Right to Repair

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Why in news?

Recently, the Department of Consumer Affairs (DoCA) received a report for a Framework on Repairability Index (RI) in Mobile and Electronic Sector.

- **The right to repair** – It refers to empowerment of consumers to have control over the reparability of a consumer goods.
- It allows end users, consumers as well as businesses, to repair devices they own or service without any manufacturer or technical restrictions.
- **Origin** - It originated in United States, where Motor Vehicle Owners' Right to Repair Act of 2012 compelled manufacturers to release information that needed to repair vehicles.
- **Significance** – It enables Democratization of repairability of consumer goods.
- It reduces the E – waste by promoting sustainable use of electronic goods.
- It promotes e-waste recycling and creating a *circular economy* for parts and metals.
- It increases accountability on manufacturers to provoide quality products.
- **Repairability Index (RI)** – It was developed by Department of Consumer Affairs.
- The RI will categories electronic products based on criteria including,
    - Availability of spare parts
    - Cost of repair
    - Software updates
    - Availability of information

Right to Repair Portal in India
• The Department of Consumer Affairs (DoCA) launched the Right to Repair Portal India in 2024. • The Right to Repair Portal provoide: - Access to product manuals and repair videos - Information on spare parts pricing and warranty - Clarification on guarantee, warranty, and extended warranty - Details of service centers across India - Recognition of third-party repairers - Country of origin information

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