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Freedom Fighters' Pension Is a National Debt, Not Charity

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The Supreme Court has restored freedom fighters' pension benefits to the widow of a former freedom fighter, ruling that authorities must adopt a practical and compassionate approach while examining claims involving events that took place decades ago. The Court held that pension under the freedom fighters' Samman Nidhi scheme is an expression of national gratitude, not a charitable benefit. It emphasised that elderly claimants cannot be expected to produce documents...

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