

FOREWORD BY THE HONOURABLE VICE CHANCELLOR

It is my pleasure to write the foreword for the Volume VIII, Issue II of the Indian Competition Law Review on the theme “*Navigating New Frontiers: Rethinking Conventional Standards in Competition Law.*” The Journal is published by the Centre for Competition Law and Policy at the National Law University, Jodhpur. It provides regular opportunity to researchers to publish scholarly interdisciplinary writings in the area of Competition law and policy.

The Competition (Amendment) Act, 2023 brought in amendments in Competition Act on the expected lines. The important ones being the addition of definition of ‘party’, expansion of definition of ‘relevant product market’, amendments to s. 3 and regulation of combinations. The proviso to newly added clause (d) to s. 5 provides that the enterprise which is being acquired, taken control of, merged or amalgamated has such substantial business operations in India as may be specified by regulations. The explanation to the section includes revised meaning of control, group, turnover, value of assets and addition of value of transaction.

New nuances to Competition law and role of competition authorities are continuously being explored across the world. Need for interdisciplinary approach, addition of tools for identifying anti-competitive practices in digital markets and mergers and acquisitions in such markets are being discussed widely. The interface between competition and sustainability and the debate about the role that competition authorities can play in fostering sustainable development by permitting businesses to collaborate in initiatives supporting the environment and sustainability is also going on.

The present edition includes six articles in the area of big data, Green Channel Route, navigating common shareholding, anti-competitive allegations against Google, greenwashing the green and on jurisdictional complexities between Competition Commission of India with other sectoral regulators. In depth understanding of the topics and research along with writing skills of authors is noticeable.

Looking at the pace of developments in the field of Competition law, I am sure that there will be many more areas to be covered in forthcoming editions. My congratulations to all authors for their contribution and best wishes to the editors of the volume for their hard work and dedication in bringing quality editions on time.

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