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Supreme Court Opens Door for Andhra Forest Officers to Climb into Indian Forest Service Ranks

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The Supreme Court has given Andhra Pradesh's Forest Range Officers (FROs) long-awaited recognition by declaring their cadre part of the "State Forest Service," a move that clears the path for promotions into the prestigious Indian Forest Service (IFoS). A bench led by Justices Dipankar Datta and A.G. Masih dismantled the High Court's earlier stance, siding instead with the Central Administrative Tribunal's interpretation that FROs deserve eligibility. Since FROs are...

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