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Updates

No Impropriety in WADA's Assessment of China's Decision in Swimmers Doping Row

A report shared by an independent investigator appointed by WADA found no undue interference or other impropriety in WADA's assessment of the decision by CHINADA not to bring forward anti-doping rule violations against 23 Chinese...

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IOA Treasurer Sahdev Yadav Denies Allegations by IOA President

In response to the show cause notice issued by the Indian Olympic Association (IOA), President P. T. Usha to five executive committee members alleging violation of the sports code as well as financial irregularities, treasurer Sahdev Yadav...

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Sinner Doping Row: WADA Appeals to CAS

The World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) has filed an appeal to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) against the independent tribunal's finding in the doping case of Italian tennis player Jannik Sinners.

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GMR Group Acquires Hampshire County

Indian conglomerate and IPR Franchisee Delhi Capitals co-owner GMR Group has signed an acquisition deal with English cricket club Hampshire County worth approximately £ 120 million. GMR's parent company, GMR Global Pte. Ltd...

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Russian Athlete Tatyana Tomashova Banned for 10 Years

The Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) has imposed ten years of ineligibility on Russian middle-distance runner Tatyana Tomashova for multiple Anti-Doping Rule violations (ADRVs). Tomashova tested positive for…

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WADA Publishes Revised TDSSA

The World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) has published version 10.0 of the Technical Document for Sport-Specific Analysis (TDSSA), effective 1 January 2025. WADA's Strategic Testing Expert Advisory Group (STEAG) revises the…

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Online Money Gaming - A High-Risk Industry for Tax Evasion

In its annual report, the Directorate General of GST Intelligence (DGGI) has highlighted that entities offering online fantasy and sports gaming services were evading GST by misdeclaration of value and misclassification.

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WADA Proposes Additions to the Anti-Doping Code on Governments Withholding Funds

The World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) has initiated a stakeholder consultation process regarding proposed additions to the World Anti-Doping Code regarding government funding withholding. The changes seek…

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Case Laws

Ascertainment of Nature of Gaming Necessary Before Denying Permission: Allahabad

The Hon'ble Allahabad High Court, in the matter of Dm Gaming Pvt Ltd v. State of UP, has directed the DCP of Agra to reexamine whether card games, i.e. Poker and Rummy, are games of skill and not gambling, before denying...

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10 Lakh Compensation to Medical Student for Denial of Admission Under Sports Quota

A medical student who represented India in the Asian Youth Chess Championship 2018 and won a medal was compensated with 10 lakh rupees for being denied admission to a medical seat under the Sports...

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University to Determine Inclusion of Sports in Admission Quota

The Hon'ble Delhi High Court has, in Vidushi Kasniya v. University of Delhi, pointed out that a university has the discretion to decide whether a particular sport, such as Karate, is to be included in the sports quota for...

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Somdev Devvarman Petitions Against AITA Alleging Sports Code Violation

The Delhi High Court has issued a notice to the All-India Tennis Association (AITA) on a petition filed by the tennis star, Somdev Devvarman, alleging flagrant violation of the directions passed by the Division...

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Delhi HC Directs AIFF to Conduct Fresh Hearings in Anwar Ali Transfer Case

The Hon'ble Delhi High Court has directed the Players' Status Committee (PSC) of the All-India Football Federation (AIFF) to grant Anwar Ali, Delhi FC and Emami East Bengal FC a fresh opportunity to be heard.

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