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## Supreme Court Nixes UP's Auction Over Expired Survey

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In a firm reminder that environmental governance can't run on expired paperwork, the Supreme Court on Wednesday scrapped the Uttar Pradesh government's e-auction for sand mining leases—an exercise built precariously atop a lapsed 2017 District Survey Report and an unapproved draft from 2023. The Court didn't mince words: under the Environment Protection Act, 1986, and the 2016 update to the Environmental Impact Assessment Notification, no...

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