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Supreme Court Narrows Definition of 'Material Resources of the Community' in Landmark Ruling

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In a landmark judgment, the Supreme Court has clarified that not all private properties qualify as "material resources of the community" under Article 39(b) of the Constitution, setting a significant precedent in Indian constitutional law. The Seven-Judge Bench, led by Chief Justice Dr. DY Chandrachud, delivered a majority verdict of 7:2, asserting that private properties cannot be automatically classified as community resources subject to equal distribution. The court...

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