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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This issue distils six binding and practice-significant Supreme Court developments. The central themes are the discipline of intra-court appellate review, limitation and substantive relief in title litigation, private election-law complaints, reasoned bail adjudication, full candour in parallel remedies, vacation listing and the limits of Section 17A of the Prevention of Corruption Act.

4 Final judgments	2 Final remand orders	0 Interim / notice-stage matters

THIS ISSUE AT A GLANCE

WRIT APPEALS	A Letters Patent Bench needs a material or glaring error, not mere disagreement.
TITLE SUITS	Challenge the registered deed and claim substantive relief within limitation.
ELECTION OFFENCES	Private Section 125A complaints are maintainable, subject to evidentiary scrutiny.
BAIL ORDERS	Decisive evidence must be addressed through concise, independent reasons.
CANDOUR	Parallel remedies, refusals and urgency grounds require full disclosure.
ANTI-CORRUPTION	Section 17A does not shield a demand for illegal gratification.

Editorial approach. Each entry identifies its procedural posture so that final holdings are not confused with interim observations or questions merely referred for future determination.

SUPREME COURT OF INDIA

Leading final decisions and a significant larger-Bench reference.

FINAL JUDGMENT · BINDING PRECEDENT 01

R. Saravanan v. Periyar University, represented by its Registrar & Others

COURT / DATE	Supreme Court of India · 16 October 2026
BENCH	Justices Prashant Kumar Mishra and Shree Chandrashekhar
REFERENCE	2026 INSC 1136 · Civil Appeal arising from SLP (C) No. 4216 of 2020
VERIFIED PARAS	¶¶ 21–31; operative directions at ¶¶ 30–31

ISSUE

The permissible scope of an intra-court appeal from a writ order that had interfered with a disciplinary removal for want of evidence.

PRINCIPAL HOLDING / DEVELOPMENT

A Letters Patent Bench is not entitled to displace a just and reasoned writ-court decision merely because it detects an error of fact or law or prefers another view. Interference requires a material or glaring error. The removal, founded on conjectural findings rather than evidence, was quashed and the writ order restored.

PRACTICAL SIGNIFICANCE

In writ appeals, advocacy should identify the precise material error in the single-judge decision; rearguing the merits as though the appeal were a fresh original proceeding is insufficient. In disciplinary review, separate suspicion or possibility from legally probative evidence.

KEY PROVISIONS / PRINCIPLES

Article 226; Clause 15, Letters Patent of the Madras High Court; disciplinary evidence; limits of intra-court appellate review.

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FINAL JUDGMENT · BINDING PRECEDENT

02

Smt. Rano Singh & Others v. Sh. Gurbax Singh (D) through LRs & Others

COURT / DATE	Supreme Court of India · 16 October 2026
BENCH	Justices Aravind Kumar and Vipul M. Pancholi
REFERENCE	2026 INSC 1137 · Civil Appeal No. 7025 of 2012
VERIFIED PARAS	¶¶ 31–42, 44–47, 48–53, 64–70; synthesis at ¶ 68

ISSUE

Whether heirs relying on an agreement to sell could maintain a decades-late suit for possession against the holder of a registered sale deed without seeking declaration, cancellation or specific performance.

PRINCIPAL HOLDING / DEVELOPMENT

The suit was hopelessly time-barred. An agreement to sell does not convey title without a registered sale deed; a bare possession claim cannot survive a registered instrument clouding title; and Section 53A part-performance was unavailable where the predecessor had abandoned the contractual obligations.

PRACTICAL SIGNIFICANCE

Frame substantive relief at the outset. Where a registered deed stands against the claimant, plead and seek declaration or cancellation within limitation; possession simpliciter and an old agreement to sell will not cure the defect.

KEY PROVISIONS / PRINCIPLES

Limitation Act, 1963 — Section 27 and Articles 54, 59, 64; Transfer of Property Act, 1882 — Sections 53A and 54; declaration, estoppel and acquiescence.

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FINAL JUDGMENT · BINDING PRECEDENT

03

Sri Rajkumar Madki v. Dr. Shailendra Beldale

COURT / DATE	Supreme Court of India · 16 October 2026
BENCH	Justices Dipankar Datta and Sheel Nagu
REFERENCE	2026 INSC 1138 · Criminal Appeal No. 3387 of 2026
VERIFIED PARAS	¶¶ 4–5, 10–15; rule stated at ¶ 13

ISSUE

Whether a private person may institute a Section 200 CrPC complaint alleging a false election affidavit punishable under Section 125A of the Representation of the People Act, 1951.

PRINCIPAL HOLDING / DEVELOPMENT

A private complaint under Section 125A is maintainable and is not controlled by Section 195(1) CrPC. The statutory omission was deliberate and Section 125A contains a non-obstante clause. On the facts, however, the quashing result was retained because the allegation was effectively rebutted and conviction was remote.

PRACTICAL SIGNIFICANCE

The legal route is open to voters and rival candidates, but the complaint must still contain verifiable material. Defendants can seek early termination where contemporaneous documents make conviction realistically impossible.

