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In a decision that redraws the line between identity and legal status, the Supreme Court declared that being listed in Assam's draft National Register of Citizens (NRC) cannot wipe clean a prior declaration of "foreigner" status by a Foreigners Tribunal. A bench led by Justices Sanjay Karol and Manoj Misra upheld a Gauhati High Court order that refused to disturb a 2017 Tribunal decision branding the appellant a non-citizen—even though...

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