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Supreme Court Denounces Forced Labor Condition in Gift Deeds as Unconstitutional

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In a landmark ruling, the Supreme Court has declared that conditions within gift deeds requiring perpetual, unpaid services amount to forced labor, a practice explicitly prohibited by the Constitution of India. The Court held that such conditions, often seen in historical contexts, are not only unjust but violate fundamental rights. The judgment arose from a decades-old dispute over an oral gift deed executed in 1953. This deed required the recipients...

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