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supreme Court Pushes 'Merit First' Rule For Disabled Candidates In Government Jobs

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The Supreme Court has called upon the Union Government and all States to strictly enforce the principle of “upward movement” for Persons with Benchmark Disabilities (PwBD), making it clear that candidates who clear the general cut-off on merit cannot be pushed back into reserved slots merely because they belong to the disability category.



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