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BCCI Ombudsman Justice D.K. Jain to Serve as Ad-Hoc Ethics Officer

Supreme Court-appointed BCCI Ombudsman Justice D K Jain (retd) will now serve as the Ethics Officer of the Indian cricket board on an ad-hoc basis. According to the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI), provisions in its constitution require an Ethics Officer to be appointed to determine and decide issues related to conflict of interest.

In a 1st, UN Council Passes Resolution to Combat Terrorist Financing

The UN Security Council has unanimously passed the first-ever resolution ordering members to enforce laws against terror financing. UNSC resolution demands all states “ensure that their domestic laws and regulations establish serious criminal offenses” to collect funds or financial resources to terrorist groups or individual criminals.

Adani becomes 1st Indian Port Operator to Record 200 MMT Cargo Movement

Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone (APSEZ) announced that it has recorded cargo movement of more than 200 million metric tonnes (MMT) at nine ports along the east and west coasts, becoming the first Indian port operator to achieve the milestone. Adani Ports embarked its journey in 2001 and has become one of the largest port operators in the world.

Infosys arm to buy 75% stake in Dutch bank subsidiary

Global software major Infosys said its consulting arm would buy 75 per cent equity stake in Starter N.V., a subsidiary of the Dutch-based ABN AMRO Bank for Rs 999 crore (\$144 million) in cash for strategic partnership in The Netherlands.

Nobel Prize Recipient Amartya Sen to be Honored Oxford University's Bodley Award

Nobel Prize-winning economist Amartya Sen was awarded the prestigious Bodley Medal, the highest honor granted by the University of Oxford's world-famous Bodleian Libraries. The medal is awarded to individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the fields in which the Bodleian is awarded are, including literature, culture, science, and communication.

Former Governor's Book Titled 'Indian Fiscal Federalism' Launched

The Chairman of 15th Finance Commission of India, N.K. Singh launched the book "Indian Fiscal Federalism". The book has been written by Dr. Y. V. Reddy, former Governor of RBI and Chairman of the 14th Finance Commission of India along with Dr. G. R. Reddy, Advisor (Finance) to the Government of Telangana.

India tests its 1st anti-satellite missile system, codenamed Mission Shakti

India successfully conducted an anti-satellite (A-SAT) missile test, becoming the fourth country to do so by successfully destroying a low earth orbit satellite in space by using a missile which covered a distance of 300 km to engage the target. The US, Russia and China are the only other country to have tested an A-SAT weapon previously.

Soviet-era Cosmonaut Valery Bykovsky Passes Away

Russian cosmonaut Valery Bykovsky, who made the first of his three flights to space in 1963, passed away at the age of 84 years. In June 1963, He first flew to space as a member of the Vostok-5 crew. He was a recipient of the Hero of the Soviet Union and Order of Lenin awards.