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Sports Ministry Issues Guidelines to Ensure Fairness in Selection Process

In light of the increasing number of athletes approaching the courts over selection-related disputes, the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports has issued an office order outlining guidelines to ensure fairness and transparency in the...

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Sports Dept Unveils Draft Code to Tackle Age Fraud

Recognising the threat posed by age fraud to sportsmanship and competition integrity, the Department of Sports has unveiled a draft framework proposing to revise the National Code Against Age Fraud in Sports, 2010.

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Advisory Urges IPL to Ban Tobacco & Alcohol Ads

In a letter dated March 5 to IPL Chairman Arun Singh Dhumal and the BCCI, Director General of Health Services Atul Goel called for strict implementation of regulations banning tobacco and alcohol advertisements, including surrogate ads...

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WFI Suspension Lifted: A New Chapter for Indian Wrestling

By an order dated March 10, 2025, the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports lifted the suspension of the Wrestling Federation of India (WFI). It also restored its recognition as the National Sports Federation.

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Gaming Federations Adopt Code of Ethics

Three online gaming industry federations have jointly signed a Code of Ethics to promote user safety and encourage responsible gaming practices across the industry. The All-India Gaming Federation (AIGF), E-Gaming Federation (EGF) and...

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Boxing Impasse: Independent Observers to Oversee BFI Elections

Following the directions of the Himachal Pradesh High Court, the government and World Boxing have appointed independent observers for the Boxing Federation of India's (BFI) elections.

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Club World Cup: FIFA Removes Leon Over Multi-Club Ownership Criteria

On March 21, the Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) announced its decision to remove Club Leon from the upcoming FIFA Club World Cup 2025 due to the tournament's multi-club ownership…

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CAS Upholds Appeal in Row Over Morocco Map on Jerseys

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LA 2028: IOC Approves Inclusion of Boxing

On March 20, the 144th International Olympic Committee (IOC) Session approved the restoration of boxing to the sports programme for the Olympic Games Los Angeles 2028. This follows the IOC Executive Board's provisional…

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Bombay HC Rejects Plea Seeking Revival of Maharashtra Casinos Act

In an order dated February 26, 2025, the Bombay High Court dismissed a petition seeking the revival of the Maharashtra Casinos (Control and Tax) Act, 1976, which had never been implemented and was repealed by the state legislature in...

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Delhi HC Quashes Basketball Federation's Birth Certificate Rule

In a decision dated January 27, 2025, the Delhi High Court directed respondent no.1, Basketball Federation of India (BFI), to follow the National Code Against Age Fraud in Sports and set aside its condition, which insisted...

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