any other company or party and through its activities, Maruti Suzuki has clearly violated Section 3(4) of the Competition Act. <p>http://www.cartrade.com/car-bike-news/maruti-suzuki-errs-in-sale-of-spare-parts-faces-fine-up-to-rs-3400-crore-120327.html</p>	☺
10.	12/4/13	<p>L&T gets CCI nod to acquire L&T Komatsu</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Following the acquisition, L&T Komatsu — which is engaged in the business of manufacturing hydraulic excavators, used in the construction and mining sectors — would come under the sole control of L&T. <p>http://www.thehindubusinessline.com/companies/lt-gets-cci-nod-to-acquire-lt-komatsu/article4610705.ece?ref=wl_opinion</p>	☺
11.	14/4/13	<p>Competition law is in consumers' interest: India adviser Ratnesh Sahay</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Delivering a lecture on 'Competition law and policy' at Patna Law College here, Sahay pointed out that the word 'competition' is not included in the competition law and made it clear that it is, in fact, an anti-competitive law. <p>http://articles.timesofindia.indiatimes.com/2013-04-14/patna/38529059_1_competition-law-patna-law-college-competition-commission</p>	☺
12.	17/4/13	<p>CCI rejects market abuse charges against BPCL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CCI has said "there does not exist a prima facie case" for directing its investigation arm, Director General, to probe the matter against BPCL. <p>http://www.business-standard.com/article/companies/cci-rejects-market-abuse-charges-against-bpcl-113041700466_1.html</p>	☺
13.	18/4/13	<p>Competition Commission clears Dell buyout proposal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The clearance from fair trade regulator CCI, however, comes at a time when the proposed \$24.4 billion buyout of Dell by its founder is facing rival takeover bids for the company from its largest shareholder Carl Icahn and private equity major Blackstone 	☺

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		http://profit.ndtv.com/news/corporates/article-competition-commission-clears-dell-buyout-proposal-321117	
14.	20/4/13	<p><u>Kamal Haasan movie ban draws CCI ire</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CCI is likely to slap theatre owners and Tamil Nadu Theatre Association with a penalty for engaging in anti-competitive strategies against the movie Viswaroopam. <p>http://www.business-standard.com/article/current-affairs/kamal-haasan-movie-ban-draws-cci-ire-11304200009_1.html</p>	☺
15.	26/4/13	<p><u>Google under CCI scanner</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CCI had received information for contravention of section 4 of the Competition Act, 2002, by Google. The section pertains to the abuse of dominant position by a market player. <p>http://articles.timesofindia.indiatimes.com/201326/internet/38842296_1_dwords-alleged-anti-competitive-practices-discriminatory-and-retaliatory-practices</p>	☺
16.	29/4/13	<p><u>CCI gives green signal to Cargill JV in North America</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CCI observed that "the proposed combination is limited to certain businesses and assets of the parties (Cargill, CHS and ConAgra) in North America and do not involve the operations or assets of the parties in India. <p>http://articles.economictimes.indiatimes.com/2013-04-29/news/38904401_1_agro-tech-foods-nature-fresh-sweekar</p>	☺
17.	29/4/13	<p><u>Competition Commission of India slapped fine of 8000 Crore rupees in 19 Cases</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Out of the 347 registered cases , the Commission had closed 262 cases, while in 28 cases cease and desist orders have been passed, also in other 19 cases, total penalties of 8013 crore rupees was imposed along with cease and desist orders. <p>http://www.jagranjosh.com/current-affairs/competition-commission-of-india-slapped-fine-of-8000-crore-rupees-in-19-cases-1366700006-1</p>	☺
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18.	3/5/13	<p><u>Competition authorities raise the umpire's finger against the BCCI</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CCI has recently decided to investigate complaints that the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) was infringing competition law <p>http://www.lawinsport.com/sports/item/competition-authorities-raise-the-umpire-s-finger-against-the-bcci?category_id=152</p>	☺
