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Supreme Court Cracks Down on Judgment Delays

High Courts Told to Escalate Pending Cases to Chief Justice After 3 Months

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The Supreme Court has sounded a sharp warning to High Courts over the growing problem of “reserved but forgotten” judgments, stressing that justice delayed is justice denied. Expressing disbelief at how some benches take months—sometimes years—after concluding hearings to pronounce orders, the Court declared that such practices erode public faith in the judicial system. “It is shocking and surprising that a judgment was not delivered for almost a year...

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