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Karnataka HC Clears Three in Temple Pamphlet Case

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The Karnataka High Court has tossed out a criminal case against three men who were booked under the state's anti-conversion law for distributing Islamic pamphlets near a temple—ruling that merely sharing one's faith doesn't amount to a criminal act. Justice Venkatesh Naik T, delivering the verdict, made it clear that the case lacked the core ingredient necessary for invoking Section 3 of the Karnataka Protection of Right to Freedom of...

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