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Supreme Court Reverses High Court's 'Preparation' Theory in Minor Assault Case

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In a sharp rebuke to judicial dilution of grave charges, the Supreme Court of India has overturned a ruling of the Allahabad High Court that had treated the alleged assault of an 11-year-old girl as mere “preparation” rather than an attempt to rape.



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