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No Arrest Without Words

Supreme Court Declares Written Grounds in Accused's Language a Constitutional Right

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The Supreme Court has drawn a firm constitutional line — every person taken into custody, under any law, must receive the written grounds of their arrest in a language they understand. No exceptions, no shortcuts. A Bench led by Chief Justice BR Gavai and Justice AG Masih held that this right is not just procedural, but a pillar of personal liberty safeguarded by Articles 21 and 22(1) of the Constitution....

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