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Ganesh Immersion Tragedy Supreme Court Orders Insurer to Pay First, Recover Later

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In a ruling that sharpens the contours of motor accident liability, the Supreme Court has said an insurer may be required to compensate victims first—even if the deceased was travelling as a gratuitous passenger in a goods vehicle—provided the journey was incidental to transporting goods.



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