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THE COMPETITION COMMISSION OF INDIA (CCI) FINE AGAINST GOOGLE WAS NOT UPHeld BY THE HONOURABLE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA.

Google preferred an appeal against the decision of the National Company Law Tribunal and had sought a stay on the payment of the fine, which was imposed by the CCI over its anti-competitive policies, related to Android smartphones, which restrict other market stakeholders from entering the Indian market. The Apex court has instead asked the company to deposit 10 percent of the fine amounting to Rs 133.7 crore within a week. The fine was imposed on Google by the regulating agency over its anti-competitive policy related to Android smartphones that restricted other players from entering the Indian market. The SC decision triggered a wide range of reactions.

The decision is said to have triggered strong reactions. Hailing the decision, Rohan Verma, MapMyIndia CEO, commented, "Today marks one very critical step towards India breaking free from the digital slavery Google has perpetuated on Indians for the last 15 years, and it is the right moment for all Indians to create our own indigenous ecosystem that gives India its rightful place at the forefront of the world, independent of foreign big tech monopolies".

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MICROSOFT TO ADD CHATGPT TO AZURE CLOUD

Microsoft Corp. said it will add **OpenAI's viral artificial intelligence bot ChatGPT** to its cloud-based Azure service "soon," building on an existing relationship between the two companies as Microsoft mulls taking a far larger stake in OpenAI. The software giant announced the broad availability of its Azure OpenAI Service, which has been available to a limited set of customers since it was unveiled in 2021. The service gives Microsoft's cloud customers access to various **OpenAI tools like the GPT-3.5 language system that ChatGPT is based on**, as well as the Dall-E model for generating images from text prompts, the company said in a blog post. That enables Azure customers to use the OpenAI products in their own applications running in the cloud.

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APPLE FOUND TO BE IN VIOLATION OF U.S. TRADE LAWS

United States Administrative Law Judge in Washington, D.C. ruled that Apple Inc. (Nasdaq: AAPL) violated Section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930 as amended, by importing and selling within the United States certain Apple Watches with light-based pulse oximetry functionality and components, which infringe one of Masimo's (Nasdaq: MASI) pulse oximeter patents. Apple first released its pulse oximeter sensor with the Apple Watch Series 6 in 2020 and continues to use it in the current Apple Watches. The United States International Trade Commission (USITC) will now consider whether to implement an import ban on these Apple Watches. Masimo is the global leader of pulse oximeters for medical use, having revolutionized the industry with its Masimo SET® pulse oximetry technology, proven to help reduce blindness in babies in the neonatal intensive care unit, save lives of post-surgical patients on opioids and COVID patients monitored remotely. Masimo recently debuted its own watch – the Masimo W1™ – which is the first wearable device on the market to provide consumers with accurate, continuous health data, including oxygen level, hydration index, and pulse, heart, and respiration rates.

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THE MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY'S AMENDMENTS FOR ONLINE GAMING RULES.

In order to safeguard the users of online games against potential harm, draft amendments to the IT (Intermediary Guidelines & Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021 ("Draft Rules") pertaining to online gaming were released on January 02, 2023 by Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology ("MeitY") for public consultations. The Draft Rules define online game as "a game that is offered on the Internet and is accessible by a user through a computer resource if he makes a deposit with the expectation of earning winnings". The Draft Rules also define "online gaming intermediary" ("OGI") as "an intermediary that offers one or more than one online game". The Draft Rules provide that an OGI must adhere to the rules when performing its obligations, including making reasonable efforts to prevent its users from hosting, displaying, uploading, publishing, transmitting, or sharing an online game that is in violation of Indian law, including any law pertaining to gambling or betting.

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COMMISSION NATIONALE DE L'INFORMATIQUE ET DES LIBERTÉS (CNIL) IMPOSES 3 MILLION EURO FINE ON VOODOO

France's data protection authority, the Commission nationale de l'informatique et des libertés, issued a 3 million euro fine to mobile application developer Voodoo over alleged nonconsensual user tracking. The CNIL's investigation found the company applies a technical identifier to process browsing information for advertising in its apps despite user opt-outs via its consent mechanism.

Finland's deputy data protection commissioner issued a notice to the cities of Helsinki, Espoo, Vantaa and Kaunianen about the transfer of library material search data to U.S.-based Google without "adequate" protection measures.

The Dutch data protection authority, Autoriteit Persoonsgegevens, commenced its supervision over personal data processing algorithms. To facilitate its new work, the AP will launch a Coordination Algorithms Directorate to address "these coordinating, cross-sectoral activities."

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