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In a judgment that resets the balance scales for India's retired High Court judges, the Supreme Court has ruled unequivocally: every judge who dons the robes of a constitutional office must walk into retirement with equal dignity—and equal pension—no matter when they served, or how they arrived at the bench. On Monday, the country's highest court dismantled long-standing disparities in judicial pensions, declaring that "one rank, one pension" must apply...

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