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Supreme Court Strikes Down 'Both Hands Intact' Rule for MBBS Admissions, Calls It Discriminatory

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In a landmark decision, the Supreme Court has ruled that the National Medical Commission's requirement for MBBS candidates with disabilities to have "both hands intact" is arbitrary and unconstitutional. The ruling paves the way for greater inclusivity in medical education, ensuring that functional ability—rather than rigid physical criteria—determines eligibility. A bench comprising Justices BR Gavai and KV Viswanathan found the regulation in direct...

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