National Consumer Day 2024

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Recently, the **National Consumer Day** 2024 was celebrated on **24th December** with the theme "Virtual Hearings & Digital Access to Consumer Justice."

- It is observed annually to commemorate the enactment of the <u>Consumer Protection Act, 1986</u>.
 The <u>Consumer Protection Act, 2019</u> replaced the Consumer Protection Act 1986.
- Key Initiatives Launched:
 - Jago Grahak Jago App and Jagriti App: To empower consumers to identify unfair trade practices, including '<u>dark patterns</u>'.
 - Dark patterns are deceptive strategies used by websites and apps to manipulate users into unintended actions. E.g., Hidden costs, Disguised ads etc.
 - National Legal Metrology e-Mapp: To simplify access to information on consumer rights and legal metrology services.
 - Al-enabled NCH 2.0: The revamped National Consumer Helpline (NCH) portal offers multilingual support and Al chatbots for efficient grievance resolution.
 - Organic Food Testing Laboratory: Inaugurated at the National Test House in Guwahati, this facility ensures organic food safety and authenticity.
- The World Consumer Rights Day is observed on 15th March.

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