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Free Speech Has Limits, Says Karnataka High Court While Letting WhatsApp Case Run Its Course

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The Karnataka High Court has declined to shut down a criminal case linked to the circulation of deeply offensive images of Hindu deities and certain political figures on a WhatsApp group, making it clear that the right to free speech does not stretch to content that wounds religious sentiment or threatens communal harmony.

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