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# Supreme Court strikes down Karnataka law validating 2011 recruitment

The Supreme Court declared unconstitutional a Karnataka State law that validated a corrupt and nepotistic 2011 recruitment process conducted by the State Public Service Commission.

A landmark Supreme Court judgment upholding the separation of powers by ruling that the legislature cannot enact laws solely to annul judicial verdicts and validate tainted public recruitment processes.

## KEY EXAM POINTS

- The **Supreme Court** delivered its verdict on **October 29, 2026**, declaring the Karnataka State validation law unconstitutional.
- The case involved the **2011** selection of Gazetted Probationers conducted by the **Karnataka Public Service Commission** (KPSC).
- The top court observed that the recruitment process was deeply tainted by **corruption** and blatant nepotism.
- The Bench ruled that the **legislature** lacks the power to annul the cancellation of recruitments ordered by **constitutional courts**.
- Both the **High Court** and the **Supreme Court** had previously upheld the cancellation of this corrupt recruitment process.

## DID YOU KNOW..!?

**Article 142** of the Indian Constitution grants the **Supreme Court** plenary powers to pass any decree or order necessary for doing complete justice in any pending case.

**Article 315** of the Constitution provides for the establishment of a **Public Service Commission** for the Union and for each of the States.

State Public Service Commission members are appointed by the **Governor** of the State under **Article 316**.

The **separation of powers** between the legislature, executive, and judiciary is a **basic structure** of the Indian Constitution as established in landmark cases.

**Article 226** of the Constitution empowers the **High Courts** to issue writs for the enforcement of fundamental rights and for any other purpose.

**Judicial review** is a core feature of the Constitution enabling courts to strike down legislative enactments that violate constitutional provisions.

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*Supreme Court declared that state legislatures cannot enact validation laws to override judicial cancellation of corrupt recruitments.*

Syllabus Relevance: Highly relevant for Group 1 and Group 2 Polity questions covering Supreme Court judgments, judicial review, and the separation of powers.

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