KEY PROVISIONS / PRINCIPLES

CrPC, 1973 — Sections 195(1) and 200; Representation of the People Act, 1951 — Sections 33, 33A and 125A; Conduct of Election Rules, 1961 — Rule 4A.

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FINAL ORDER · BAIL REMAND

04

Nagendra Ray v. State of Bihar & Another

COURT / DATE	Supreme Court of India · 16 October 2026
BENCH	Justices Dipankar Datta and Sheel Nagu
REFERENCE	2026 INSC 1139 · appeals arising from SLP (Crl.) Nos. 2171, 4385 and 6026 of 2025
VERIFIED PARAS	¶¶ 6–12; reasoning requirement at ¶ 8

ISSUE

Whether bail orders could stand when the High Court did not address video footage and Section 161 witness statements identifying the accused.

PRINCIPAL HOLDING / DEVELOPMENT

Bail adjudication must show independent consideration of material evidence and give concise reasons. The High Court’s orders were set aside and the applications remitted; the accused were continued on interim bail and all merits remained open.

PRACTICAL SIGNIFICANCE

A bail order need not become a mini-trial, but it must identify and evaluate decisive material. Applicants and objectors should place electronic evidence and identification statements squarely before the court and seek an express reasoned treatment.

KEY PROVISIONS / PRINCIPLES

CrPC, 1973 — Sections 438 and 439, and Section 161 statements; BNSS, 2023 — Sections 482 and 483; reasoned judicial orders; electronic evidence at bail stage.

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FINAL ORDER · REMAND WITH INTERIM BAIL

05

Senior Intelligence Officer v. Mohammed Kamran

COURT / DATE	Supreme Court of India · 16 October 2026
BENCH	Justices Dipankar Datta and Sheel Nagu
REFERENCE	2026 INSC 1140 · Criminal Appeal No. 4994 of 2026 arising from SLP (Crl.) No. 7504 of 2026
VERIFIED PARAS	¶¶ 17–30, 33–35; operative remand at ¶¶ 29–30

ISSUE

The effect of non-disclosure and accelerated vacation listing in parallel bail and writ proceedings, and the proper computation of a “two weeks hence” listing direction.

PRINCIPAL HOLDING / DEVELOPMENT

The bail petition was revived for fresh consideration because the manner of urgent listing and material non-disclosure offended judicial propriety and the duty of utmost candour. Interim bail continued. Ordinarily, a non-date-specific “two weeks hence” direction excludes an intervening court vacation unless the Bench directs a vacation listing.

PRACTICAL SIGNIFICANCE

Disclose every parallel remedy, interim refusal and pending proceeding. Urgency memos must be transparent and served fairly. Registry computation during vacations now has a clear default rule, subject to High Court rules and express directions.

KEY PROVISIONS / PRINCIPLES

BNSS, 2023 — Section 483; CGST Act, 2017 — Sections 16(2)(b), 132(1)(b), (c), (f) and 135; uberrima fides; vacation listing and natural justice.

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FINAL JUDGMENT · BINDING PRECEDENT

06

Tejaram v. State of Rajasthan

COURT / DATE	Supreme Court of India · 16 October 2026
BENCH	Justices S.V.N. Bhatti and N.V. Anjaria
REFERENCE	2026 INSC 1147 · Criminal Appeal No. 4988 of 2026 arising from SLP (Crl.) No. 11709 of 2025
VERIFIED PARAS	¶¶ 5.1–6.3, 7–11; holding at ¶¶ 6.2–6.3 and 10

ISSUE

Whether prior approval under Section 17A of the Prevention of Corruption Act was required before investigating an allegation that a public servant demanded illegal gratification.

PRINCIPAL HOLDING / DEVELOPMENT

Section 17A protects only offences relatable to a recommendation made or decision taken in discharge of official functions. Demanding a bribe is a pure criminal act outside that protective umbrella. A Section 19 sanction obtained before cognizance was sufficient on these facts; the charge and trial were allowed to proceed.

PRACTICAL SIGNIFICANCE

At charge and quashing stages, isolate the alleged act from the official decision-making process. Section 17A is not a blanket immunity. Verify separately whether Section 19 sanction existed before cognizance.

KEY PROVISIONS / PRINCIPLES

Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 — Sections 7, 17A and 19; CrPC, 1973 — Section 197; distinction between official decision-making and criminal demand.

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ADVOCACY CHECKLIST

WRIT APPEAL	Identify the material or glaring error in the single-judge reasoning; do not present the intra-court appeal as a complete rehearing.
TITLE ACTION	Before filing, match the pleaded title to the registered instruments and claim every necessary declaratory or cancellation relief within limitation.
PRIVATE COMPLAINT	For an election-affidavit prosecution, annex the affidavit and contemporaneous material that makes falsity triable; mere suspicion will not sustain the process.

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PRACTICE-READY READING

Use the highlighted holding boxes as a first-pass briefing tool, then open the linked source or judgment before relying on a proposition in drafting, advice or oral submissions. Procedural classifications are stated prominently because a notice-stage direction, an interim arrangement and a final ratio carry different precedential weight.

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