



Bad Umpiring



India's telecom sector has transformed its economy & society. However, the revival plan of BSNL-MTNL proves that the govt. as a regulator distorts the market in favour of the govt. player. This lack of economic reasoning in policy has brought the sector to the brink of crisis. To manage this, the govt. will have to demonstrate forbearance on the matter of outstanding revenues, a commitment to fairness & faith in market competition.



(Safe)guard encryption

Despite the risks, the govt. has expressed intent to break end to end encryption. To responsibly go ahead with this, it should first set standards that specify what accounts & data can be targeted, to prevent bulk collection. Access requests should be backed up by credible facts, all of which should be subject to review by an independent entity or a judge.

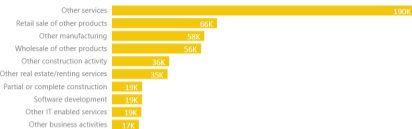
Meat-ing Climate Targets

Unless we make drastic changes to our global dietary consumption habits, we will not be able to meet our planetary target of keeping global warming to under 1.5 degrees celsius because of animal products driving greenhouse gas emissions. Instead of banning meat altogether, we should encourage plant-based foods as substitutes.

(Source: Rahul Matthan/LiveMint)



Type of business reported by the largest corporate taxpayers



Despite fewer workers, software & service sector companies file almost as many income tax returns as retail and manufacturing

(Source: Income Tax Department, AY 2019)

Parting shot:

Major motives of cybercrime cases (as % of 21,796 cases)

Fraud: 56%

Sexual Exploitation: 6.7%

Statistics show that cybercrimes against women are still underreported

(Source: National Crime Records Bureau)

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