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Delhi Court Overrules 'Hands-Up' Courtroom Punishment, Tells Magistrate to Revisit the Rulebook

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In a sharp judicial rebuke, a Delhi Sessions Court has dismantled a lower court's unusual attempt at courtroom discipline—telling litigants to hold their hands aloft like schoolchildren as punishment for a delay in filing bail bonds. The bizarre directive came from Magistrate Saurabh Goyal, who on July 15 ordered two accused, Kuldeep and Rakesh, to stand in court with their arms raised until it adjourned for the day. Their crime?...

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