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GAMING NEWS UPDATE

1. SUPREME COURT REJECTS REVIEW PETITIONS AGAINST STATE REAL-MONEY GAMING BANS

The Supreme Court has dismissed review petitions led by Junglee Games India seeking reconsideration of its May 27 judgment upholding Tamil Nadu and Karnataka laws prohibiting online games played for money, bets or other stakes. A Bench of Justices J.B. Pardiwala and R. Mahadevan found no merit in the petitions, leaving the earlier judgment undisturbed.

The earlier judgment rejected the contention that skill-based games played for stakes fall outside the states' power to prohibit betting and gambling. It held that, once betting or gambling is involved, the distinction between skill and chance ceases to be determinative. Treating betting and gambling as activities outside protected commerce, the Court held that no fundamental right could be claimed to carry on such activities.

The Court also recognised states' power to regulate or prohibit such games on public welfare and public order grounds, citing addiction, financial harm and disruption of public tranquillity. The judgment arose from appeals against High Court decisions striking down the states' respective 2021 gaming restrictions, and rejected arguments that the restrictions lacked supporting empirical evidence.

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2. MEITY MOVES TO UNBLOCK ANTI-GAMBLING PLATFORM GAMBAN

The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) has decided to restore access to Gamban's website and mobile application following an inter-ministerial review. The UK-based gambling harm-prevention platform had been blocked during the government's crackdown on online betting and gambling services, despite functioning as a tool that prevents users from accessing such platforms.

Gamban challenged the blocking orders issued under Section 69A of the Information Technology Act, 2000 before the Delhi High Court, seeking their quashing, restoration of access and disclosure of the original order.

The Court directed MeitY to decide the matter within four weeks in accordance with the IT Blocking Rules, 2009, after giving Gamban an opportunity to be heard. The subsequent decision to unblock the service highlights the distinction between gambling operators and technologies designed to prevent gambling-related harm.

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SPORTS NEWS UPDATE

1. DELHI HIGH COURT DISMISSES PARA-BADMINTON ATHLETES' PLEA CHALLENGING EXCLUSION FROM ASIAN PARA GAMES 2026

The Delhi High Court in its judgment dated October 15, 2026, in Chirag Baretha and Ors. Vs Union of India (*W.P.(C) 15381/2026*) has dismissed a petition filed by four para-badminton athletes, including the petitioner, challenging their exclusion from the Indian contingent for the 2026 Asian Para Games. The petitioners contended that their international rankings and past performances, along with their completion of anti-doping tests, supported their selection.

The Court noted that the candidature of the petitioners was required to be assessed in accordance with the notified selection policy and they failed to meet the same. It held that past achievements did not confer an automatic right to selection and, while exercising jurisdiction under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, it cannot issue a writ of mandamus directing the authorities to alter the finalised contingent at this stage or

take a different view regarding the eligibility unless the view taken is arbitrary.

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2. CABINET APPROVES ₹1,856.67 CRORE SCHEME TO STRENGTHEN INDIA'S SPORTS GOODS MANUFACTURING ECOSYSTEM

The Union Cabinet approved the Khelo India Sports Goods Manufacturing Scheme on October 28, 2026, with a total financial outlay of ₹1,856.67 crore for the period from 2026 to 2033–34. The scheme, announced by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, seeks to establish India as a globally competitive hub for sports goods manufacturing and strengthen the domestic sports manufacturing ecosystem.

The scheme envisages the development of sports goods manufacturing zones, investment support and assistance to micro, small and medium enterprises and manufacturing clusters. It also provides for support towards international sports federation certifications, research and development, innovation, skill development, branding and export promotion. The initiative is intended to strengthen domestic manufacturing capabilities, encourage innovation and improve the global competitiveness of Indian sports goods.

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