19.	3/5/13	<p><u>CCI initiates investigation against TAM</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The commission issued the direction after hearing the petitioner national broadcaster Prasar Bharati and the respondents Tam India Research Limited, a joint venture of Nielsen (India) Private Limited and Kantar Market Research. <p>http://www.hindustantimes.com/India-news/NewDelhi/CCI-initiates-investigation-against-TAM/Article1-1054438.aspx</p>	☺
20.	6/5/13	<p><u>CCI approves proposed merger of Omaxe's promoter group firms</u></p>	☺

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Under the plan, Omaxe's promoter group entities -- Constellation Capital, SA Finvest, Kautilya Monetary Services, Naj Builders, Green Tech Towers Builders and J B Realcon -- would amalgamate into Guild Builders <p>http://www.business-standard.com/article/companies/cci-approves-proposed-merger-of-omaxe-s-promoter-group-firms-113050600776_1.html</p>	
21.	13/5/13	<p><u>Competition Commission probing IATA for unfair practices</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The CCI said even though IATA is not based in the country, Section 32 of the Act provides extra-territorial jurisdiction to investigate matters having appreciable adverse effect on competition in India. <p>http://www.moneylife.in/article/competition-commission-probing-iata-for-unfair-practices/32666.html</p>	☺
22.	16/5/13	<p><u>Future Generali stake sale gets competition panel nod</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fair trade regulator Competition Commission of India has given its green signal to the proposed stake sale in Future Generali India Life Insurance Company to Industrial Investment Trust Ltd (IITL). <p>http://www.thehindubusinessline.com/industry-and-economy/banking/future-general-stake-sale-gets-competition-panel-nod/article4718437.ece</p>	☺
23.	17/5/13	<p><u>AIOCD issues circular to members, state assns. urging strict compliance of CCI order</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In the circular, the president of the organisation said that it would not be required to obtain NOC for appointment of stockists, and pharmaceutical companies, stockists and wholesalers were at liberty to give discounts to their customers. It would not be mandatory to give product information services (PIS) charge. The PIS services could be availed by manufacturers/ pharmaceutical firms on a voluntary basis. Shinde also assures that there will be no boycott of pharmaceutical companies. <p>http://www.pharmabiz.com/NewsDetails.aspx?aid=75384&sid=1</p>	☺
24.	17/5/13	<p><u>CCI fined cement firms to pay \$109 million fee</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The companies include Aditya Birla Group-member UltraTech Cement (ULTC.NS), Holcim-controlled Ambuja Cements Ltd (ABUJ.NS) (HOLN.VX), ACC Ltd (ACC.NS), Jaiprakash Associates (JAIA.NS) and the Indian unit of France's Lafarge SA (LAFP.PA). <p>http://in.reuters.com/article/2013/05/17/ambujacemnts-fine-idINDEE94G05420130517</p>	☺
25.	19/5/13	<p><u>Competition Commission of India - 4 Years of Enforcement of Competition Law</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - During its brief existence of about 4 years, CCI has come a long way. Though relatively short in terms of life span, the Competition Law is hugely significant as a building block for economic development and rising levels of economic welfare. <p>http://www.ksgindia.com/study-material/news-for-aspirants/7666-competition-commission-of-india-4-years-of-enforcement-of-competition-law.html</p>	☺
26.	18/5/13	<p><u>CCI approves amalgamation of three Ashok Leyland Group firms</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Under the plan, three group firms -- Ashley Holdings Ltd, Ashley 	☺

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		<p>Investments Ltd and Ashok Leyland Project Services Ltd -- would be amalgamated into Ashley Services Ltd.</p> <p>http://zeenews.india.com/business/news/companies/cci-approves-amalgamation-of-three-ashok-leyland-group-firms_76391.html</p>	
27.	20/5/13	<p><u>FM delivered speech on annual day of CCI</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - P Chidambaram, who delivered lecture on Annual day of Competition commission of India, emphasized that rulings of the Competition Commission of India (CCI) must be transparent and affords clarity rather than obscurity. <p>http://www.business-standard.com/article/economy-policy/competition-norms-must-not-stifle-growth-chidambaram-113052000978_1.html</p>	☺
