

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 reparability 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 provide quality products.
- **Repairability Index (RI)** - It was developed by Department of Consumer Affairs.
- The RI will categorize 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 provides:
 - 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

Reference

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