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Supreme Court Advocates for Excluding 'Creamy Layer' from SC/ST Reservations

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In a landmark decision, the Supreme Court has taken a significant step towards refining affirmative action policies by advocating the exclusion of the 'creamy layer' among Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (SC/STs) from reservation benefits. Currently, this principle applies solely to Other Backward Classes (OBCs). A Constitution Bench, composed of four judges, upheld the power of states to further categorize SC/STs based on varying levels of backwardness...

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