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## Supreme Court Ends Hereditary Public Appointments

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In a firm rebuke to legacy-based hiring, the Supreme Court has made it crystal clear: public jobs aren't family heirlooms. Striking down a Bihar government rule that allowed retiring chowkidars to hand-pick their successors from within the family, the Court declared the practice an affront to constitutional guarantees of equality. “The Constitution of India shuns appointment in public service by succession,” the bench observed. “Employment should not flow as if...

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