28.	22/5/13	<p><u>CCI to ask CAG for information in alleged telecom cartelization case</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Competition Commission of India (CCI) will seek information from the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) in a cartelization case involving some telecom operators that allegedly worked in concert to keep spectrum prices depressed in the November and March auctions of the radio waves. <p>http://www.livemint.com/Politics/xCPuLb2vCMhBcgsuThE5GI/CCI-to-seek-more-info-from-CAG-on-telecom-spectrum-auctions.html</p>	☺
29.	23/5/13	<p><u>Bengal discom takes CIL to competition panel</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - After the Maharashtra State Power Generation Company and the Gujarat State Electricity Corporation, it's the turn of West Bengal's State power generation utility to approach the Competition Commission of India (CCI), accusing unfair trade practices by Coal India subsidiaries <p>http://www.thehindubusinessline.com/companies/bengal-discom-takes-cil-to-competition-panel/article4743460.ece</p>	☺
30.	23/5/13	<p><u>Jet-Etihad deal comes under fair trade regulator's lens</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The showpiece deal between Jet Airways and Abu Dhabi-based Etihad Airways worth over Rs 2,000 crore has come under the scanner of the Competition Commission of India's as experts feel the deal will only benefit the two airlines instead of Indian aviation sector as a whole. <p>http://newindianexpress.com/business/news/Jet-Etihad-deal-comes-under-fair-trade-regulators-lens/2013/05/23/article1601718.ece</p>	☺
31.	30/5/13	<p><u>CCI rejects complaint of cartelization in a railway tender</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Competition Commission of India (CCI) has rejected a complaint against six entities, including Eastern Railways, alleging them of indulging in anti-competitive ways with regard to a tender for procuring pulleys. <p>http://articles.economictimes.indiatimes.com/2013-05-30/news/39628864_1_durga-bearings-indian-railways-tender</p>	☺
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32.	5/6/13	<p><u>CCI asks Hockey India to split regulatory and commercial roles</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Despite finding circumstantial evidence, the Competition Commission of India (CCI) has rejected the charge of abuse of dominance by Hockey 	☺

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		<p>India. However, it imposed a marginal penalty of Rs 25 lakh on the association, asking Hockey India to split its regulatory and commercial functions.</p> <p>http://www.thehindubusinessline.com/news/sports/competition-watchdog-lets-off-hockey-india-with-rs-25lakh-fine/article4784565.ece</p>	
33.	5/6/13	<p><u>MOU Signed Between Competition Commission of India and Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The MOU provides for sharing information on significant developments in competition policy and enforcement developments in the respective jurisdictions. <p>http://indiaeducationdiary.in/Shownews.asp?newsid=22967</p>	☺
34.	5/6/13	<p><u>CCI probes cartelization in sugar industry</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The probe has been initiated against three trade associations, three oil marketing companies and 17 sugar mills. They include the Indian Sugar Mills Association (ISMA), the Ethanol Manufacturers Association of India, the National Federation of Cooperative Sugar Factories, Indian Oil Corporation, Hindustan Petroleum Corporation, Bharat Petroleum Corporation and Bajaj Hindustan. <p>http://www.thehindu.com/business/Industry/cci-probes-cartelisation-in-sugar-industry/article4785095.ece</p>	☺
35.	9/6/13	<p><u>Provide incentives to companies for competition compliance systems: CII</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Competition Commission of India has been asking companies to put in place competition compliance programs, to ensure that their business practices do not violate existing norms. <p>http://articles.economictimes.indiatimes.com/2013-06-09/news/39849888_1_competition-commission-competition-compliance-competition-act</p>	☺
