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In a landmark decision, the Supreme Court of India has ruled that the principle of res judicata, which prevents the same issues from being litigated more than once between the same parties, may not strictly apply when public interest is at stake. This ruling came during a judgment favoring the Delhi government in a series of land acquisition disputes. The bench, comprising Justices Surya Kant, Dipankar Datta, and Ujjal Bhuyan,...

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