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Justice or Weapon? Supreme Court Slams Misuse of Anti-Cruelty Law, Acquits Man After 26-Year Legal Ordeal

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In a judgment that sent ripples through India's matrimonial litigation landscape, the Supreme Court has acquitted a man embroiled for over two decades in a dowry and cruelty case—while issuing a stern warning about the growing abuse of Section 498A of the Indian Penal Code. The case dates back to 1999, when the man's wife accused him of mental and physical abuse, including a miscarriage allegedly triggered by assault. Her...

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