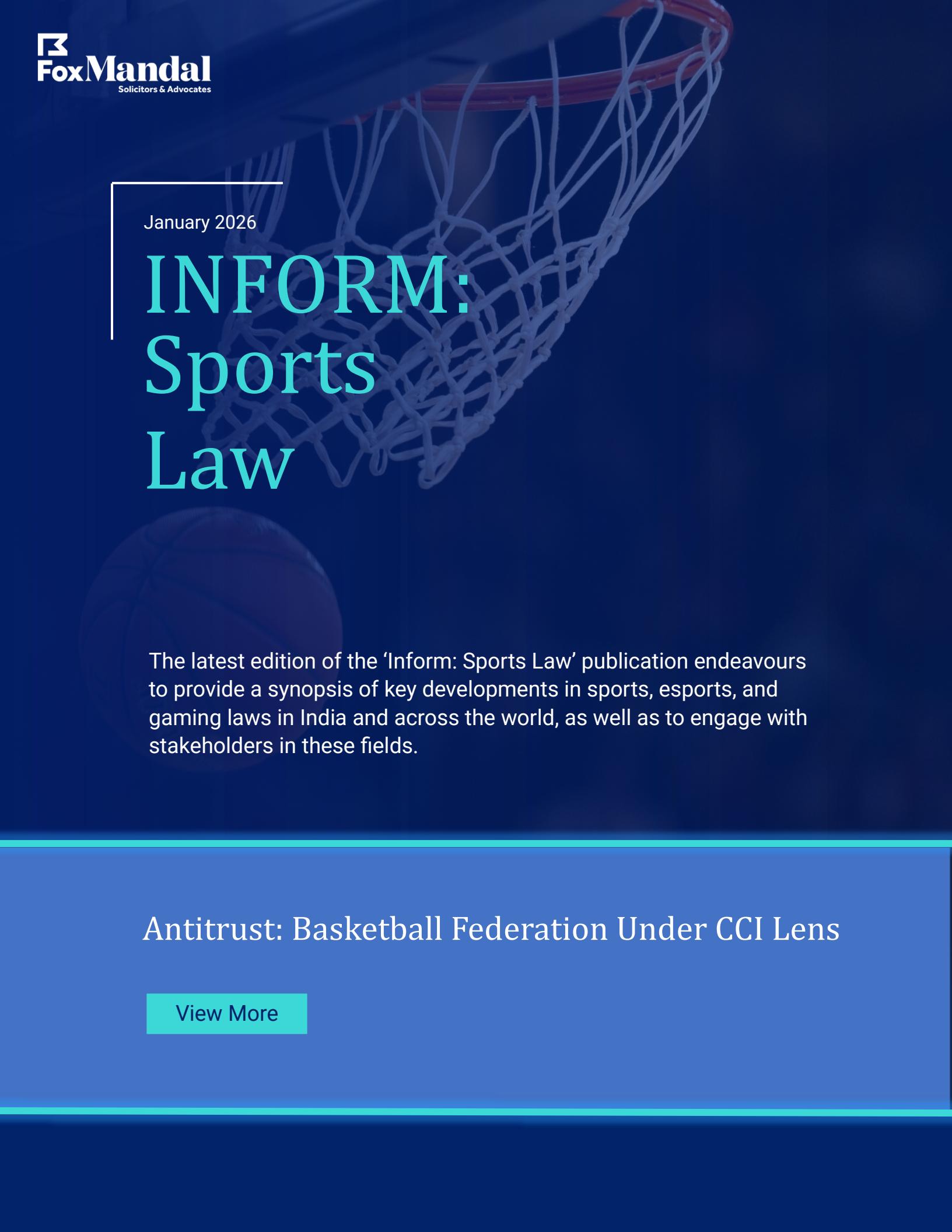


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New Sports Governance Framework: Phased Rollout & Points to Note

Select provisions of the National Sports Governance Act, 2025 have come into force with effect from January 1, 2026. The phased implementation of the Act is intended to facilitate a seamless transition to the new framework.

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A Look at the Proposed ISL Governance Charter

On January 13, 2026, the All India Football Federation (AIFF) finalised the proposal for the Indian Super League (ISL) charter, effective from the 2026-27 season. The charter, which has been sent to all 14 clubs for their feedback, envisages the...

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The World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) has released its annual list of prohibited substances that came into force on January 1, 2026, as a mandatory international standard under the World Anti-Doping Code.

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