

## 18 June 2019: PIB Summary & Analysis

### CCI begins Market Study in E-Commerce in India

#### Context

- The Competition Commission of India (CCI) is conducting a Market Study on E-commerce in India ('Study')
- In view of the rapid growth of electronic commerce ('e-commerce') and the rising importance of online trade in a large number of goods and services in India, to develop a better understanding of the functioning of e-commerce and its implications for markets and competition.

#### Objectives of the study

- To study market trends with a particular focus on emerging distribution methods and strategies in response to ecommerce
- To understand business practices and contractual provisions in ecommerce, their underlying rationale and implications for competition.
- To identify impediments to competition, if any, relating to ecommerce
- To ascertain enforcement and advocacy priorities for the CCI in e-commerce

### Restoration of 'Rations in Kind'

#### Context

Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh, today announced the restoration of the 'ration in kind' for the officers of the three Armed Forces posted in peace areas.

#### Background

- Centre had withdrawn the facility given to armed forces officers and replaced it with an allowance two years back
- The decision to withdraw the facility was not taken well by the forces, who had not agreed to it.
- The government had decided on July 1, 2017 that officers would be given an allowance instead of free ration in kind, a practice that was being followed since 1983.

## ICG co-hosts 12th ReCAAP ISC

### Context

Indian Coast Guard (ICG) will be co-hosting 12th Capacity Building workshop with Regional Cooperation Agreement on Combating Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships in Asia (ReCAAP) Information Sharing Centre (ISC).

### About ReCAAP

- The ReCAAP is the first regional Government-to-Government agreement to deal with piracy and armed robbery at sea in Asia.
- Presently 20 countries are members of ReCAAP. India played an active role in the setting up and functioning of ReCAAPISC along with Japan and Singapore.
- Information sharing, capacity building and mutual legal assistance are the three pillars of co-operation under the ReCAAP agreement.
- An ISC has been established at Singapore to collate and disseminate the information among the contracting parties and the maritime community.

### About the workshop

- Capacity building workshop is organised annually by the ISC and is co-hosted by one of the contracting parties.
- The main objective of this workshop is to share updated situation of piracy and armed robbery against ships in Asia and best practices of Asian countries.
- The workshop also aims to deepen the knowledge of participants on various issues related with piracy and armed robbery such as international laws, prosecution process, forensics and emerging threats.