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Calling Someone a Militant's Ally Can Ruin a Reputation

J&K High Court Says Such Claims Amount to Defamation

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The High Court of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh has made it clear that casually labelling someone as connected to terrorists carries serious legal consequences. The Court observed that portraying a person as an “overground worker” or suggesting links with militants directly damages their standing in society and, on the face of it, amounts to criminal defamation.

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