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Karnataka High Court warns social media users

Free speech does not justify defamatory or threatening posts

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The Court refused to quash criminal proceedings against a woman accused of running an online harassment campaign involving fabricated allegations, morphed content and inflammatory claims against a man. The Karnataka High Court has cautioned that having a social media account does not give anyone unrestricted freedom to publish whatever they wish, emphasising that online expression must remain within the constitutional boundaries of free speech. Justice Suraj...

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