36.	10/6/13	<p><u>Paradip stevedores under competition panel lens?</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CCI have initiated investigation into the allegation of a cartel being operated by a few stevedores in Paradip port. - A section of importers and exporters of paradip port have drawn the attention of the Commission to the harassment they face due to the monopoly of the cartel members of the labour pool under CFH (Clearing, Forwarding Handling) scheme, on the operation of the port <p>http://www.thehindubusinessline.com/industry-and-economy/logistics/paradip-stevedores-under-competition-panel-lens/article4799991.ece</p>	☺
37.	11/6/13	<p><u>CCI gives green signal to Mylan-Unichem deal</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The proposed deal includes Mylan acquiring the newly established manufacturing facility located in a Special Economic Zone in Dhar district of Madhya Pradesh, from pharma company, Unichem. It makes 'Finished Dosage Forms (FDFs)' <p>http://www.thehindubusinessline.com/companies/cci-gives-green-signal-to-mylanunichem-deal/article4804208.ece</p>	☺
38.	13/6/13	<p><u>CCI member Gupta resigns amid coal scam probe</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - He was the Coal Secretary between 2006 and 2009, the period which is under the scanner of the CBI for alleged irregularities in allocation of 	☹

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		<p>coal blocks.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Corporate Affairs Ministry, the administrative Ministry for the CCI, had earlier refused to grant permission to CBI to question Mr. Gupta. <p>http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/ci-member-gupta-resigns-amid-coal-scam-probe/article4809717.ece</p>	
39.	20/6/13	<p><u>FCI's anti-competitive practice under CCI lens</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In an unprecedented move, Competition Commission of India (CCI), the fair play watchdog, is examining if the state-run Food Corporation of India (FCI) is violating competition law by misusing its dominant position in procuring food grains and distorting the market. <p>http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/business/india-business/FCIs-anti-competitive-practice-under-CCI-lens/articleshow/20674893.cms</p>	☺
40.	21/6/13	<p><u>CCI Director General office should have direct recruits</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CCI Director General A K Chauhan, who is demitting office after little over three-year tenure today, said that vacancies at his office need to be filled at the earliest. <p>http://www.mydigitalfc.com/news/ci-director-general-office-should-have-direct-recruits-553</p>	☺
41.	23/6/13	<p><u>CCI completes probe into Intel's alleged anti-competitive ways</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - US-based Intel Corp is a leading player in computing innovation, designs and builds the essential technologies that serve as the foundation for the world's computing devices, according to its website. Cases where the Commission has found prima facie. <p>http://www.business-standard.com/article/companies/ci-completes-probe-into-intel-s-alleged-anti-competitive-ways-113062300170_1.html</p>	☺
42.	24/6/13	<p><u>CCI is investigating 30 cases</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Competition Commission of India is currently investigating about 30 cases, spread across sectors such as agriculture, media and pharmacy, for alleged unfair trade practices <p>http://www.thehindubusinessline.com/industry-and-economy/competition-commission-probing-about-30-cases/article4846650.ece</p>	☺
43.	25/6/13	<p><u>CCI gives green signal to Strides Arcolab-Mylan deal</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Approval comes after companies modified certain aspects of non-compete pact which was part of the deal <p>http://www.thehindubusinessline.com/companies/competition-panel-clears-mylan-deal-with-strides-arcolab-arm/article4850234.ece</p>	☺
44.	27/6/13	<p><u>CCI approves proposed stake sale in Lafarge India</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Competition regulator CCI has given its go-ahead to the proposed 14 per cent stake sale in French cement major Lafarge' Indian subsidiary to Baring Private Equity Asia. <p>http://articles.economictimes.indiatimes.com/2013-0627/news/40233622_1_competition-regulator-cci-appreciable-adverse-effect-adverse-competition-concerns</p>	☺

