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NATIONAL NEWS

CAN'T BAN MPS FROM OTHER PROFESSIONS: SC

Says conflict of interest argument makes sense but court cannot frame policy

"There are doctors who became IAS officials and engineers who are diplomats," Chief Justice of India J.S. Khehar said, finding no merit in a petition to ban legislators from practising other professions, especially law.

CONFLICT

a serious disagreement or argument, typically a protracted one.

"the eternal conflict between the sexes"

DIPLOMATS

an official representing a country abroad.

"a British diplomat working in our consulate in Germany"

ECONOMY NEWS

SMALL SAVINGS INTEREST RATES CUT BY 0.1%

For April-June, these have been lowered by 0.1 % across the board compared to January-March. However, interest on savings deposits has been retained at 4% annually.

Since April last year, interest rates of all small saving schemes have been recalibrated on a quarterly basis.

RETAINED

continue to have (something); keep possession of.

"Labour retained the seat"

RECALIBRATED

calibrate (something) again or differently.

"the sensors had to be recalibrated"

STATE NEWS

ABDUCTED INDIANS FREED IN SOUTH SUDAN

India has secured the release of two oilfield engineers, who were kidnapped in South Sudan last month. It was announced on Thursday night on social media by another Indian working in South Sudan.

The two Indians from Tamil Nadu were kidnapped by the Sudan People's Liberation Army-In Opposition, a rebel outfit in the oil-rich country

ABDUCTED

take (someone) away illegally by force or deception; kidnap.

"the millionaire who disappeared may have been abducted"

REBEL

rise in opposition or resistance to an established government or leader.

"the Earl of Pembroke rebelled against Henry III"