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Supreme Court Rescues WB Teaching Hopefuls Left Behind by Pandemic Delays

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A batch of aspiring primary school teachers in West Bengal, nearly derailed by the pandemic and a legal technicality, just got a second shot at their dreams—thanks to the Supreme Court stepping in to correct what it called a “rather extraordinary situation.” These candidates were enrolled in the 2020–2022 Diploma in Elementary Education (D.El.Ed) program, but due to COVID-19 delays, their course completion dragged past the usual June 30 finish...

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