



**CENTRE FOR COMPETITION AND CONSUMER
PROTECTION LAW**

Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab

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About RGNUL, Punjab

Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law (RGNUL), Punjab, was established by the State Legislature of Punjab by passing the Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law Punjab Act, (Punjab Act No. 12 of 2006). In May 2015, RGNUL was the first and only NLU to have been accredited by National Assessment and Accreditation Council ("NAAC") with an 'A' grade. In March 2018, RGNUL was amongst the four NLU's including NLU Delhi, NALSAR and NLUO to have been granted autonomy by the University Grants Commission.

About Centre for Competition and Consumer Protection Law (CCCPL)

The Centre for Competition and Consumer Protection Law is a research centre dedicated to advancing the understanding and promoting awareness of competition and consumer protection laws. This initiative is driven by a passionate group committed to ensuring a fair and competitive marketplace. Through their research and advocacy efforts, the centre aims to contribute to the development of sound legal frameworks that protect consumers and foster healthy competition. By engaging in academic research, policy analysis, and outreach activities, the centre endeavours to play a vital role in shaping the legal landscape and safeguarding the interests of both consumers and businesses.

THEMES

The authors may refer to the following themes as reference:

- **Artificial Intelligence and Consumer Protection:** Addressing algorithmic discrimination, deceptive AI practices, and competition concerns in AI-driven markets.
- **Big Tech and Consumer Welfare:** Examining abuse of dominance, data exploitation, and consumer choice in digital markets.
- **Dark Patterns and Unfair Trade Practices:** Examining consumer consent and manipulation under Indian consumer law.
- **Algorithmic Pricing and Consumer Harm:** Exploring price discrimination, algorithmic collusion, and unfair pricing practices.
- **Vertical Restraints in Consumer Goods Markets:** Assessing the competitive effects of exclusive supply, exclusive distribution, and territorial restrictions.
- **Data Privacy, Competition and Consumer Protection:** Examining how control over consumer data can create market power and affect consumer autonomy.
- **Merger Control and Consumer Welfare:** Assessing how corporate mergers and acquisitions affect competition, prices, innovation, and consumer choice.

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- **Planned Obsolescence and Consumer Protection:** deliberately shortened product lifespans as an unfair trade practice.
- **Greenwashing and Consumer Law:** misleading environmental claims, consumer protection, and consumer concerns in sustainable markets.
- **Quick Commerce and Competition:** Examining predatory pricing, exclusive arrangements, market dominance, and consumer welfare in India's rapidly growing quick-commerce sector.
- **Competition and Consumer Protection in the Banking Sector:** Examining switching costs, pricing practices, and market concentration from the consumer's perspective.
- **Influencer Marketing and Consumer Protection:** Addressing misleading endorsements, undisclosed advertisements, and competition concerns in digital advertising.
- **Competition in the Hospitality Industry:** Assessing pricing practices, distribution restrictions, and the competitive relationship between hotels and booking intermediaries.

The topics suggested above are illustrative and non-exhaustive; participants are encouraged to explore other contemporary issues relating to Competition Law and Consumer Protection Law.

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