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Madhya Pradesh High Court Protects Journalist, Quashes FIR Over Ganesh Visarjan Violence Report

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The Madhya Pradesh High Court has quashed a criminal case against a journalist accused of promoting communal enmity through a report on violence during a Ganesh Visarjan procession, holding that reporting an actual incident of violence cannot, by itself, amount to an offence. Justice Himanshu Joshi ruled that a news report must be examined in its entirety, including its content, context and whether it was intended to promote hostility between...

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