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In a sharp rebuke to a lower court's leniency, the Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court has ruled that publicly inciting the secession of Kashmir from India isn't protected expression — it's a punishable offense under anti-terror law. The case in question revolved around two men, Ameer Hamza Shah and Rayees Ahmed Mir, who had been discharged by a trial court after allegedly raising separatist slogans in Bandipora following...

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