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Supreme Court Bars Nominated Panchayat Members From Voting In Karnataka Council Elections

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The Supreme Court has ruled that nominated members of Town Panchayats cannot vote in elections to the Karnataka Legislative Council held from Local Authorities' Constituencies, holding that their inclusion in the electoral roll runs contrary to the constitutional framework. A Bench comprising Chief Justice of India Surya Kant and Justices Joymalya Bagchi and Vipul M. Pancholi dismissed a batch of appeals challenging Karnataka High Court orders that had...

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